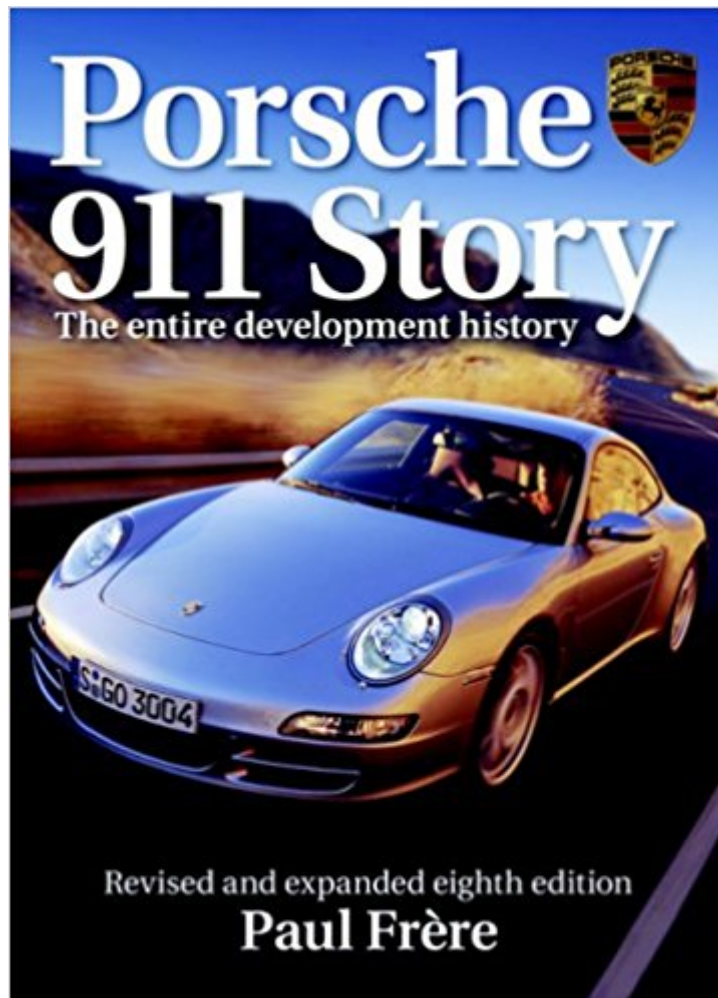




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Porsche 911 Story: The Entire Development History



Synopsis

Rather like the car it describes, the evergreen "Porsche 911 Story" continues to delight marque enthusiasts of all ages. Describing the full history of this timeless sports car, Paul Frere, grand master of Porsche road testing and writing, brings his classic book right up to date in an eighth edition that includes details of model years 2003, 2004 and 2005, and the major competition successes of the GT3 models.

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Paul Frere - engineer, writer and former top racing driver - has driven virtually every Porsche 911 variant. He is the author of Porsche Boxster Story and My Life Full of Cars, in which the Porsche marque features strongly. He lives in Monaco.

Great book for any Porsche enthusiast. Excellent coverage on the engines types, changes to body, suspensions, etc. If you want to get technical the information is also there. If you love Porsche this is a book to have!

Paul Frere has again given the Porsche reader a interesting, readable, factual book on Porsche

It is a very technical book and not necessarily an easy read. I love the 911 but I am not a mechanic. It gets pretty tedious after awhile.

This book has everything needed to know about the 911 story. Many hours of interesting reading, providing facts and data on the Porsche 911.

Great book by Paul Frere. He knows these cars.

The information in this book is detailed and extensive. However I prefer a model by model organization of material but instead the author has chosen to organize by Engine, Transmission, Body, etc. This makes the material really hard to use when you are trying to compare a car of a particular year with another. You are constantly switching between chapters of Engine, Transmission, etc. I also was disappointed by the sparse use of photographs. This book looks like it started out a long time ago and has been added to through the years without rethinking the layout of the information. By contrast, the book on the Porsche Boxster by the same author has a much better organization by chronological introduction of the different models. Within each chapter are the details on changes to the engine, transmission, body, etc. The pictures are also much better.

Over the course of a couple of decades, Paul Frere has established himself as the definitive expert on the Porsche 911, its predecessors and the models derived from the basic 911 platform. This book is not for the faint of heart casual reader. There are endless pages of discussions of changes to transmission gearing, updates to engines, tweaks to suspensions and so on and so forth for hundreds of pages. There is also substantial coverage of the Porsche's racing career, but that could occupy a half dozen books by itself and so the coverage in this book is more of an overview, and for that it's surprisingly rather dull reading. The book contains hundreds of photos, drawings and illustrations, including a color section, so the text is broken up and enhanced by them. Some details described in the text could use further illustration, but I suspect that the true Porsche aficionado (of which I am not one) is better informed. This book is most definitely not recommended for the casual reader. Even those with a passing interest in automobiles should seriously consider the degree of commitment to which they might wish to aspire before undertaking this book. Only the true Porsche-o-phile might be inclined to give it a try.

I don't know what I was expecting but it is written more like product brochures than car reviews out of EVO. In fact I don't know if much of what is written about was driven or experienced and there aren't interviews with many people. If you want a fact book you'll probably be happy. If you want a story I think you will be disappointed - despite the title.

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