

# Racing Through Charlotte

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*Auto Racing in Charlotte and the Carolina Piedmont* Marc P. Singer, Ryan L. Sumner, 2003 Charlotte and the Carolina Piedmont has an extensive and legendary tradition of automobile racing. Soon after 1904, when the first car was registered in Charlotte, autos became a part of everyday life. Car racing was just around the bend: an open-road race was run through Charlotte as early as 1908. Many drivers themselves have hailed from the area, and some are said to have received early training by running moonshine and outrunning authorities. Probably the best-known aspect of Carolina racing is the Queen City's involvement since 1949 with NASCAR, which hosts many of its big names and operations. *Auto Racing in Charlotte and the Carolina Piedmont* explores the story behind the various forms of the sport, the kinds of people who have raced, and the reasons why they have done so. Historic photographs-many never before published-trace the history of NASCAR and look beyond the professional aspect to include the dragracers, wannabees, kids, and just plain amateurs participating in this cultural phenomenon. The story includes the first formal oval track, constructed entirely of wooden planks and opened in 1925. Other famous Charlotte locations, including professional dirt tracks, drag strips, and even a paved track dedicated to Soap Box Derby, are also revisited. Images of fans, mechanics, and hangers-on round out this singular journey of racing in the Carolinas.

**Charlotte Motor Speedway History** Deb Williams, 2013-05-07 Engines roared at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the first time in 1960, and the track has been home to some of NASCAR's greatest races and most honored drivers ever since. Despite early challenges, Bruton Smith and Humpy Wheeler took charge in 1975, and together sculpted one of the most famous race tracks in America as host of the Coca-Cola 600 and the Sprint All-Star Race. In 1992, the track became the first modern speedway to host night racing and thousands of race fans watched their favorite drivers swap paint under the North Carolina night sky. Get in the groove with racing journalist Deb Williams as she traces the history of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, with plenty of pit-stops along the way.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Deb Williams, 2017 When Charlotte Motor Speedway opened in June 1960, the track built by Bruton Smith and Curtis Turner became a cornerstone in the decade that launched NASCAR's superspeedway era. Stock car racing's first paved 1.5-mile track immediately grabbed the motorsports world's attention with the young sport's longest event--a 600-mile race. And the track never left the spotlight, despite struggling through several years of bankruptcy. After regaining control of his beloved track in 1975, Smith, along with former speedway general manager H.A. Humpy Wheeler and current president Marcus Smith, transformed the facility into a groundbreaking showplace with trackside condominiums, a 16,000-square-foot high-definition television screen, the luxurious Speedway Club, VIP suites, stadium seating, and the first superspeedway in NASCAR's modern era to host night racing. The historic speedway has always been a favorite with Hollywood filmmakers and in recent years has expanded into a multiuse motorsports facility.

*Silent Speedways of the Carolinas* Perry Allen Wood, 2012-10-16 NASCAR held its first Strictly Stock race in Charlotte on June 19, 1949, and, in the following decades, dozens of large and small tracks throughout the Carolinas were home to a major NASCAR event. Called Grand National from 1950-1970, NASCAR's top circuit became the Winston Cup in 1971, and most of the dirt and

small tracks were subsequently gutted from the schedule. Although a handful of those speedways tenuously held on through exploding popularity, and an influx of big corporate dollars, the transition to metropolitan markets and super speedways was inevitable. Some of the original tracks, like the North Wilkesboro Motor Speedway, still stand testament to the sport's not-too-distant past. Others, like the Charlotte Speedway, are long gone, leaving only memories and photographs. This is the story of every racetrack in North and South Carolina that held at least one big-time race through 1971, but is no longer used for auto racing. Seven are one-race wonders, while others are as much racing legends as the sport's past champions. Chapters cover each track's big time history, from early background through its racing years to its current status. Included are the thrilling tales of the personalities and machines that shaped NASCAR's early days. Statistics chart every track's past winners, records, and wins by make. The 151 photographs give the reader a virtual tour of speedways that are often inaccessible or nonexistent.

**Al Unser Jr: A Checkered Past** Al Unser, 2021-10 Winning came naturally for Al Unser, Jr. He had a gift for finding the fast line on the track and he possessed a boisterous and lovable personality. Fans and the press adored him. Behind this affable persona, an appetite for drugs and alcohol was destroying his private life. Unser's battle to climb out of that cave is one of the great stories in motorsports. *A Checkered Past* is an unblinking story of triumph, tragedy, and the road to recovery.

