



Encyclopedia of Classic Cars: Saloon Cars 1945-1975

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Rob De LA Rive Box : Encyclopedia of Classic Cars: Saloon Cars 1945-1975 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Classic Cars: Saloon Cars 1945-1975:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Great Book with its faults. By J. Lee This is the companion book to Rob de la Rive Box's "Encyclopedia of Classic Cars: Sports Cars 1945-75". The book's design and construction are the same as the Sports Car book which I've owned for some time. I just purchased this book, finding it when looking to purchase the sports car book for a friend. The quality of the book construction and photos is great. Like his other book, this one has over 700 color photos, most in "real life" situations, although some are from company brochures/adverts. There is a lot of marque history and manufacturing numbers and special notes like the other book. However, this book has a couple of problems that might put off some readers. One bothers me since I am an English university professor and former professional writer, although, even knowing what I know now, I'd still buy the book...used anyways. The book has a lot of typographical and grammatical errors, like the "d" left off the word "and" and verb-noun agreement problems, a lot like I see with students who have English as a second language (ESL). I've only glanced through about "D" in the alphabetical listing of marques and have seen these errors every other page...or more it seems at times. Many readers might not even notice these errors; apparently the proof-readers and editors did not. The Sports Car book didn't have these problems. I wonder if this is why this book is less expensive than the sports car book. I noticed that the sports car book does not list a translator and this book does. On a less scholastic note, the book does not seem to cover as many of the marque variants as it might. I know this only because I am fairly familiar with a few marques and saw that some of the cars in those marques were not covered very extensively (like the Mini) or completely left out a

car like the Datsun 510 and some early Toyotas. Of course one has to pick and choose but these two cars deserved more space. He barely mentions the Mini. This may be true for other marques I am not as familiar with. Again, I didn't notice this so much in the sports car book and I am fairly familiar with many of the marques in it. Also, unlike his sports car book, this book has many more spots where production numbers are marked "unknown", even for the Mini! He might mention that over a million were made but that's pretty vague compared to others where he has exact numbers. However, with all this said, the book is an interesting read and filled with plenty of facts and interesting auto history on marques that are familiar to everyone and those rare marques few Americans have heard about. I heard about many of these rare car makes when a college student crewing for a writer friend who raced a Lotus 7 and an Elva Courier. As I said early on, even knowing what I know now, I'd still buy this book and recommend it with the above warnings.