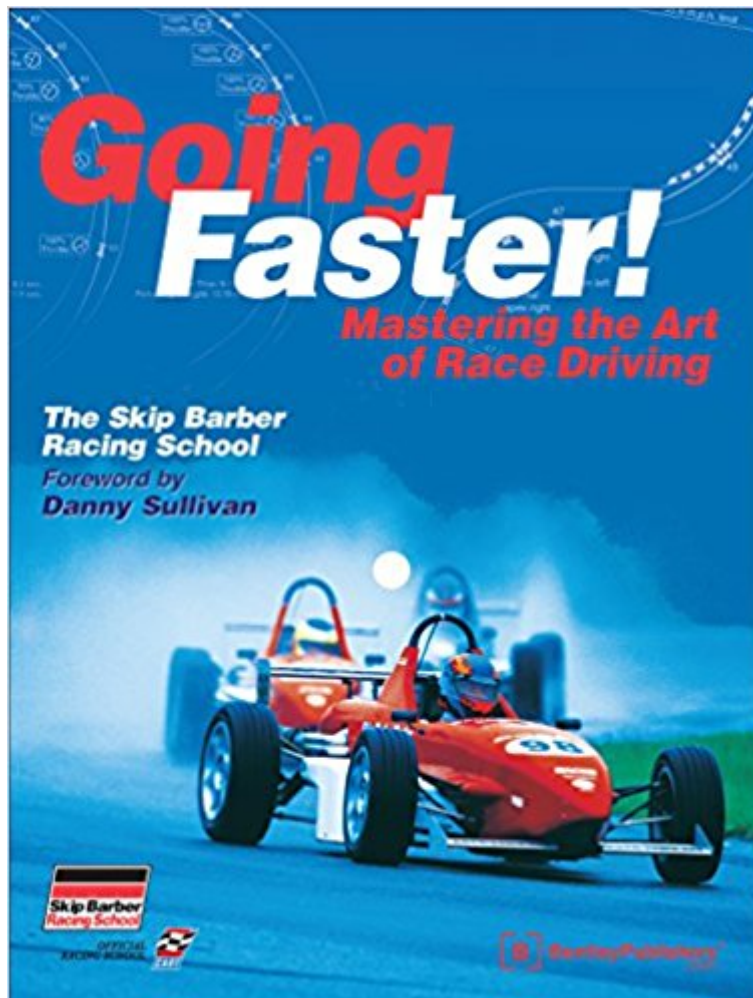




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Going Faster! Mastering The Art Of Race Driving



Synopsis

Going Faster! Mastering the Art of Race Driving is the perfect resource for drivers from novice to expert. The fundamentals of fast driving are revealed in this definitive how-to book for racers. You will find the competition-proven methods of instructors and of professional drivers that will give you the know-how to work up the track and stay at the front. Interested in the world of racing? Just think, you can have lessons and insights from Skip Barber instructors and from professional racers compiled in one handbook. This racing reference reveals the secrets of mastering car control, reducing lap times, and takes the reader inside the world of racing. Going Faster! reveals the collective racing wisdom Skip Barber Racing School instructors have accumulated over the past 25 years. Going Faster! is more than just a primer covering the basics. The hard-won knowledge of dozens of championship-winning race drivers-invaluable insights collected throughout their own careers-is distilled into a clear, understandable, organized progression. This book is about how the best drivers in the fastest, most sophisticated racecars use advanced race driving techniques-the difference between competence and brilliance. Going Faster! is a book for the active race driver, the racer-to-be and the auto-racing fan who wants to know what driving a racecar is really about. Foreword by Danny Sullivan Contributing authors: Mario Andretti Skip Barber Robbie Buhl Jeremy Dale Terry Earwood Bryan Herta David Loring Jim Pace Dorsey Schroeder Carroll Smith Danny Sullivan Brian Till