*Dale Earnhardt* Charlotte Observer, 2001 A biography which focuses on the racing career of Dale Earnhardt.

*Tim Richmond* David Poole, 2013-02-22 Tim Richmond was, fellow NASCAR driver Kyle Petty said, a stranger in time. In one regard, the flashy, flamboyant driver from Ashland, Ohio, was years ahead of the trends in a sport that would soon enjoy explosive growth in popularity. Women who were NASCAR fans loved him—and so did their husbands and boyfriends. Richmond believed he could use his stardom in racing as a springboard to a second career as an actor, and he had the Hollywood good looks to make that a realistic dream. At the same time, Richmond was also a throwback. He pushed his race cars hard, too hard at times, driving every lap like he was hauling moonshine through the mountains of the Carolinas with a revenue on his rear bumper. Those who saw him drive still compare him to veterans like Curtis Turner and Joe Weatherly, who ran as hard off the track as they did off of it. In the early 1980s, however, Richmond stood out. He was not from the South; he had not grown up slinging a stock car through the dirt on red-clay ovals. He had, in fact, never raced at all until he was twenty-one. And just ten years later, after making a splash in the Indianapolis 500 as a rookie, he was emerging as one of the brightest stars and greatest talents in NASCAR's Winston Cup Series. Richmond's star was bright, but its light went out too soon. As he neared stock car racing's zenith, Richmond's life took a tragic turn. A man who thrived on the affection he felt from those who enjoyed watching him compete spent his final months almost completely shut off from that world. *Tim Richmond: The Fast Life and Remarkable Times of NASCAR's Top Gun* tells the memorable story of a born racer and how he raced headlong through life with the throttle wide open and his wheels burning rubber at almost every turn.

Jeff Gordon Jeff Gordon, Steve Eubanks, 2003 NASCAR racer Jeff Gordon chronicles his racing career from his early days of stockcar racing through

his NASCAR championships.

**Drag Racing 201 - Racing in the New Economy** Ike Heckler Jr, 2011-11-25  
Following the success of his first book, Drag Racing 101, where IH Racing's Team Owner Ike Heckler Jr. explains how to build your first race car and secure sponsorship, Ike now brings you Drag Racing 201 – Racing in the New Economy. After racing at NHRA tracks in the northeast and southeast for the past 10 years in a booming economy where securing sponsorships was relatively easy, Ike takes you on an exciting journey through 2010 and explains what it is like to uproot your personal life in order to pursue the goal of semi-pro drag racing. With over 52 career round wins and national media exposure from SPEED TV's Pinks All Out, NHRA's National Dragster, and NMCA's Fastest Street Car magazine, Ike has secured corporate sponsorships from Lucas Oil, VP Racing Fuels, WIX Filters, O'Reilly Auto Parts, ReMax Realty, Holiday Inn Hotels & Resorts, CARQUEST Auto Parts, and Ken's Speed & Machine. IH Racing's primary sponsor, Premier Properties of the Space Coast, is owned by Mr. Heckler and develops residential and commercial properties in southeast Florida. In Drag Racing 201 Ike explains how to use your own company together with your other sponsors to be able to fund a full race season and be able to travel the hundreds of miles from racetrack to racetrack economically. From getting into the Final 32 at the Pinks All Out event in West Palm, FL to making the WIX All Out 16 at the Pinks All Out event at zMax Dragway in Charlotte, Ike brings you along to all the other races and other fun events he was able to attend in 2010 with the help of good friends and sponsors. You will also ride along as he moves from Florida to North Carolina, then back to Florida just so he could honor his commitment to all his sponsors and race the season. He will also show you how the degrading economy affected his racing operation in 2010 and how he had to adjust and sacrifice his personal life to be able to race and survive. Drag Racing 201 then looks into the future of the sport and projects how it may look a few years from now and gives the reader some valuable tips on how to afford racing a full season and how the racer may have to live differently in order to race and live their dream. Ike also gives the reader some valuable sponsorship tips along the way that will help with sponsor exposure and could make securing sponsorships a little easier. This 80 page full color book has over 75 pictures highlighting the West Palm FL, Charlotte NC, and the Bristol TN Pinks All Out events (and getting on SPEED TV), the Atlanta, NHRA Unleashed event, and what it feels like to work for an NHRA national event. If your goal is to drag race in the New Economy, this book is a must read that will save you money and increase your sponsor exposure !!

