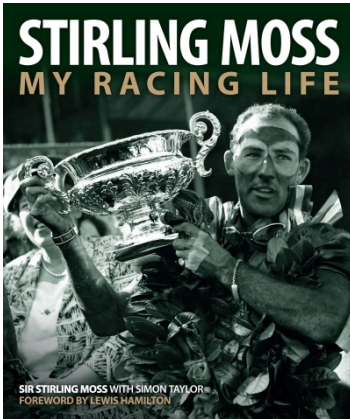


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**STIRLING MOSS: My Racing Life**  
**By Sir Stirling Moss with Simon Taylor**  
**Foreword by Lewis Hamilton**

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325 photographs, including colour

**The book's official publication date is May 1, exactly 60 years since Sir Stirling's celebrated win in the Mille Miglia driving the number 722 Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR with journalist navigator Denis Jenkinson.**

*'Winning one's home Grand Prix is always the most special of all race victories. Stirling, the first Briton to do it, won it twice. This book demonstrates the full variety of how much Stirling Moss achieved, in just 14 seasons'. Current Formula One World Champion, Lewis Hamilton*

In this very personal book, Stirling Moss guides you through his motor racing life with an insightful and often amusing commentary to an unrivalled collection of over 320 superb photographs, including many from his own personal albums, many of which will be unfamiliar to even his most ardent fans.

He takes us from his childhood to the height of his fame as 'Mr Motor Racing' and then to the sudden end of his racing career with that crash at Goodwood in 1962. Along the way we dwell on his finest moments as well as the setbacks, and delight in the sheer variety of machinery – 108 different cars – in which he competed during his rollercoaster racing life.

Starting in 1948, he made his name in little 500cc Coopers, gradually moving towards stardom in HWM, ERA and Cooper Formula 2 cars, and then his own Formula 1 Maserati 250F. Mercedes-Benz signed him to drive alongside Fangio in 1955 and the season brought two celebrated highlights – his wins in the Mille Miglia and the British Grand Prix.

Ever patriotic, Stirling longed to win in British cars and that ambition was rewarded with two fine Formula 1 seasons at Vanwall, including a second British Grand Prix victory in 1957, and sports car successes with Aston Martin. In 1958 he lost the World Championship to Mike Hawthorn by just one point, despite having won four Grands Prix for Vanwall compared with his rival's single win for Ferrari. Thereafter he drove mainly for privateer entrant Rob Walker in rear-engined Cooper and Lotus Formula 1 cars, achieving two heroic victories in the Monaco Grand Prix.

Throughout his career Stirling ran his life at a hectic pace and raced whenever and wherever he could. The amazing range of sports cars he drove included Jaguars (XK120, C-type and D-type), Maseratis (150S to 450S), Ferraris (250 GT SWB and Testa Rossa) and Porsches (550 Spyder to RS61), plus Frazer Nash Le Mans Replica, Osca, Healey 100S, Cooper 'bob-tail' and more. They are all illustrated in this book, with Stirling's comments on the races in which he drove them. His renowned versatility also saw him succeed in rallying with Sunbeams and record-breaking with the streamlined MG EX181 at Bonneville.

Sir Stirling Moss has compiled this book with the help of his close friend Simon Taylor. Simon Taylor said 'during Stirling's career the media called him Mr Motor Racing. It's more than 50 years since his professional racing career ended against that earth bank at St Mary's, but for me he will always remain exactly that. I hope this book will show you why'.

Co-author: Simon Taylor has been immersed in motor sport for nearly 50 years as a journalist, commentator, publisher and historian. He joined the weekly magazine Autosport straight from university, and was its editor by the age of 23. He was BBC Radio's voice of motor racing for more than 20 years, reporting on Formula 1 from all over the world, and has done a variety of TV commentary and presentation work. He appeared as himself in the Ron Howard movie Rush, about the 1976 Formula 1 championship battle between James Hunt and Niki Lauda. He has a small collection of classic cars, and competes in historic motor sport with his ex-Stirling Moss 1950 HWM.

**Media Launch: Thursday 30 April, Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, where the legendary Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta chassis #2735, the car that Stirling won his seventh Tourist Trophy race, at Goodwood in 1961 will also be on display.**

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