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...demystifies the techniques of race driving. -- Playboy The best and most comprehensive book about driving racing cars, including cornering, car control, racing in the rain, and tuning the chassis. Mandatory reading for anyone who wants to drive fast on the street or on the track. -- Automobile There really is nothing about racing this book does not cover. -- Sports Car International Going Faster! is the most complete, most compelling, best-illustrated look at the technique and science of race driving seen to date...Even if you're a veteran of many driving schools, you'll have trouble putting this book down. -- Road & Track Going Faster!...may be the best book on race-driving technique to date...Going Faster! is not a substitute for the Barber three-day racing class, but...it's the next best thing to being there. -- Car and Driver If race driving were taught as a multi-semester course at a prestigious university, the textbook would look a lot like Going Faster!...Every race driver would be well served to reread Going Faster! at least once a season... -- Motor Trend The book is incredibly in-depth, going a few steps further than those that simply say 'a late apex is always better'. -- Grassroots Motorsports Three types of readers will find Lopez' work particularly useful: the would-be racer who wants a real taste of what the track is like, the driver who wants to improve, and the racing fan who wants better to understand what he sees going on at the track. All will be rewarded by a thorough read of this excellent book. -- Excellence For a beginner not to avail themselves of this book is unpardonable. More experienced drivers will also be making a mistake to avoid it. You may not agree with everything it says about racing, but it will make you think about your driving in competition. -- Sports Car Magazine No racer, or driver school participant should be without this book. -- Roundel Magazine

Tremendous book. The Skip Barber racing school has plenty of evidence that they're one of the best racing schools in the world, from the number of their drivers who've gone on to win world championships in various series, to a wealth of computer telemetry showing how they help drivers go faster. This book gives you all the secrets of the Skip Barber school that can be taught short of going to the school and getting in a car. Pros: -So many secrets. I don't even want to divulge what I've learned, because people should buy this book. Even as a lifetime enthusiast, I'm learning a lot. -Math included, but not necessary. The book will give you actual formulas you can use if you want to plot theoretical best times around a corner. -Wherever possible the book gives you explicit and factual data- not just promises, but hard data on what makes you faster including examples from real tracks and real cars. -Real-world experience, not just theory. This book was assembled by, and includes commentary from, a wealth of professional drivers who graduated the Skip Barber school. Not only were they students, but many of them hold multiple championships in various

professional series. These are real-world winners, giving you real-world tips. Cons:-Old black-and-white photos of tracks and cars. Honestly that's the best you can hope for considering the price of the book, but drivers with a more visual orientation might appreciate a glossy color version.-Doesn't include a free pass for a day at the Skip Barber school. (Hey, a guy can dream!) If you're a car enthusiast, or if you've ever cared about racing either as a spectator or as a (potential) driver, this book is a must. Personally, I'm going the route of computer "sim" racing to skip the real-world costs for now, and I can already point to improved lap times to show what I've learned. Not only does this book provide every ounce of racing knowledge that you can get from a general-purpose book, but it's not afraid to admit where a book has limitations. You won't find formulaic rules that don't work out in real life. In practice, the decisions you make on track come down to your comfort level and the particular car and track you're running. And ultimately, that's what this book excels at- it puts top-level knowledge in your hands, so that you can do what you want with it, whether that's driving faster or merely learning a new level of appreciation for what goes into the sport.

Grabs you from very beginning. Gives lots of "food for thought" both for experts & beginners plus full explanations - kind of neat to see Sprint Cup stars implementing the techniques discussed in the book.

Interesting and informative.

Good info to get you started

The term Ruthian, in honor of Babe Ruth, is a metaphor frequently used in sports to describe an accomplishment that doesn't merely break a record but so far exceeds anything that occurred previously that it deserves this ultimate superlative. On the subject of learning how to drive a race car, Carl Lopez' book, "Going Faster" is Ruthian. A road-racing fan for many years, I had always wanted to take up amateur, SCCA racing but had difficulty developing a budget for it. Now that I can afford it, I wanted to find a way to make up for lost time in learning driving techniques. Although a lot of progressive, in-car experience is a necessity, Going Faster prepares you for learning by its incredible detail and brilliant illustrations, presented in down to earth fashion, used to describe virtually every aspect of the interaction of vehicle dynamics, race course variation, and proper driver reaction. If you have a library of other books on the subject, donate them to a thrift store and buy

this book. Even if you never race, reading a book that covers a subject brilliantly is a pleasure.

If you are serious about racing at any level and I do mean ANY LEVEL this is a book to read. This will give you a deep look inside motor sports and what it takes to be a race car driver. This is not a biography but a text book. GOING FASTER! is from the staff at the Skip Barber Racing School which is headquartered at Lime Rock Park, CT. The break down and instruction in this book will give you a foundation to begin racing for wins and more importantly championships. If you are racing in NASA, SCCA, ASA, or karting this is a book that will give you a head start in where you are going. Also if you are a sim racer who wants to get better at this new form of racing competition you too can learn from this book. You learn the basics of cornering, shifting, and even some of the theory that goes into setting up and building a race car. As a side note for the sim racer, the Skip Barber Schools are also a partner to iRacing.com.

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