Racing to the Finish Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2018-10-16 Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s only authorized book revealing the inside track on his final year of racing and retirement from the driver's seat. "Time was running out on my charade... My secrets were about to be exposed to the world." It was a seemingly minor crash at Michigan International Speedway in June 2016 that ended the day early for Dale Earnhardt Jr. What he didn't know was that it would also end his driving for the year. He'd dealt with concussions before, but concussions are like snowflakes, no two are the same. And recovery can be brutal, and lengthy. When NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. retired from professional stock car racing in 2017, he walked away from his career as a healthy man. But for years, he had worried that the worsening effects of multiple racing-related concussions would end not only his time on the track but his ability to live

a full and happy life. Torn between a race-at-all-costs culture and the fear that something was terribly wrong, Earnhardt tried to pretend that everything was fine, but the private notes about his escalating symptoms that he kept on his phone reveal a vicious cycle: suffering injuries on Sunday, struggling through the week, then recovering in time to race again the following weekend. For the first time, he shares these notes and fully reveals the physical and emotional struggles he faced as he fought to close out his career on his own terms. In this candid reflection, Earnhardt opens up about his frustration with the slow recovery, his admiration for the woman who stood by him through it all, and his determination to share his own experience so that others don't have to suffer in silence. Steering his way to the final checkered flag of his storied career proved to be the most challenging race and most rewarding finish of his life.

**1001 NASCAR Facts** John Close, 2017-05-15 For nearly 70 years, NASCAR has been the premier sanctioning body for organized Stock Car Racing in the United States. During that time, the sport has grown from a Southern, regional series to a global brand with its races telecast in more than 100 countries around the world.

Author John Close details the earliest races of the 20th Century that laid the groundwork for the formation of NASCAR through today's modern events at mega-race stadiums across the country. Presented in an easy-to-read decade-by-decade Fact Format, this book allows you to spend a couple of minutes or hours at a time learning about the Cars (and Trucks), Personalities, Tracks, and Milestones of NASCAR, America's most popular and attended form of motorsports. Close, a longtime NASCAR journalist, author, team member, and race-day Spotter, also includes dozens of rare and informative photos that take you from the famed Beach Course at Daytona to the high banks of today's NASCAR tracks. A must read for any NASCAR, Stock Car Racing, and American Motorsports fan, the book will provide hours of interesting entertainment as it uncovers rare information and statistical anomalies. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Arial}

Race Through Time Monique Martin, 2020-10-07 This time, they're the ones who need saving. When Simon and Elizabeth's twenty-four-year-old daughter Charlotte makes a sudden appearance from the future to rescue them from an unexpected attack, they're surprised, to say the least. She's been sent back by the Council to save them from an enemy who will stop at nothing to exact revenge. Joined by Jack Wells, the Crosses find themselves on the run and thrust into a race through time, where only the winners survive.

**Start Your Engines** Jay W. Pennell, 2015-10-27 Start Your Engines contains twenty-nine chapters describing different inaugural accomplishments that have taken place throughout NASCAR history. This book answers the following questions: • When was NASCAR officially founded? • Where was the first Strictly Stock race held? • What was the first flag-to-flag race ever broadcast on TV? • When was the first night race? • When and where was the first international NASCAR race held? • Who was the first woman to win the Daytona 500 pole position? • And many more! In Start Your Engines, seasoned writer Jay W. Pennell outlines some of the most iconic and unknown firsts in NASCAR history. From Red Byron to Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt to Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson to Danica Patrick, Pennell also covers some of the biggest names of the sport and their landmark contributions. Providing in-

depth explanations of each milestone, Pennell takes readers through the peaks and valleys of NASCAR history and details the impact each first had on the legacy of the sport. From the earliest days of NASCAR's foundation, to the high banks of Daytona and famed Brickyard at Indianapolis, Pennell also looks at monumental dates and races that changed the sport and helped it grow from a small gathering of race car drivers and promoters into the multibillion-dollar sports industry it is today. This book is a unique look at racing for new and experienced NASCAR fans alike. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, is proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports—books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. In addition to books on popular team sports, we also publish books for a wide variety of athletes and sports enthusiasts, including books on running, cycling, horseback riding, swimming, tennis, martial arts, golf, camping, hiking, aviation, boating, and so much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

