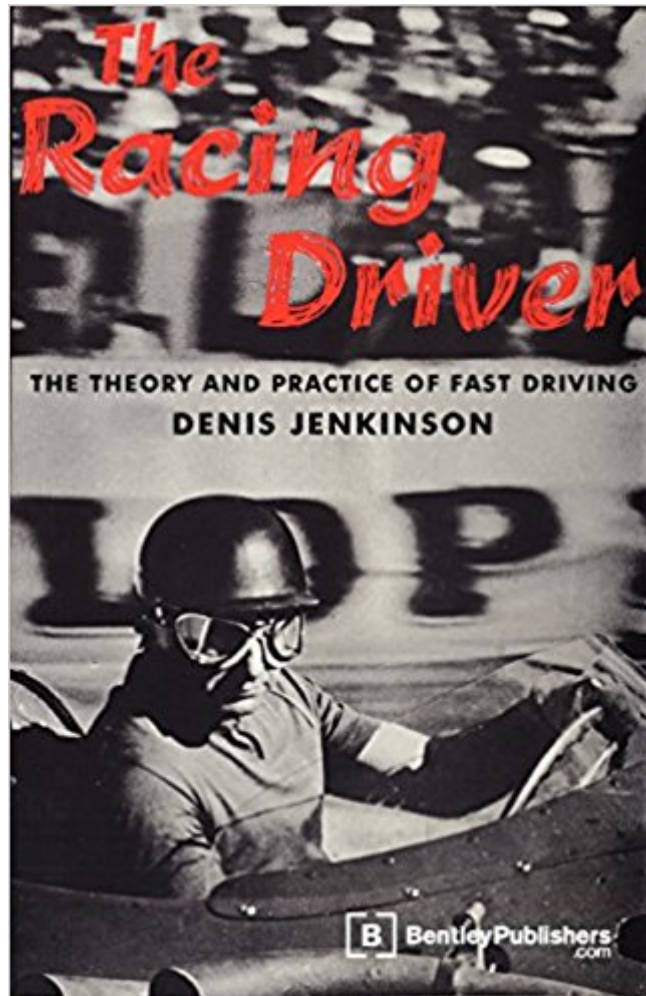




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# The Racing Driver: The Theory And Practice Of Fast Driving



## Synopsis

When *The Racing Driver* was first published in the U.S. in 1959, *Road & Track* magazine hailed it as an "excellent book . . . the best ever written on contemporary drivers and their racing styles and habits." Over 45 years later, Denis Jenkinson's book has become a classic, highly valued for its historical perspective and views into the personalities of drivers who today seem larger than life.

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Packed with anecdotes about the biggest names from racing's golden age, *The Racing Driver*, originally published in 1958, remains a lively guide to the how and why of fast driving. --*Esquire Magazine*[A] superb, legendary work...readers who have a passion for motorsports will find [this book] an absolute treasure... --*Road & Track*..one of the most absorbing motor racing books ever written . . . Fantastic stuff! --*Sports Car Illustrated*

Fascinating account of a guy that rode with the best race car drivers (as a navigator on public road courses) and motorcycle riders (in a side car). Explains his personal point of view as to why he would put his life in the hands of others. Admits he was not at the driver's talent level then humbly gives what seems an objective point of view explaining why they were so great. Written with a slight personal element that makes you feel like you are there. One of the best historical type books by a person who did it and apparently did NOT rely on ghost writers to tell it in the vein of today's fan type vanity books. In its own way as good as Mark Donohue's "*The Unfair Advantage*". Gives a great

explanations of power oversteer which hangs the rear end of the car out to help steer it through a turn as was used in racing by only the best drivers in his period of history.

I feel like the title of this book should be "The Racing Navigator: Why I think Stirling Moss is a Natural Racer." I was really looking forward to getting this book and learning the technical aspects of racing the open air grand prix cars of the 50's (or cars in general), but what I got was mostly anecdotal references to why the author thinks Stirling Moss did this or that and observations from the navigator's seat. There is an especially odd section where he talks about speaking in tenths to describe racing conditions that essentially has nothing to do with racing theory or practice. Just when you think things are going to get informative, the author reflects on how he a driver got into a situation and confidently got out of it, but leaving all the details out and attributing it to some sort of ethereal property of the driver. I gave it 3 stars because as a historical reference it's pretty good, but it's severely lacking in both the theory and practice of fast driving.

I bought the book for 2 reasons, races and Dennis Jenkinson, a master on writing. The surprise was an interview with Ayrton Senna done by Jenkinson himself, included on last pages of the book. Absolutely marvelous questions and answers, and never published here in Brazil. There are many good historic pictures and some didactic drawings to make even greater a great text.

This is the book that got my into driving and into a Miata. Thank Denis

A classic indeed! Denis lets you feel like you are right there. Then he gives a detailed explanation of what happens when and why!

Here's the definitive insider's view into the glamorous world of a three times world champion Formula 1 driver, written by Jackie Stewart himself. From his youth as an embarrassed and struggling schoolboy with unrecognized dyslexia to the most fabulous racing in the world's fastest cars, Mr. Stewart shares his despair, good fortunes and amazing successes as a top F1 superstar. This classic is a must read for every serious fan of cars, auto racing and human success.

Denis Jenkinson was privileged to be the co-driver to Stirling Moss during the 1955 Mille Miglia so his experience in motor racing, as well as his journalism skills, makes this an accurate and well written book. It is a slice of history and so the reprint is necessary reading for anyone who cares for

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