Book and DVD Reviews

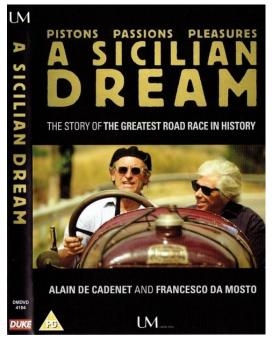


MG Sports Cars is a superbly illustrated book containing hundreds of historical archive pictures plus 17 specially commissioned double page studio photographs of the most significant M.G. Models, each of which is surrounded by close up shots of details of the car. The author Malcolm Green was at onetime the Librarian of the Triple M Register of the MG Car Club and also the Southern Correspondent of "MG Enthusiast Magazine" plus a regular contributor to "The Automobile", "MG Magazine" in America and "Enjoying MG".

The book traces the history of MG sporting cars from their origins in the late 1920's and 1930's right through the Abingdon period, from its post war heyday until its closure in the 1980's and then on to the renaissance of the revival of the name with the MGF built by the Rover Group.

The combination of the authoritative history with the excellent photography provides both a detailed reference source and a tribute to these much loved British sports cars.

A big book - both in size and content it is a very worthwhile read. Catalogue # 46



DVD: Part documentary, part dramatisation *A Sicilian Dream*_ is the fascinating true story of the Targa Florio - an epic road race around the beautiful but dangerous terrain of Sicily that ran from 1906 until 1977. The brainchild of Vincenzo Florio, a charismatic young philanthropist it was a huge challenge of skill and stamina for those brave enough to participate - it was literally a fatal attraction for many.

The guide for this journey into the romantic past is Francesco da Mosto an <u>Italian</u> architect, author, historian, film maker and television personality who presented the <u>BBC 2</u> series <u>Francesco's Venice</u> (2004) and <u>Francesco's Italy: Top to Toe</u> (2006) where he explored the country in his <u>Alfa Romeo Spider</u>. He is accompanied by the well known motoring writer and racing driver Alain de Cadenet, who himself survived a major crash at the Targa in 1971, on this occasion driving his classic Alfa Romeo at a slightly more leisurely pace.

Other rare and beautiful cars featured include Nuvolari's Alfa 8C, the 1907 winning Fiat, a 1908 Daimler, a 1912 SCAT and 1913

Nazzaro. This CD is a superb evocation of the original spirit of the race and an intriguing look at the event from today's perspective. Catalogue # 36