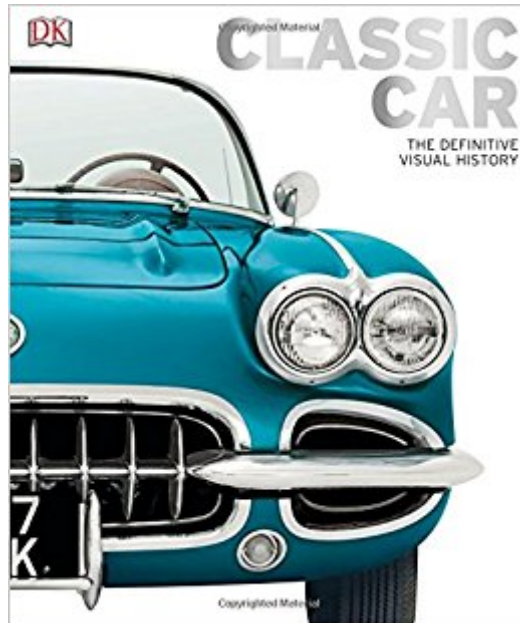




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# Classic Car: The Definitive Visual History



## Synopsis

A visual guide to the most iconic classic cars of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s, featuring more than 1,300 photographs and two prints suitable for framing. From the Aston Martin DB5 to the Chevrolet Corvette, *Classic Car* is packed with the marques and models of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s. Virtual tours offer close-up views of iconic models, and comprehensive catalogs showcase key features with detailed profiles and specifications. Double-page-spread images add flavor by showing the classics in action, and the two prints star a 1949 Chieftain Convertible and a 1962 Shelby Cobra. Reference the classic car glossary and the international directory of museums and collections to learn more about antique automobiles. To tell the complete story of classic cars, this book also profiles famous designers and manufacturers, like Ferdinand Porsche, and places the cars into a wider cultural context by charting their enduring legacy as symbols of luxury and objects of desire. *Classic Car* is a complete celebration of classic cars and a must-have for all classic-car collectors and enthusiasts.

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**Cars from the Jet Age** A lineup of models from Chrysler's various marques, including Chrysler itself, Dodge, DeSoto, Imperial, and Plymouth—plus a get fighter aircraft—adorn this photograph from a 1956 magazine advertisement. [View larger](#)

**Austin-Healey 3000** The 3000 was the epitome of late 1950s sports-car style, and looked especially stylish with its spoked wheels and two-tone bodywork. [View larger](#)

On the Road Austin-Healeys were intended for fast, open-top motoring and so, despite the beautiful exterior, they were quite basic inside to keep their weight and bulk to a minimum. [View larger](#)

Dr. Ferdinand Porsche "I couldn't find the sports car I dreamed of, so I decided to build it myself." [View larger](#)

Stylish Coupes All of them were designed with the same aim in mind: to offer clean-cut style, drama, and elegance that even the best sedans – which inevitably had to make more compromises in the name of practicality – could scarcely hope to match. [View larger](#)

"[T]his is a book to savor, to be pored over time and again." [Booklist \(Starred Review\)](#)

This was a gift for my dad's 60th birthday and he really loved it. He couldn't stop flipping through it after opening it and is still reading it and talking about it weeks later. He's the biggest car guy around and it's so hard to find him something car related that he doesn't already have. He was really stumped on how I was able to find such a cool book that he had never seen before at any local bookstores. Five stars.

I loved this book as it was comprehensive and included high quality pictures. It exactly met my desire for an attractive coffee-table book that I can pick up anytime and quietly enjoy the pictures of some of the best automobiles in the world.

This is a beautifully done book. The Smithsonian always done a wonderful job. Very fair price on

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Nice book with lots of detail and information.

Every den or rec. room should have this beautifully done table top book. It's a great conversation piece for anyone who is interested in revisiting hundreds of classic cars that are professionally photographed. Each is highlighted with a short critique that makes it even more special. A must have for anyone who likes classic cars.....All this at a great low low price form Prime!!!!bob, Michigan usa

I saw the book reviewed in car magazine and it was highly recommended. So I decided to order a copy. I have not been disappointed!

It's a great looking book (of course, it's DK!) but I don't like how it's organized into odd categories. Prefer to see a stricter chronological order, grouped by manufacturer. Maybe a few sidebars comparing like/similar cars because that is interesting, just not the dominating format. Will probably still buy it or ask for it as gift (my review is based on the copy I checked out of the library -- buy the best, borrow the rest!).

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