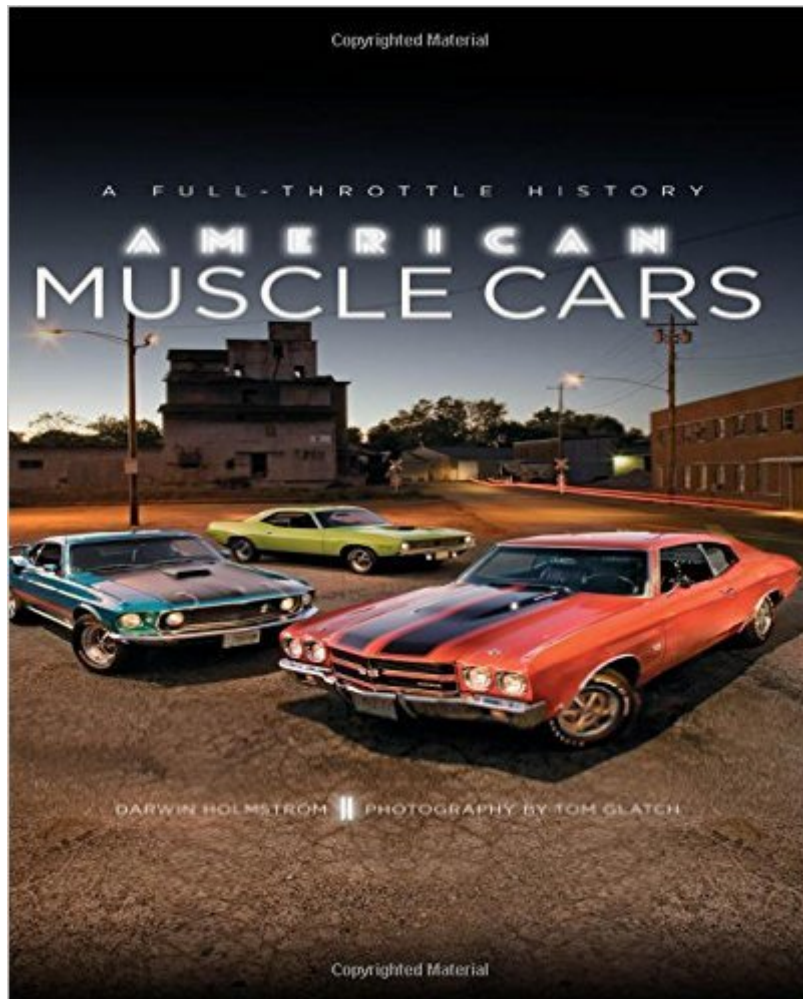


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American Muscle Cars: A Full-Throttle History



Synopsis

This is the muscle car history to own--a richly illustrated chronicle of America's greatest high-performance cars, told from their 1960s beginning through the present day! In the 1960s, three incendiary ingredients--developing V-8 engine technology, a culture consumed by the need for speed, and 75 million baby boomers entering the auto market--exploded in the form of the factory muscle car. The resulting vehicles, brutal machines unlike any the world had seen before or will ever see again, defined the sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll generation. *American Muscle Cars* chronicles this tumultuous period of American history through the primary tool Americans use to define themselves: their automobiles. From the street-racing hot rod culture that emerged following World War II through the new breed of muscle cars still emerging from Detroit today, this book brings to life the history of the American muscle car. When Pontiac's chief engineer, John Z. DeLorean, and his team bolted a big-inch engine into the division's intermediate chassis, they immediately invented the classic muscle car. In those 20 minutes it took Bill Collins and Russ Gee to bolt a 389 ci V-8 engine into a Tempest chassis they created the prototype for Pontiac's GTO--and changed the course of automotive history. From that moment on, American performance cars would never be the same. *American Muscle Cars* tells the story of the most desirable cars ever to come out of Detroit. It's a story of flat-out insanity told at full throttle and illustrated with beautiful photography.

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I have been chomping at a the proverbial bit to get my hands on this latest Motorbooks book,

American Muscle Cars: A Full-Throttle History since the publisher sent me a list of books I might be interested in. While I love and can appreciate a lovely sporty Ferrari or Lamborghini to me there is nothing more iconic, more representative of the word "car" and nothing that will make me whip my head around faster to get another look than American muscle cars. In my "fantasy" car collection, you know, the one in my head with the cars I would love to afford to own but can not because of money, space, time and well mostly money, American muscle cars are the most prevalent cars in that car collection. American Muscle Cars: A Full-Throttle History is just what the title states- a chronological history of the American muscle cars from its infancy in the early 1960 through the cars coming out of Chevy, Dodge and Ford today as told by author Darwin Holmstrom and photographer Tom Glatch. But really the book is so much more. It's a song to the era that born the machine. When John Z. DeLorean and his cadre of enthusiastic miscreants took it upon themselves to bolt Pontiac division's hottest engine into a mid-sized chassis, disobeying orders from the top of General Motors' food chain, they created something that should never have been and will never be again: the muscle car. Darwin Holmstrom, introduction, American Muscle Car: A Full Throttle History. (And in case you have any doubts that John Z. DeLorean mentioned in the quote above is the creator of the DeLorean motor company, more commonly known as the company that made what many people call the "Back To The Future" car.

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