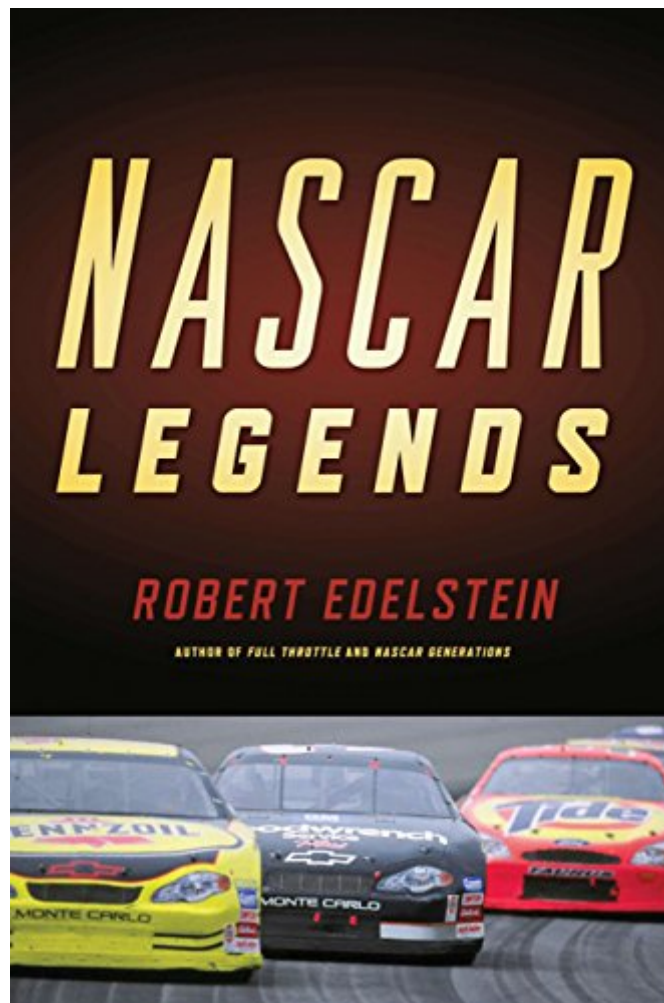




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Synopsis

NASCAR Legends traces the story of stock car racing through the courageous, record-breaking drivers who made it the Number One spectator sport in America. NASCAR's 60-year history is rich with varied lore about heroic racers, incredible races, and love of family. There are profiles of true NASCAR stars: Bill France; Bobby and Davey Allison; Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt, Jr.; Tony Stewart; Richard, Kyle, and Adam Petty, among other legends of the speedway. TV Guide motorsports reporter Edelstein's painstaking journalistic work, combined with his encyclopedic knowledge and love of the sport, make NASCAR Legends an essential book for anyone drawn to the roaring magic of the track.

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Customer Reviews

NASCAR LEGENDS by Robert Edelstein was a terrific read. The author displays, in his words, his love of the sport, but more importantly, his obvious admiration for the participants, warts and all. I am not a big fan of NASCAR or any auto racing sport but in the Epilogue where Mr. Edelstein describes some of his meetings and conversations with Bobby Allison has me thinking of the courage, perseverance and "guts" it takes to be part of this sport. After reading this book I believe I will read

Mr. Edelstein's two other books about NASCAR. Larry Helner

I got this book for my stepfather who is crazy about Nascar. He loved it and read it in two days. He said that the autobiographies about the drivers in this book were a great read and he enjoyed learning about some of their personal experiences! It arrived very quickly and we are so happy with it! I highly recommend this to all long term Nascar fans! The print is a little small, so if you have trouble reading small type you may want to request an oversize book if its available. Overall, very satisfied!

I first came across this author's NASCAR writings in the pages of TV Guide, where, for years he has been that magazine's NASCAR expert. Although I knew relatively little about the sport, his knowledgeable yet playful style was instantly engaging, making me feel like an insider who had been following along for years. When I came across his book, "Full Throttle", about the life of Curtis Turner, I took a chance and was rewarded with one of my favorite books of that year. And so I was looking forward to more..."NASCAR Legends" describes a sweeping arc of NASCAR history, stopping at key points along the way to illuminate important people, races and tracks. Given the breadth of this undertaking, what the author manages to pull off is the rare feat of imparting a great deal of information and keeping it interesting every step of the way. The personalities, the inside stories, the triumphs, tragedies and drama are all handled with equal skill. The stories can be quite poignant, then suddenly turn on a dime to make you bray with laughter. Edelstein obviously has a great love for his subject, but never gets lost in subjective indulgence. By stepping out of the way and giving stage to the stars...the legends...he makes it seem as though we are part of a private party, sitting down with some of the greatest drivers, crew, and owners in the world, and hearing the stories directly from those who have lived it. It's a fun ride, and one that includes several breathless descriptions of the most intense moments in some important races that will make you feel as though you are there. This is a terrific read and one I highly recommend. Enjoy!

I've been a fan of Robert Edelstein's writing for many years (I particularly LOVED his last book, a biography of NASCAR legend Curtis Turner, which was reviewed on THE FRONT PAGE of the NY Times Book Review). He has an uncanny ability to take someone who has never raced a car into race cars and into the heads of the racers. This book is a wonderful collection of important NASCAR stories. But Edelstein has written a book which is not a typical "greatest hits" type collection of stories. He has mined NASCAR's rich history, in a way that is only possible from a writer like Edelstein who has been covering NASCAR for nearly 20 years. This book did for me exactly what I

want from a book - I learned and I was entertained.

You don't have to be an auto racing enthusiast to love this book, but chances are you will be once you read it. Both Nascar fans and the simply curious will find Mr. Edelstein's book to be entertaining and informative. A quick read, full of fascinating information. Definitely recommended.

"NASCAR Legends" tells some of the greatest, most thrilling stories in the history of the sport. Author Robert Edelstein makes you feel like you were there at every great race, sitting in the driver's seat speeding down the track at something like 190 MPH; like you've met each legendary driver personally (you might even swear that the sumbitch bumped you coming out of turn two at Talladega). Many of the stories come from Edelstein's personal interviews with drivers, crew chiefs, and the like, and his insight into what's going on in the races and the racer's minds is really priceless. This book is a must-have.

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