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James Taylor : Land Rover (Shire Library) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Land Rover (Shire Library):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great book for the enthusiastBy Marty RayThis is a really nice book, which is mainly specific to the Series 3 trucks. It has a lot of cool pictures and information. It is helpful for restoration and historical purposes. This is of course a very specific topic type of book which is mainly of interest to people who either have Series Land Rovers or want one. This book could help you in buying one, to help you to see what is original-- especially since so many of these are so highly modified it can really be hard to find original ones, or even know what features are original. I think it's worth pointing out that there is no one book to have on any classic vehicle. You really want to have a library of related books, factory shop manuals and parts books, aftermarket shop

manuals, as well as a selection of books like this. If you are into classic vehicles you generally will want to be into collecting books about them, since you really cannot have too much information. So this book is a welcome addition to my collection of books on the Series vehicles. I have a Series 3 truck so this one is more specific to that, but I also have a number of books on the earlier Series 2a, 2, 1, etc. Land Rovers because these are all helpful. I used to have a Series 2 but I sold it, but wisely I kept all the books from back then and they have proved valuable. So this book may also have value to owners of earlier vehicles than the Series 3 specifically. In addition, there is another angle-- I own a number of books on vehicles that I would LIKE to own, but either they are too rare or too expensive or I just think I won't be able to own them-- but it's cool to have the books on them as a way of at least getting into it that much. For example I have books on the Lotus Elite, and on Citroen cars; but I own none of these. So someone who just is interested in the Land Rovers may like this book too. Maybe some people can satisfy their interest without going so far as to actually buy a vehicle, what with all the related difficulties of doing so, where to keep it, how to maintain it, restoration.....The only minor negative things are: some of the picture captions seem a bit contrived, in other words they say obvious or silly things, where they might say something with more substance. Also, this book lacks the kind of level of detail that I am into in regards to originality and how to identify it. As an example, on my vehicle, I believe I have identified that it came with an original set of distributor cap and wires, and I know the tiny details that are involved in knowing that, but that kind of level of detail is not typically present in this kind of a book. As far as I know there are really no old car books that have that sort of thing, but some times some crazy guys like me will put up web sites with that sort of stuff, so you can search for it. On the positive side there are various discussions of certain features and what vehicle numbers included them and which did not, so that sort of detail is represented here to some extent.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerExcellent book1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Cute little book by friend James Taylor...By Michael GreenWest Coast BritishTHERE's not much too it, and it's something I'd had my son the look at. I collected it because it's Land Rover's and James wrote. Wait for my new book on Land Rover's... we'll finally get the true story right; That the V8 Land Rover was brainchild of Bruce McWilliams in the USA, that the end of Rover's in America wasn't the fault of the USA, but mis-managment in UK!

In the aftermath of the World War II, the long established Rover company of Solihull was fighting to survive. It needed a vehicle that would give it an advantage over its rivals. Taking the American Willys Jeep as inspiration, Rover designers came up with a four-wheel drive utility vehicle that would become an all-time classic. The Land Rover has undergone a number of facelifts in its sixty year life, but the vehicle made today is fundamentally very close to the 1948 original. In 1970 the original Land Rover was joined by the Range Rover, originally conceived as a more comfortable utility vehicle but soon seized upon as the first in a new class of luxury vehicle. The Discovery was built to a similar brief to the original Range Rover, but has stayed closer to its conception, and in more recent times the range has been expanded further by the Freelander and Range Rover Sport SUVs.This story of Land Rover, written by the foremost historian of the marque, encompasses all the models and divides them according to their use. The distinguished histories of Land Rover on expedition, in agriculture, warfare, and in many other fields are told separately, giving a new angle on this popular subject.

About the AuthorJames Taylor is a world authority on the history of the old rover company and the author or countless books on Rover, Land Rover and many other marques and models. He is currently the editor of Land Rover Enthusiast magazine.