**NASCAR Nation** Scott Beekman, 2010-04-09 This is the first work to go beyond the popular myths of stock car racing to fully examine the sport's true history. *NASCAR Nation: A History of Stock Car Racing in the United States* details the ongoing saga of this quintessentially American pastime. Looking at the drivers, events, and teams, it positions NASCAR racing within larger social, economic, and cultural trends in an attempt to address the sport's phenomenal growth and popularity. This chronological examination of the evolution of stock car racing is the first history to go beyond the widely held myth that it was invented by Prohibition-era moonshiners. The book traces stock car racing history from its beginnings, to the formation of The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) in 1948, through today. Of course, readers will meet the sport's many colorful personalities, including the Earnhardts, Richard Petty, Jeff Gordon (who has raked in more than \$70 million in career winnings), Fireball Roberts, Darrell Waltrip, Daytona pioneer Bill France, and women drivers like Janet Guthrie, Louise Smith, and Jennifer Jo Cobb. While the focus is on NASCAR, the book also examines other prominent stock car racing organizations to round out its comprehensive portrait.

**The True Story of Curtis Turner** Dennis Treece, 2017-01-17 *The True Story of Curtis Turner: A Racing Legend (A Two-Time Hall of Famer)* by Dennis Treece Curtis Turner won an incredible 360 races in various stock-car racing circuits from 1946 to 1965, and is widely recognized as one of the greatest dirt-track drivers in history. A true pioneer of the sport, Turner went from running moonshine for his father as a kid to earning the distinction of NASCAR's first driver to grace the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. A 1992 inductee into International Motorsports Hall of Fame, Turner is without a doubt an all-time racing legend. It was more than Turner's winning ways that cemented his legendary status with racing fans and fellow drivers. With a swashbuckling style both on and off the track, Turner was a partier, a playboy, and an innovative entrepreneur, who had an eager but edgy spirit that "drove him through one of the most cantankerous lives ever lived." Told through the eyes of best friend and business associate Dennis Treece, *The*

True Story of Curtis Turner: A Racing Legend (A Two-Time Hall of Famer) reveals never-before-told stories from Turner's life, a life Treece describes as "momentous havoc." From outrunning police during his moonshine days to out-racing NASCAR's best drivers (including one year where he won a record 25 NASCAR events), Turner's skill and moxie never waned behind the wheel. He earned the nickname "Pops" for his propensity to "pop" other drivers on the track. Turner attempted to organize a drivers' union in 1961, earning a lifetime ban from NASCAR. (The ban was lifted in 1965.) Yet, off the track was where the real mayhem occurred. In one tragically foreshadowing story, Treece recounts one of Turner's several brush-with-death experiences in the cockpit. An avid pilot—an indispensable hobby after he lost his driver's license—Turner and a few business associates flew from Philadelphia to Charlotte in a brutal snowstorm. Landing on a snow-packed runway, his plane was estimated to carry 150 pounds of ice. After the precarious landing, Turner merely said to his passengers, "Hell of a day, ain't it boys!" Dennis Treece also recounts Turner's entrepreneurial zeal. A self-made millionaire buying and selling timberland, Turner often sought experimental ways to supplement his income, including his ill-fated attempt to broker a deal for The Ford Motor Company to purchase advertising space on U.S. Currency. Treece also poignantly recounts Turner's final plane crash on October 4, 1970, the day "Lady Luck kissed my hero goodbye." The True Story of Curtis Turner is a tale of a remarkable life and an ode to a missed friend.

