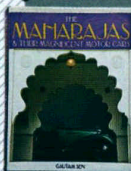




Book of the month

THE MAHARAJAS & THEIR MOTOR CARS

Publisher: Haynes Price: £40



THE MAHARAJAS were the playboys of early 20th-century India. And they all wanted to outdo each other. And what better way than turning your car into a giant swan that hissed steam from its nostrils? Or giving them some lace curtains? Just a few

years before, these guys would've driven elephants. When cars arrived, it changed their lifestyle and gave them an exciting new way to spend their rupees. And in a world before 24-inch alloys, this was how they showed off their individuality. Motors became mobile palaces, decorated with weird, wonderful, and mostly

ridiculous things. This book features ceremonial throne cars, cars for hunting and cars designed like boudoirs so the Maharaja WAGs had something to go shopping in. Thousands were made, few remain. Thankfully. Well worth a quick flick in Waterstones, if only for the amazing photos. **DR**