

Book Review

Bugatti, Type 10 to Type 251

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This delightful book is the compilation of 149 road test articles on each Bugatti model from the Type 10 prototype of 1909 through the introduction of the Type 251 in 1955. In 1955 after leaving the Royal Air Force, R. M. Clarke started collecting motoring magazines which eventually went on to form the basis of the extensive Brooklands Books library.

Articles from virtually every well-known magazine such as *Autocar*, *Light Car*, *Speed*, *Motor Sport*, *Motor Road*, *Motor*, *Road & Track*, etc., from 1925 to 2008 by authors such as Griffith Borgeson, H. G. Conway, Cecil Clutton, Jack Campbell, Dean Bachelor, Bill Boddy, Godfrey Eaton, Laurence Pomeroy, John Bolster, Ken Purdy, Cyril Posthumus, Phil Hill, John Lamm, Mick Walsh, Tony Hogg, Strother MacMinn, David Burgess-Wise, David E. Davis, Jr., Doug Nye, etc., are represented.

The articles include road tests, new model reviews, owner commentary, driving impressions, specifications, performance data, etc., on each Bugatti model. I especially enjoy the early period articles, when the cars were new, and the numerous black-and-white photos, many of which I had never seen before. I also enjoyed the recent road tests and articles such as Mick Walsh's articles on the ex-Earl Howe T57S Atalante which was out of sight for over 50 years, a T55 Jean Bugatti roadster and a T54 Grand Prix car, David Burgess Wise's article on the four-wheel drive T53 and Willie Green's test drive of a T35B.

While I try to find all the Bugatti articles I can, it's impossible to buy every magazine and have them all. Brooklands Books Ltd. and R. M. Clarke have done this for us. The book contains a wealth of information and is very affordable. I strongly recommend that you buy a copy. It is available in the USA for \$89.95 and can be purchased online from the Veloce Press website www.velocepress.com or LMG-Gallery L'Automobile, 11550 IH-10 West, Suite 180, San Antonio, TX 78230.

—Tom Clifford