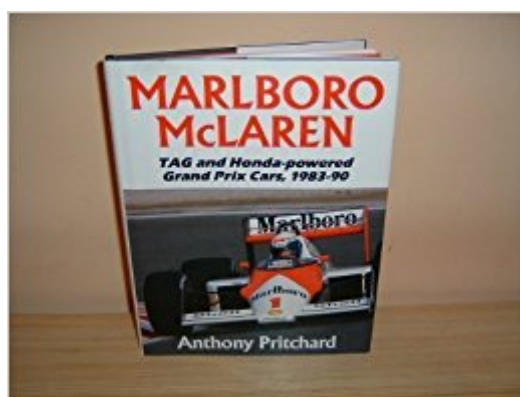


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In this book, Anthony Pritchard, as the title suggests, covers the McLaren Team's five year dalliance with turbo power, firstly with Tag-Porsche, and then the early years with Honda. Extensively illustrated with glossy black & white as well as colour photography, "Marlboro McLaren" also serves as a history of the team, as the first chapter covers its foundation, and its racing efforts up until 1983. Chapter two deals with the development of the turbo car as it was introduced at the tail end of the 1983 season, and the following seven chapters cover each year in succession. Rather neatly, Pritchard discusses each Grand Prix on a race by race basis for the period covered, covering the

driver's efforts in practice, qualifying as well as the race, placing these in context with the season as it develops. The author also touches on technical developments as they transpire during and between seasons. Although the subtitle of the book refers to 1990, in fact, the book only takes in the first two races of that season. Because of this, the book has a sense of being somewhat incomplete, which is detracting. Quite why the author elected to take in the first two races of 1990 rather than just end with the completion of the 1989 season is anyone's guess. The highlight of the book is undoubtedly the photography (by Nigel Snowden and Diana Burnett), which is superb. The text complements the photographs nicely. Although obviously not an in-depth account of this period of racing, "Marlboro McLaren" does actually serve quite well as a narrative of the team's efforts in this time. However, readers wanting a comprehensive history of the team will be better served by Doug Nye's excellent *McLaren: Grand Prix, Can-Am and Indy Cars*, which although now dated by virtue of being published in 1988, is still probably the best account of the team. Unfortunately, more recent publications featuring the team lack the authoritative air of Nye's effort.

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