



Favourites for car lovers!

Bush Mechanics

From Yuendumu to the world

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PB 88 PP 265 x 218 Full colour t/out ISBN 9781743055151 Cars \$29.95

Cars are a central feature of life in remote Aboriginal communities. Far from spare parts and sophisticated tools, bush mechanics keep cars running with what is available in the bush, including mulga wood, spinifex and sand. And while the increasing complexity of modern cars poses a challenge, even today the best tool available to travellers in Central Australia is the ingenuity of the bush mechanic.

Bush Mechanics first screened on the ABC in 2001, starring young Warlpiri men, rusty old cars and the Australian outback. It was a hit. Filmed in and around Yuendumu, one of the largest Aboriginal communities in Central Australia, the series centred around cars, but provided broader insights into Aboriginal life and culture.

This book explores the history and the continuing appeal of *Bush Mechanics*.

Holden Snapshots

Images from the golden years

DON LOFFLER

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Don Loffler has surprised himself, and probably many of his faithful readers, by writing this sequel to his fifth book, *Holden Days*, before completing the promised book on rare and unusual examples of the first ten Holden models. When *Holden Days* was released, he had no idea he would receive many new images from readers generally and, in particular, from the relatives and friends of those whose images appear in the book. In addition, Don kept locating new images through his own research.

Holden Snapshots is the stunning result, a history of Holden in many new and never-before-seen images.

Holden Days

From the original 48–215 'FX' to the 1966 HR

DON LOFFLER

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'Don Loffler has now written five outstanding books on Australia's Own Holden. Unlike many motoring enthusiasts, Loffler's interest in the cars comprises a deeper interest in Australian social and cultural history. For the first time, he looks at models made between 1956 and 1967 and explains why photos of the early cars still predominate. If *Holden Days* was all in pictures with brief captions, it would still be a book to cherish, but Don Loffler uses individual memories to create a rich social history of Australia from 1948 right through until now as Holden owners relive their stories.' – John M. Wright (PhD)

The FJ Holden

A favourite Australian car

DON LOFFLER

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Leading early Holden historian Don Loffler has unearthed an amazing collection of stories and facts about FJ variants, from the popular Special to the rarest of them all – an experimental station wagon – as well as non-factory versions in many guises.

The FJ Holden is lavishly illustrated with more than 500 photographs, most of which have never been published before. The information section includes comprehensive identification details for FJs that you will not find assembled in any other place. *The FJ Holden* is Don Loffler's third book devoted to Australia's national car.

Wizard of Oz

Speed, modernism and the last ride of Wizard Smith

CLINTON WALKER

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In the bitter autumn of 1932, as the world crashed into the Great Depression, Australian motor ace Norman 'Wizard' Smith sat on the remote Ninety Mile Beach in far north New Zealand, waiting for the wind to change; waiting for a chance to drive his streamlined super car the Enterprise to a new world speed record. He would be the fastest man on earth – a golden god! He waited and waited ...

Norman Smith was an enigma. A contemporary of Bradman, Kingsford Smith and Phar Lap, he was dumpy and shy. But when he got behind the wheel he became the Wizard, his command uncanny, the speeds breathless. In league with engineer Don Harkness, who designed and built the Enterprise, he was pointing Australia toward a brighter future. Until somewhere along the line, things started going wrong. This book lays bare the tragic fall from grace of Norman 'Wizard' Smith – an ordinary man lost to an extraordinary quest, and, until now, a forgotten figure.

Golden Miles

Sex, speed and the Australian muscle car

CLINTON WALKER

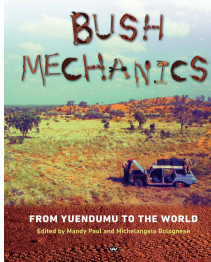
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Golden Miles is a book about cars, people and Australia in the late 60s and early 70s. With the energy and irreverent humour of a fanzine, the acuity of investigative journalism, and the eye of an art book, this new, expanded edition of *Golden Miles* explores the archetypal product of Australian suburbia – the muscle car.

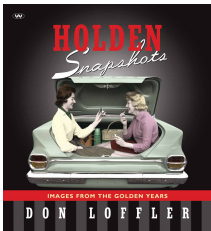
'A rambling journey that's provocative and lavishly illustrated ... as much for pop culture lovers as rev heads.' – *Sydney Morning Herald*



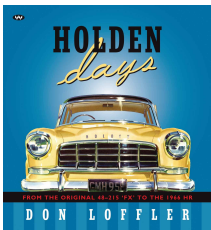
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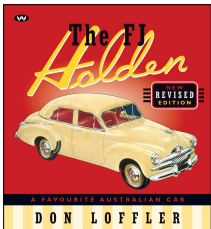
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