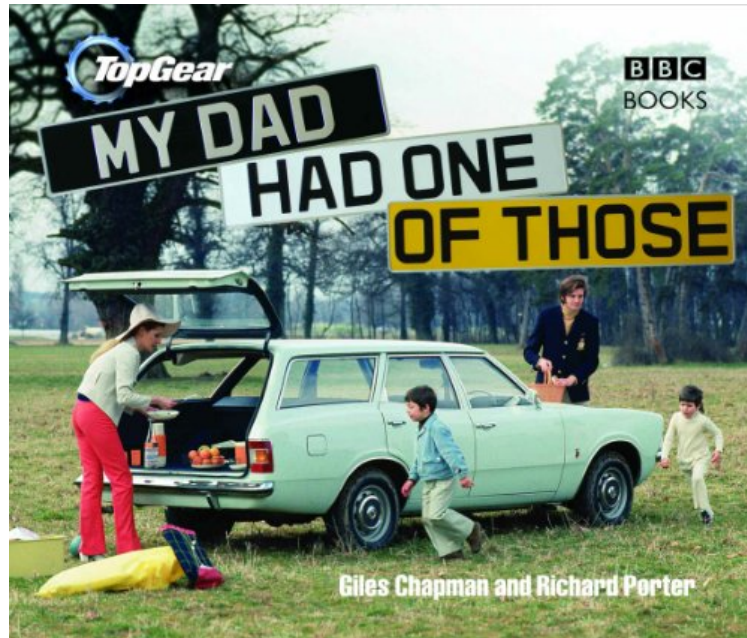


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable Read...By GRH "Ex WHA Jet" All in all, an enjoyable book. It is always interesting to view something from someone else's perspective; in this case, how the Brits view their father's mundane "daily drivers". Interesting to note how Ford products are viewed as somewhat boring, yet popular because products such as the Cortina and the Gran-Dad, er sorry, Granada, were reliable, durable, and stylish in that they copied their larger American cousins. I found the Austin 1100 article to be of interest; that car was sold in Canada as the Austin America; in retrospect, it was far ahead of its time; the current Nissan Versa seems to be an update of the Austin !! It you buy this book, check out the Hillman Hunter photograph; the car is interesting but you'll see what I am referring to when you buy the book !! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. cool retrospective of english cars dad may have had By Anthony Buford I lived in G.B. in the mid 70's, and remember several of these cars. It is not very detailed, but is humorous. Has pictures of several marques and models very few in U.S. will be aware of, along with some basic technical information. A good book for basic but broad coverage of mostly mainstream English cars with witty commentary. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. intelligent and everything you expect from top gear By Mark in Los Angeles Spending much time in the UK as a kid, this brought back a lot of memories. Irreverant, delightful, intelligent and everything you expect from top gear.

As solid and dependable as the man himself, Dad's car was often almost a member of the family, whisking you to exciting days out, or just to visit relatives to the chant of "Are we there yet?" Maybe in an idle moment Dad dreamed of driving something fast, but the demands of family life meant hard tops and firm suspension—anything less than four doors would have been wildly hedonistic. Even though the family car may not have been the very essence of rock

'n' roll, Dad was proud of it. Spanning the 1950s to the 1980s, this is a celebration of the heyday of the Dad car. From beloved family workhorses like the Ford Cortina and Vauxhall Viva to the rakish excitement of the Rover 3500 and Citroen CX, 60 of the best-known and best-loved family cars of all time are organized into categories such as Sporty Dad, Frugal Dad, and Compact Dad, with an affectionate and witty article dedicated to each car. Reflecting on a time when the nearest thing to an airbag was hiding behind your brother, this is a celebration of cars that were as flawed and as loveable as Dad himself.

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