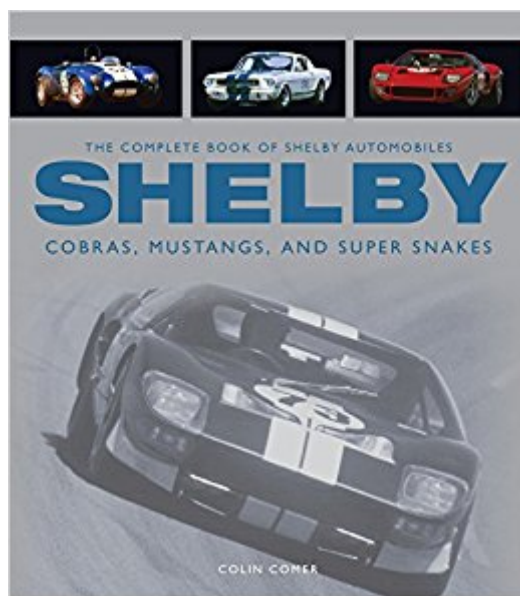




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# The Complete Book Of Shelby Automobiles: Cobras, Mustangs, And Super Snakes (Complete Book Series)



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Shelbys are the most iconic performance cars in the history of the American auto industry. This lavishly illustrated work conducts readers through Shelby American's forty-plus years. An exhaustive review of American high performance, from the first Cobra produced in 1962 through today's fire-breathing, world-beating Shelby GT500KR Mustang, The Complete Book of Shelby Automobiles offers an in-depth look at the ultra high-performance cars that have made Carroll Shelby a living automotive legend. With extensive details, specs, and photographic coverage, this book is the ultimate resource on America's most exotic performance car. See Motorbooks author Colin Comer interviewed by Jay Leno on JayLenosGarage.com:

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itâ™s not a puff piece or an homage to Carroll Shelby. The glossy pages of this book have a very high quality feel to them. The reproduction of the photos are second to none and the color values are perfect. You will not be disappointed with this book.â•Examiner.com, October 15, 2009

Â "The Complete Book of Shelby is just that - a complete listing of Shelby automobiles. And while the story of Carroll Shelby the man has been told over and over, finally, Comer has given Shelby enthusiasts what they want. Something fresh and new that talks less about the man and more about the cars. Pairing Comer's unique, entertaining writing style with never before seen archival photographs and current pictures, The Complete Book of Shelby is in a class all by itself.Bangshift.com, November 17, 2009

âœColin Comer's The Complete Book of Shelby Automobiles covers all the bases, and we mean all of them. Even the guy who "knows" about Shelby cars will be educated by reading this book. No matter what you think of Carroll Shelby, his story is uniquely American and pretty inspiring. He's a marketer par excellence and has played to his strengths through his long career with cars. This book educated us, awed us with photos, and earned our respect with an balanced look at the long and storied history of the vaunted Shelby name.â•

âœColin Comer may have been born to do this bookâ|a beautiful book on every levelâ|this book has it all â " lovely writing in a tone of a friend over a pint telling you stories about cars that got away, handsome photographs, important photographs, plenty of inside information and insights, all bound up in a package as elegant and purposeful as the Cobra itself. Bravo.â•

â " Sports Car Market, February 2010

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â " The Kansas City Star, November 27, 2009

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In 1962 a successful race driver named Carroll Shelby, a man with an itch to build a sports car, unleashed the Shelby Cobra on the world. The car, a petite AC sports car with a Ford V-8 engine stuffed under its hood, should have been an instant anachronism. Instead, the Cobra soon proved to be the hottest thing on four wheels, dominating racetracks from Laguna Seca to Le Mans. The Complete Book of Shelby Automobiles: Cobras, Mustangs, and Super Snakes details all of Shelby's automotive creations, from the first Cobras and Mustang GT350s of the 1960s through the one-off race cars to the very latest Mustangs Shelby produces today. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hey, so I just got this book today and I went to look through it. great pictures and looks like a lot of cool stuff. but the reason I'm giving it 4 star is because the pages are backwards and upside down...? So of you flip the book over to where you can see the bar codes and the summary on the back and turn it upside down, then that's the order the pages go. It's quite strange. How does this happen?Update----Alright so it's the day after and I packaged the book in the box it came in and I am returning it for a replacement. is already shipping another one so cheers for that. But from what I understood is paying for a max of 3.99 in return shipping. Unfortunately is was \$11.64 . Soo I'm guessing I'll have to pay 7.65 for their mistake.. ah well mistakes happen.Update---- Okay so now its about a week or 2 after. has received my return package and I received the new book a few days ago. Plus I got an email today saying my entire return shipping cost was refunded into my account. Cheers! I am a happy person! Thank you for your great service! Appreciate it.

