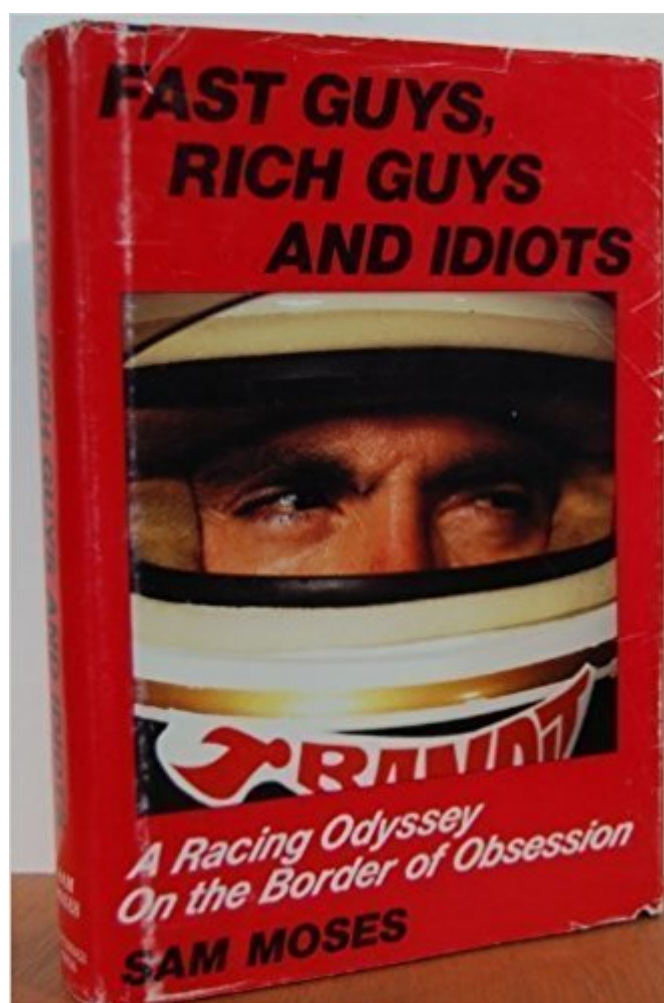


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Fast Guys Rich Guys And Idiots A Racing Odyssey On Border Of Obsession



Synopsis

Sam Moses, a motorsports writer for Sports Illustrated, was assigned to go racing and write about what happened. *Fast Guys, Rich Guys, and Idiots* is a personal odyssey that peers over the cliff of change and into the pit of obsession. From small-time races to glittery grands prix, it lays bare the greed, lust, and desperation of every driver for time behind the wheel and a faster car. It explains the perfectionism behind taking a turn at the limit and describes the intoxicating thrill of stealing down the Daytona backstraight at nearly 200 miles an hour. The core of Moses' story takes place in the heartland of stock car racing, there he finds a spot on a team in Ether, North Carolina. The team's owner is a tough Louisiana oil man, its crew chief a lanky, laconic Texan, and its number-one driver a hairy-chested leadfoot who learned fast driving on backwoods Georgia roads, delivering beauty supplies in his Mustang. Crashes echo throughout the tale that follows, five of them the author's own. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A nice enough story about a not particularly successful racing season. But I really could have done without all the angst over his totally inappropriate girlfriend. The fact that he stayed with her for so long puts him in the "idiot" category of the title. Cut all that out, and you've got a good book, but not a great one.

I really enjoyed this book because I was a spectator at many of the races written about in the story. Those were great times in racing when small independent American racers took on the European giants with good old Detroit iron and ingenuity. The author gives a great inside look at what racing was about in those days when you could buy a seat in a race car and go for it. This is a great read for any fan of the glory days of IMSA.

Moses pretty much strips away the glamor associated with automobile racing, amateur or pro, and doesn't do much for his own image in the process. He clearly falls into the idiot classification, trusting the rich guys to prepare safe, competitive cars in which he risked his life. In the end he loses the girl, the ride and any faith in humanity he may have had.

A great story describing the passion and commitment that those of us who are neither fast nor rich have to bring to the table to even get behind the wheel... His girlfriend troubles are a bit irrelevant and tedious, but they do help to show how nutty he is...

I'm not fast or rich or an idiot, but I love racing and this book gives an excellent inside look at the process of becoming a racer. The work on the track, in the pits, and between the races that adds up to what we call a racing season is mixed with the intimate personal life of Sam Moses. The chaos of his life becomes the backdrop for the chaos of the racing scene. An engaging story that reads as true as I am sure it is.

Book was as described.

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A good read, some interesting insights as a "How to..." book

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