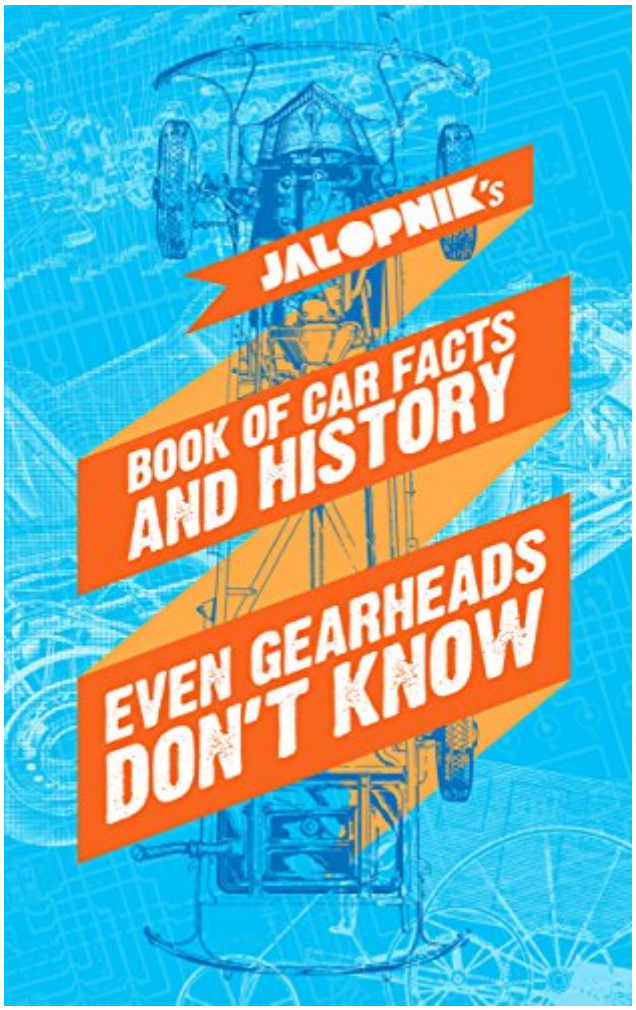
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Synopsis

Car history is world history, and the world is a strange place full of weird people.Ã Â The same spirit that has built empires has driven people to create small boxes that go very fast around twisty ribbons of pavement. Cars have spent most of modern history on the frontier of technology, and the impulse to develop something new often inspires genius. Sometimes it inspires insanity.This book is a collection of stories from Jalopnik that live somewhere on the line between genius and insanity. TheyÃ¢â ¬â„¢re the stories that Big Auto Journalism is afraid to tell.This book is for you, the gearhead who cherishes the weird dark alleys of automobile history. Enjoy.

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Customer Reviews

I’m a big fan of Jalopnik and its interesting automobile-related posts and articles. I also like most of these writers’ output on the site. Sometimes the grammar and word-smithing are a bit rough on the web, but you put up with it for the immediacy. But this is supposed to be a BOOK, not just a collection of blog posts, and the quality of the writing in this title is so poor that it detracts and distracts from what are otherwise interesting snippets of automobile history. It feels more like a

bunch of articles written by mediocre freshman English majors than a professionally written piece of automobile journalism or literature. If you want to spend some money on a Jalopnik writer’s book, get Doug DeMuro’s instead.

Collections of essays previously published on Jalopnik.com, the essays has click-bait-y titles like "The Craziest Twin-Engined Racing Cars Were Made by a Bus Company", the book offered a series of anecdotes, organized roughly by theme, about some fascinating aspects of automobile (and autosports) as well as historical trivia about automobiles. For example, "The first successful automobile in Antarctica was a Volkswagen Beetle" or perhaps "the only car designed to steal gas". Not interesting enough? How about "Mazda Miata could have been mid-engined or front wheel drive", or "How a New York Taxi Company Killed the Electric Car in 1900". These are fascinating tales of of automobile related history that you may or may not have read before, in one convenient package. While writing is a bit on the casual side, such was the tone of the website. The only thing missing are some illustrations and photos, but I guess those cost extra.

While I did enjoy the book, I enjoyed it much more in its original format. Every chapter is an article from Jalopnik.com, and most have had the pictures removed. It’s really unfortunate, because they are extremely interesting stories, and very well written! If you don’t catch the articles when they posted them, it could be worth it to pick this up, depending on the price. I would recommend putting it on a wish list and waiting for a good sale to come along.

This book is a great interesting read, it is a compilation of articles detailing the strange history of what we think are modern cars. There are a couple arching themes, but you don’t have to read straight through. The book can be placed down and picked up months later on the next article, and still be funny and enlightening.

A great compilation of Jalopnik articles about random weird car facts that no one knows. As a "gearhead" I loved it. My only complaints are how short it is and the lack of photos. I found myself really wanting to see the cars so I ended up referring to the actual articles on Jalopnik’s site. For the money its a great read for any gearhead.

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Excellent!

I enjoyed some of the more obscure race history as well as the racing simulator references. Not something I would normally research.

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