This is a great resource for Shelby Auto lovers. We got this book as a birthday present for my father

in law, who is a Shelby Auto obsessive and he loves it! This book is a comprehensive documentation of Shelby efforts, not only his better known ones, but also, all of the side trips he made as well (such as Sunbeam Tiger, Viper, and Shelby Dodges to name a few.) The book is extremely well written and, according to my father in law, the narrative is both "gripping" and "fun." Furthermore, the book includes a wide array of fabulous pictures, both in black and white and color. I highly recommend this book, not only for new and established collectors of the marque, but also for anyone who has a more general interest in one of the greatest automotive success stories in America! It certainly is the "Complete" book of Shelby's as the name implies.

Comer's first literary endeavor has a bit of a stigma to overcome for at first glance, it appears to be just another of those books on Carroll Shelby's automobiles and while that is a true statement, this book is different. Comer uses an interesting mix of period promotional photographs and a contemporary selection from well-known automotive photographer Dave Newhardt (which is always pleasant to see). What makes the period stuff particularly interesting is that much of it has never been seen before and a surprising number of the images are in full color. This is especially cool given that color photography back in the day was far from the norm. Much of the period imagery comes to the book courtesy of the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) Registry and it is especially refreshing to see these pictures presented in color (the SAAC Registries reproduce all period photography in black and white). The book covers the entire automotive history of Carroll Shelby and that can be both a blessing and a curse: on the curse side of things, Carroll's cars have an especially strong polarizing influence on their enthusiast base and many enthusiasts of the early Ford-based cars have little interest in the later Chrysler products and many enthusiasts of Shelby's new creations have little interest in either of those. The result is that for many enthusiasts, there is "wasted" space presenting information on cars about which they have little interest. That said, however, for one looking for an authoritative, complete history of Carroll Shelby's creations, the book is a blessing as it covers many aspects of Shelby's later-day efforts in greater detail than has been done in previous publications. Overall, this is an extremely well-done book. That's not to say that there are no errors, there are a few: several of the period photographs are mislabeled as to the dates of the events portrayed (although the events themselves are correctly identified) and a few folks are misnamed, but these goofs are really visible only to the hard-core Shelby junkie. For the most part, the captions do far more good than harm with these small errors and they are really enlightening. Especially interesting are a few photos taken of the early Shelby Mustangs under construction that give a good feel to the truly hand-built nature of the cars. About the only other item

worthy of note is that for some reason, Colin has stuck his wife with the unpleasant task of driving all the cars photographed in motion in the book although she seems to be putting on a good face about the job! Everything said, this is an extremely well-done book and one that should find its way on to the book shelves of many different types of Shelby enthusiasts.

My first car was a 69 Shelby Mustang GT 350 convertible and I drove it everyday from 1974 until 1984 and have been a student of Shelby and his cars ever since. Presently as an owner of three vintage Shelby Mustangs and two new Shelby Supersnakes I continue to drive and enjoy Shelby's rolling works of art and have probably read every book ever written about him including the SAAC registry cover to cover. Colin Comer's Sequel to his best selling Million Dollar Muscle car book is simply in my view the first Shelby book worthy of the man and his cars. More importantly even if your not a car person Comer's writing style is witty and irreverent making it an easy and fascinating historical read for anyone curious about a certified American icon. Carroll Shelby will be remembered as one of the two or three most significant people in automotive history and this book artfully takes you along for the ride on one of the best adventures anyone ever turned into a life.

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