

Review: Geared-Up Faith for Classic Car Buffs

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Geared-Up Faith for Classic Car Buffs: Devotions to Help You Reflect, Recharge and Restore

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Ace Collins combines his zeal for nurturing Christians in practicing  their faith and his passion for vintage automobiles in *Geared-Up Faith for Classic Car Buffs: Devotions to Help You Reflect, Recharge, and Restore*. Although an ideal gift for Father's Day, the book appeals to men and women of all ages who simply love history or who feel nostalgic when hearing stories of great-great-grandad's first car or watching movies like *Bullitt* and Steve McQueen's Ford Mustang car-chase or viewing photographs of early World War II Jeeps. Collins covers them all, adding exquisite color images and a twist of faith.

The researcher-author arranges 31 short chapters in chronological order with the first a nod to Charles Goodyear and those who made automotive transportation possible by developing the processes to convert raw rubber into tires. The book continues from the 1901 Oldsmobile with a curved dash and the Ford Model T through Packards, Cadillacs, Mack trucks, Chevrolets and Lincolns to more modern Corvettes, Thunderbirds and Mustangs. Each classic car segment begins with a Scripture, provides specific automobile history, shifts gears into fun facts, and closes with a relatable "spiritual tune-up" that calls for action. Most touching is the chapter on the Willys

Jeep and its impact on World War II.

Geared-Up Faith for Classic Car Buffs would be perfect as a month-long personal, family or small-group devotional book. The “spiritual tune-ups” offer springboards for discussion. Many of the topics also lend themselves to family activities, such as watching movies featuring the vehicles, visiting museums and car shows, or seeking out a classic car owner. Give this volume a try even if you’re not a “classic car buff.” You’ll be glad you did as you steer ahead to “reflect, recharge and restore.”

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