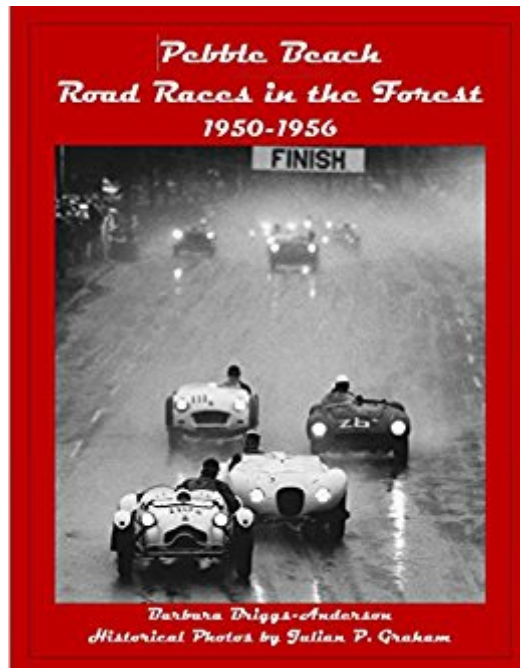




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Synopsis

In the early days of west coast motor racing in California, 1950 to 1956, Julian P. Graham photographed the thrilling and electrifying Road Races in the Pebble Beach Del Monte Forest. Participants were mostly amateur car enthusiasts who drove the latest sports cars--Ferraris, OSCAs, Cadillac Allards, Maseratis, Porsches, Jaguar XK120s, etc. The 200 chosen historical photographs highlights the drivers in their race cars amid all the riveting action of the thrills and crashes along the curvy, narrow, tree lined roads. Mostly paved on asphalt with the tight turns and short straightaways, the track was dangerous with sections on dirt and loose gravel which made passing other cars hazardous. Photographs of the euphoric winners of the biggest races, Phil Hill, Bill Pollack, Sterling Edwards and Carroll Shelby captures the emotions of the their stunning triumphs. The historic images bring to life the passion and dedication for the motor racing of John Von Neumann, Jim Kimberly, Bill Breeze, Ken Miles, Roger Barlow, Fred Knoop and Jack McAfee, to name a few. The exciting, adrenaline-charged moments of the 1950s legendary sports car racing are preserved and frozen in time, through Julian P. Graham's historical photographs of the Road Races in the Del Monte Forest.

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Well produced art-piece of historical photojournalism. I would have expected more definitive and in-depth narrative, however.

This wonderful photo essay illustrates the color and excitement of auto racing for both drivers and spectators. This amateur race would evolve into a more regulated sport but the photos of the early days of the Pebble Beach Road Race portray drivers in beautifully styled open cars, unencumbered and unprotected by safety features. Graham's abundant photographs capture the thrill and adventure of the races and you do not need to be an auto enthusiast to appreciate their artistry. I would recommend this book as a chance to participate in and to enjoy visually the style and excitement of racing days past.

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