**Mickey Thompson** Erik Arneson, 2011-03-11 When Mickey Thompson and his wife Trudy were assassinated in their driveway in the pre-dawn hours of March 16, 1988, the salacious details of the crime and the years of legal wrangling that followed made for hundreds of splashy headlines and sexy television soundbytes. After all, the story had it all . . . unknown hooded gunmen riding into a gated Southern California community on bicycles, ambushing their victims and brutally ending their lives while neighbors ate breakfast and read the morning paper. Leaving behind more than \$70,000 in jewelry, the killing was an obvious "hit," and those close to Mickey and Trudy immediately pointed to Mickey's hot-headed former business partner Michael Goodwin as the mastermind behind the tragedy. Nearly 20 years later, Goodwin was found guilty by a Pasadena Superior Court jury in 2006 of two counts of first-degree murder. The actual gunmen were never identified or apprehended. John Walsh and America's Most Wanted did multiple episodes leading up to the conviction. Robert Stack featured the murders on Unsolved Mysteries. CBS' 48 Hours Mystery got in the act. Everyone wanted a piece of the story. A good story, however, has much more than a powerful ending. Who was Mickey Thompson? What made him more than just another victim of violent crime in America? This is what Mickey Thompson: The Fast Life and Mysterious Death of a Racing Legend explores. Mickey was one of the most influential figures in early American motorsports. While he did have loyal and longtime friends, Mickey always did things one way . . . his way. And he did it with speed . . . he did everything with speed. From his 1950s adventures in the Carrera Panamericana, ending with five dead and dramatic pictures in Life Magazine in 1953, through making a one-way run of 406.60 miles per hour at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1960 in his famed Challenger, through multiple trend-setting entries in the famed Indianapolis 500 and into the creation of some of the most popular off-road racing series and motor sports stadium shows, Mickey's life was full of "firsts." And in a world that seems to be moving faster than

even Mickey Thompson could have imagined, the complete story of this true American legend is one worth slowing down for.

Men and Speed G. Wayne Miller, Wayne Miller, 2009-09-09 What is it that makes a man strap himself into an automobile and drive it hundreds of laps around a track at speeds surpassing 200 miles per hour? Critically acclaimed journalist G. Wayne Miller decided to find out by spending a year on the NASCAR circuit with Roush Racing's legendary owner Jack Roush and his four title-contending Winston Cup drivers: Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, Matt Kenseth, and Kurt Busch. Miller plumbs the allure of speed and the exploding popularity of stock-car racing through the dramatic 2001 season, which opened with the most famous Daytona 500 in history, when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt died as his car slammed into the wall on the final turn. Miller takes us inside the minds and behind the wheels of the of the hottest drivers of the past two seasons, as they cope with the thrills and the dangers along the way to the Cup. Miller also takes us inside Roush Racing, a \$125 million business, showing a side of NASCAR that few fans ever get to see. For longtime fans and curious newcomers alike, *Men and Speed* takes you for a wild ride through the fastest sport in the land.

Encyclopedia of Stock Car Racing [2 volumes] Lew Freedman, 2013-03-14 This two-volume encyclopedia is the Daytona 500 of stock car racing books—an essential Bible that provides an all-encompassing history of the sport as well as an up-to-date examination of modern-day stock car racing. How did stock car racing become firmly entrenched in American pop culture, especially in light of the lack of interest in motorsports overall as a spectator activity in the United States? And what has been the secret to NASCAR's financial success and growth over the last six decades? *Encyclopedia of Stock Car Racing* highlights approximately 250 subjects that have defined the sport since stock car racing was first organized. Organized in A-Z order, it covers all of the greatest drivers, such as Richard Petty, Jimmie Johnson, Junior Johnson, and David Pearson; the special races such as the Daytona 500 and Brickyard 400; and the famed tracks across the country, from Bristol Motor Speedway to Darlington Raceway to Talladega Superspeedway. This unprecedented resource collects information about every element of NASCAR history in one place: the early personalities who shaped the sport and set things in motion, the past greats who have now retired, and today's rising stars who continue to make stock car racing one of the most popular sports in the United States.

**Swerve or Die** Kyle Petty, Ellis Henican, 2022-08-09 \*A Wall Street Journal, Southern Indie, and Publishers Weekly Bestseller\* Stock-car racing star, country singer, and sports broadcaster Kyle Petty shares his familial legacy, intertwined with NASCAR's founding and history, in *Swerve or Die*—written with Pulitzer Prize-winner Ellis Henican, the New York Times bestselling coauthor of *In the Blink of an Eye*. “Born into racing royalty. The only son of NASCAR's winningest driver ever. The grandson of one of the sport's true pioneers. The nephew of our very first Hall of Fame engine builder. It's quite a family to represent, and through it all, I've somehow managed to keep being Kyle.” Kyle Petty won his very first stock-car race, the Daytona ARCA 200, in 1979 when he was eighteen. Hailed as a third-generation professional NASCAR racer, he became an instant celebrity in circles he had been around all his young life. Despite being the grandson and son of racing champions Lee Petty and Richard Petty, Kyle didn't inherit innate talent. Working in his family's North Carolina race shop from an early age, he learned all about



