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Classic Car: The Definitive Visual History



Synopsis

A visual guide to the most iconic classic cars of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s, featuring more than 1,300 photographs and two prints suitable for framing. Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution. From the Aston Martin DB5 to the Chevrolet Corvette, Classic Car is packed with the marques and models of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s. Virtual tours offer close-up views of iconic models, and comprehensive catalogs showcase key features with detailed profiles and specifications. Double-page-spread images add flavor by showing the classics in action, and the two prints star a 1949 Chieftain Convertible and a 1962 Shelby Cobra. Reference the classic car glossary and the international directory of museums and collections to learn more about antique automobiles. To tell the complete story of classic cars, this book also profiles famous designers and manufacturers, like Ferdinand Porsche, and places the cars into a wider cultural context by charting their enduring legacy as symbols of luxury and objects of desire. Classic Car is a complete celebration of classic cars and a must-have for all classic-car collectors and enthusiasts.

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Cars from the Jet Age A lineup of models from Chrysler's various marques, including Chrysler itself, Dodge, DeSoto, Imperial, and Plymouth "plus a get fighter aircraft" adorn this photograph from a 1956 magazine advertisement. [View larger](#)

Austin-Healey 3000 The 3000 was the epitome of late 1950s sports-car style, and looked especially stylish with its spoked wheels and two-tone bodywork. [View larger](#)

On the Road Austin-Healeys were intended for fast, open-top motoring and so, despite the beautiful exterior, they were quite basic inside to keep their weight and bulk to a minimum. [View larger](#)

Dr. Ferdinand Porsche "I couldn't find the sports car I dreamed of, so I decided to build it myself." [View larger](#)

Stylish Coupes All of them were designed with the same aim in mind: to offer clean-cut style, drama, and elegance that even the best sedans—which inevitably had to make more compromises in the name of practicality—could scarcely hope to match. [View larger](#)

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