

THE MAHARAJAS

& their magnificent motor cars

India's fantastically wealthy royalty once provided a lucrative sideline for the motor industry and coachbuilders. Many of the cars shipped to the Maharajahs have fascinating histories, spectacular bodywork and special features. India's leading automotive journalist Gautam Sen has done a superb job of researching these cars and Makarand Baokar's excellent photography does them justice. The book spotlights 70 cars, from special-bodied Standards to an exotic Talbot-Lago T150C SS 'Goutte d'Eau' that was a wedding gift from Maharajah Kapurthala to dancer Stella Mudge.

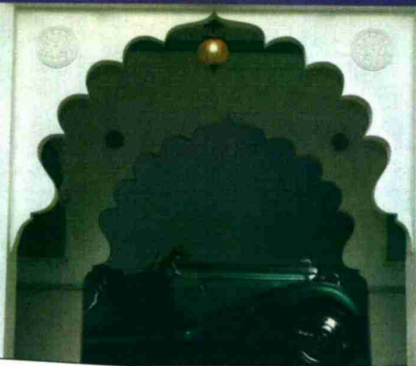
India's little-known racing scene is also covered: one photograph shows an Alfa Monza, imported by an English officer, roaring around a Calcutta street circuit. **MW**

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