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Bellissima!: The Italian Automotive Renaissance, 1945 To 1975



Synopsis

A beautifully designed volume devoted to the most collectible and rare mid-century Italian cars and motorcycles. *Bellissima!* presents some of the most breathtaking Italian-designed automobiles and motorcycles of the post-World War II era, a series of visionary designs that thrilled the world and signaled a period of remarkable industrial rebirth. All-new photographs featuring pioneering masterpieces by Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo, and others trace a remarkable lineage of design that captivated buyers and greatly influenced mid-century industrial design, architecture, aeronautics, furniture, and fashion. Created for the privileged few, these luxurious, custom-built machines embodied speed, style, and grace and exhibited a level of artistry and craftsmanship unparalleled at the time. Texts by noted automotive writers illuminate the history of this period and the impact of these designs, covering such themes as berlinetta coupes, aerodynamics, advanced mid-engine cars, wedge-shaped automobiles, and coachwork designs for domestic and non-Italian automakers. Today, Italian-designed cars from this era are among the most highly valued automobiles in existence. More than half a century after their construction, they continue to intrigue and excite all who see them.

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Great photos of rare works of art.

Great information and pictures of iconic cars.

Beautifully photographed

Nice catalog, we thought about visiting the show but found that the cars of most interest were heading for the West Coast

A superb book! Glad to have it in my library.

Great for anyone who couldn't make it to see the actual exhibit.

Lovely addition to my library.

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