car mechanics and maintenance long before he got behind the wheel. And although Kyle continued the family business, driving “Petty blue” colored cars emblazoned with his grandfather’s #42—a number once used by Marty Robbins—his career took a different route than his forebears’. In *Swerve or Die: Life at My Speed in the First Family of NASCAR Racing*, Kyle chronicles his life on and off the racetrack, presenting his insider’s perspective of growing up throughout the sport’s popular rise in American culture. In between driving and running Petty Enterprises for thirty years, Kyle took some detours into country music, voiced Cal Weathers in Pixar’s *Cars 3*, and started his annual motorcycle Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America. And when his nineteen-year-old son Adam, a fourth-generation racing Petty, tragically lost his life on the track, Kyle founded Victory Junction, a camp for children with chronic and serious medical conditions in Adam’s name—with help from Academy Award-winning actor and motorsports enthusiast Paul Newman. Filled with NASCAR history, stories of his family’s careers, and anecdotes about some of stock-car racing’s most famous drivers, Kyle’s memoir also tackles the sport’s evolution, discussing how welcoming diverse racers, improving car and track safety features, and integrating green technology will benefit NASCAR’s competitors and fans in the future. Includes Photographs

One Helluva Ride Liz Clarke, 2008-02-12 From its raw beginnings on Southern dirt tracks, NASCAR smacked of a slightly depraved spectacle, as if nothing but trouble could come from the unbridled locomotion of a V8 engine. By the time NASCAR roared into the twenty-first century, it had grown into a billion-dollar sports and marketing colossus, its races attended by hundreds of thousands of fans on any given weekend from mid-February through mid-November, watched on television by the second-largest viewing audience in sports, and bankrolled by the marketing largesse of the Fortune 500’s elite. *One Helluva Ride*, a full-throttle account of the rise and reign of NASCAR nation, is award-winning motorsports reporter Liz Clarke’s chronicle of how stock car racing exploded from regional obsession to national phenomenon. In covering the sport for more than fifteen years, Clarke has developed a strong rapport with NASCAR’s drivers, team owners, and hard-core fans. Through her reporting and analysis, we get to know the public and private sides of NASCAR’s most iconic figures, including seven-time champion Richard Petty, who set the standard for treating fans with respect, and the late Dale Earnhardt, whose brazen, bullying tactics wreaked havoc on the track, but whose heart was as big as Daytona’s infield. The sports world stopped in its tracks the day Earnhardt was killed on the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500. Some feared that NASCAR’s soul would die with him. But it has raced on, steered by visionary promoters, the all-controlling France family (who founded the sport), and, above all, the next generation of drivers to stir fans’ passions: Dale Earnhardt, Jr., son of the NASCAR legend and now, like his father before him, the circuit’s most popular driver; Jeff Gordon, the beloved but oft-maligned outsider, bred from the cradle to be NASCAR’s winningest modern champion; and Kasey Kahne, a reluctant heartthrob whose confidence derives entirely from an accelerator pedal. Clarke also brings us inside NASCAR’s most triumphant and tragic dynasties: the Pettys, the Earnhardts, and the Allison—and reveals how faith, family, and a deep-seated love of their sport helps them cope with grief and loss. Clarke shows NASCAR to be at a crossroads. In pursuit of a broader audience, NASCAR has severed

its sponsorship ties to Big Tobacco, abandoned racetracks in small markets in favor of speedways near glitzy major cities, and welcomed Japan's Toyota into a sport traditionally restricted to American-made sedans. As NASCAR races toward mass appeal, some suggest it is leaving its roots behind. To others, it is boldly extending its reach from the Southern workingman to every man, woman, and child in the world. Whether you're one of the die-hard NASCAR faithful or just a casual follower, nobody brings you closer to the sport and business of big-time stock car racing than Liz Clarke. This book, like the phenomenon it profiles, really is One Helluva Ride.

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