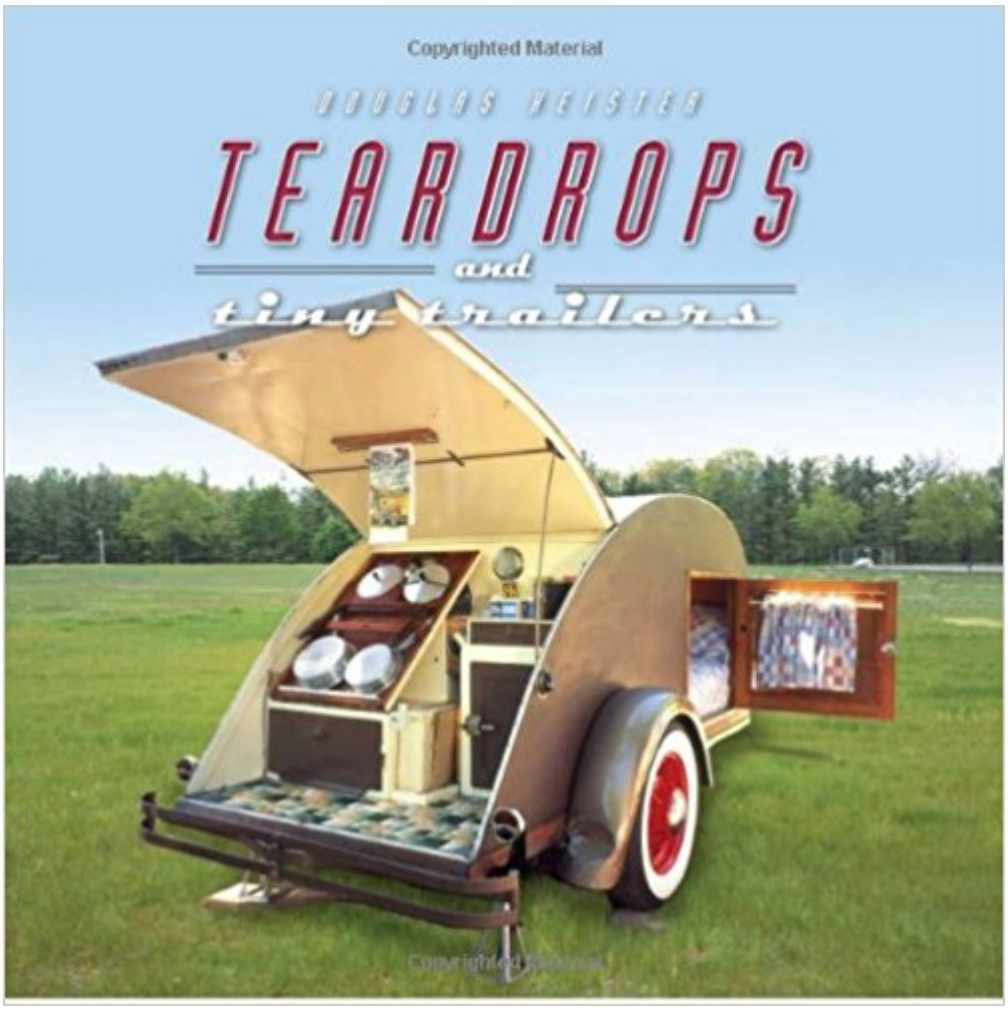
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"Take a retro ride through the ’30s and ’50s with this picture book that focuses on teardrops and

other vintage trailers, often shown with period vehicles." (Arizona Republic 2008-08-07)"Gasp at their gumption; admire their ingenuity. It takes a special breed of travel aficionado for ''Teardrops and Tiny Trailers.'' Popular during the 1940s and '50s, these vintage tow-alongs are specialty items: kicky to restore and decorate, impractical to maintain. A new hardcover by Douglas Keister offers a colorful peek inside." (Birmingham News 2008-08-22)"It's a fun book, and clear that tiny trailers are nothing less than portable personalities." (Chico Enterprise-Record 2008-08-13)"Virtually every page is colorfully illustrated with historic teardrops and, notably, the interesting vehicles used to tow them. His text is not without its charms as well. Mr. Keister throws in interesting little facts with each section. He notes, for instance, that the shiny aluminum Airstream-style trailers had their origins in aircraft design. Like these little trailers, he packs a lot of content in a compact package. And like the teardrops, the book is a little gem." (New York Times 2008-12-07)COMFORTS OF HOME Tent or trailer? Since the invention of the automobile, many drivers have opted for the latter, hauling household luxuries with them on the road. Do-it-yourselfers crafted their own camp trailers in the early 1900s, but by the Ã¢â ¬â„¢20s and Ã¢â ¬â„¢30s commercial trailers took off and companies marketed their attachments as portable homes to those who didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t want to rough it in the wilderness. Teardrop trailers were a popular and affordable choice for families, and many built their own from kits. When household gadgets like the microwave and refrigerator transformed the American home, trailers expanded to accommodate such conveniences. Large motor homes like the Winnebago began to dominate the trailer market, and compact campers became a thing of the past. These days the teardrop trailer is making a comeback as more and more people seek to offset high gas prices with a lighter load. Those who love the mini campers can even rent one from a variety of companies across the country. Want to learn more? Find Teardrops and Tiny Trailers, by Douglas Keister, at a local bookstore (Leah Wynalek Wynalek Reminisce/Reminisce Extra 2014-07-18)

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For all who love car shows, this is a keeper. It's like being at one! The author captures many of the unique trailers in camp grounds. For those with building skills, this is a can-do idea book for creating an attractive and functional trailer. I'm glad to see the revival of these small, lightweight campers today as many vehicles are powered by 4 cylinder engines. This book gives a glimpse of many great teardrop campers.

This book provides a great overview of small trailers, including teardrops, so-called canned hams, fiberglass, and airstream trailers. There is not a lot of detail about the trailers, but is rather a photo essay of some nicely restored trailers and their towing vehicles, also vintage. I had hoped to learn more about the trailers as I am in the market for a vintage trailer, but there wasn't enough detail to help me much in this. For example, there are no floor plans or enough photos to understand them. Still, I thought it was worthwhile for showing what can be done for a vintage trailer.

Great eye candy-& a wide variety of trailers. But it also might be nice to see some funky, less glam trailers that people use for real in a practical way. Fun to see still.

Nice book with lots of photos and history of mini campers. I wish there were more of the insides, but over all a nice book.

Loved loved loved this book! It will be a present for years to come to all my trailer buds

There are lots of pretty pictures and general information. It talks about the former makers of teardrop trailers and the current resurgence of teardrops. The smaller the original trailer was, the more costly it is today due to collectors. No practical information about constructing or modification.

One of those books that you just file away after you've read it once.

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Not as expected. I bought this book to get ideas for my own teardrop build. It was basically just some pictures of the outside of teardrops and lots of classic cars. Not much inspiration to be found. Would have liked to see interior photos and a lot less cars.

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