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# Flat Out Flat Broke: The Original Stig



## Synopsis

Perry McCarthy is an ex Formula One racing driver and was the original 'The Stig' from the BBC Top Gear TV show. Flat Out Flat Broke is his hilarious and internationally acclaimed autobiography which takes you on Perry's roller-coaster adventure as he battled on and off the race tracks of the world to fulfil his dream of Grand Prix stardom. One of the best selling motor racing books of all time, Perry's story will have you on the edge of your seat either on the verge of tears or howling with laughter at both his bizarre misfortune and his triumphs against the odds. Don't miss it, it's the life story of a battler, a maestro in so many disciplines. But overall Perry McCarthy knows how to recover from failure and create success. From working on oil rigs to fame as The Stig, Flat Out Flat Broke is an utterly fascinating read and you will see why even other racing drivers affectionately call him 'Mad Dog'! Perry McCarthy's hilarious autobiography Flat Out, Flat Broke, has already become a motor racing best seller and has received rave reviews:

**SAMPLE OF MAGAZINE/NEWSPAPER REVIEWS:**

... this book is hilarious! Autosport

Perry McCarthy does for Formula One what Bill Bryson did for travel writing. But beneath the black humour and wisecracks is as funny enough to make you laugh out loud in public. It lies an inspiring and at times poignant tale of that rarest kind of racer: one who never gave up and was, literally, prepared to die trying. The Independent on Sunday

Perry McCarthy has always been excellent at describing his career in a series of memorable anecdotes, and here they are, strung together in book form. The reader is frequently left raked with sympathy at the author's outrageous misfortune, or in convulsive sobs of laughter. This is an utterly fantastic read. MotorSport magazine

Sometimes books, like cigarette packets, should come with a surgeons health warning. Flat Out Flat Broke is a case in point, not just because it contains photographs of the author in the long forgotten days of his early childhood, but because it will make your stomach ache from laughing. F1 Magazine

A fantastic funny story' (Book of the week) The London Evening Standard

His engaging story of a less-than-smooth life in motor racing exudes his own cockney energy and enthusiasm and is a charming feel good tale that shows you can get what you want if you want it badly enough. Scottish Sunday Express

The James Hunt impressions, the Ayrton Senna pizza delivery, the Rat Pack stories - the laughs come thick and fast in Perry McCarthy's fantastic new book, Flat Out Flat Broke. Daily Express

The third edition of Perry McCarthy's autobiography is a brilliant read. Auto Express

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I read this in two days, so funny, well written and well organizaed this book is.This kindle version is updated.I bought it out of sheer curiosity. Bear in mind the following: McCarthy's history is not different from hundred of others: good results in the minor Formulas, good press, then finding doors closing and closing, until retirement (or a resurrection in other kind of car racing).The difference here is the humour, his persistence, the amazing amount of bad timing and unlucky mechanical failures, until finally arriving in Formula One in the worst team possible (Andrea Moda) where the boss

simply HATED him, to the point of entering two cars just for the sake of following the rules. The boos hated McCarthy because he could not sign another driver(Enrico Bertaggia) who had US\$ 1,000,000 in sponsorship, because the team already had changed their line-up of drivers the maximum number of times. So he was stuck with McCarthy. McCarthy writes without resentment or vengeance. The history moves forward at warp speed (he is a big fan of Star Trek), near complete bankrupt, until finally the sun is shining with the fruits of recognition of being The Original Stig in the British mega TV hit "TOP GEAR". The book is not essential in any collection of motor racing books, even being a best seller. But it is indeed good.

I bought this e-book with the expectation of a mildly entertaining read , but it turned out to be much more than that. This is above all a story of tenacity and the triumph of spirit and humor in the face of insurmountable odds. I couldn't put it down.

Likely wouldn't have known I'd enjoy Perry McCarthy's exploits on the path to becoming an F1 driver but I do remember most of the cars he's driven. Well told story of a man determined to reach the pinnacle of motor racing, the successes and failures along the way, to the moment he finds himself donning a particular black racing kit and driving for the amusement of others. Fun, informative and engaging.

If you have talent at golf you have a much better chance to be rich and famous than if you have race driving talent and no money. This book tells what many talented driver prospects learn during their quest for success.

This is an amusing book which gives a remarkable insight into the desperate struggle many drivers have had to endure in order to reach the top -- and into the number of 'external variables' (chiefly, funding) which mean that the struggle is by no means meritocratic. In his introduction McCarthy's friend Damon Hill says that the author has "accurately embellished" the narrative, which of course makes me want to know where and by how much. But, while it's far from great literature, it is an intriguing read and I'd recommend it for those to whom formula one and its history are salient topics.

Entertaining and surprising account of a racing driver climbing the ranks of Europe's racing establishment. Worth the read.

As a fan of F1 and the TV show Top Gear, I was drawn to this book. Perry's writing is informative, funny and inspirational. Auto racing is dangerous and unpredictable, and Perry gave racing his best shot. His bad luck in racing gave way to good fortune later on because of his strength of character and his ability to recognize opportunities. I highly recommend this book!

This is a fun book with lots of great racing tidbits. I would have preferred a straight time line rather than the now, then, after, before flitting around. His style is very easy to read and he gives us insight as to what he was thinking and why he made the choices he did.

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