

# Flat Out Flat Broke The Original Stig - From Racing Glory to Rock Bottom, his Incredible Journey



## The Rise of The Original Stig

Many of us have grown up watching the popular British television show "Top Gear" and have been captivated by the mysterious and anonymous racing driver known simply as "The Stig". But did you know that there was an original Stig, whose life was an exhilarating rollercoaster ride of speed, fame, fortune, and ultimately, despair? Let's delve into the fascinating story of the Flat Out Flat Broke Original Stig and his incredible journey.

## The Glory Days on the Track

The Original Stig, whose real name is Ben Collins, was born with an insatiable need for speed. From a young age, he displayed an extraordinary talent for

driving, and as he grew up, he honed his skills to become one of the most formidable racers of his generation.



## Flat Out Flat Broke: The Original Stig

by Perry McCarthy (Kindle Edition)

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His racing career took off like a rocket, and soon he found himself competing against the biggest names in motorsports. With his unmatched precision, lightning-fast reflexes, and fearless attitude, The Original Stig quickly became a legend on the track and a fan favorite.

### The Unmasking of The Stig

For years, The Stig's true identity remained a closely guarded secret, but in 2010, the world was rocked by a revelation. Ben Collins, the Original Stig, came forward and unveiled his identity in a tell-all book titled "Flat Out Flat Broke: The True Identity of The Stig". This explosive revelation was met with both shock and awe, as fans couldn't believe that the man behind the helmet had finally been unmasked.

### From Fame to Fortune: The Fast Lane Lifestyle

As the Original Stig, Ben Collins enjoyed the perks that came with his fame. He rubbed shoulders with celebrities, attended glamorous parties, and lived a life most can only dream of. His face might have been hidden, but his name became synonymous with speed, skill, and adrenaline.

With his newfound fame, Collins ventured into other areas of the entertainment industry. He appeared in blockbuster movies as a skilled stunt driver, further solidifying his reputation as a daredevil on wheels.

## **The Crash and Burn**

However, the high-octane lifestyle eventually took its toll on The Original Stig. Fame and fortune came at a price, and Collins found himself spiraling into a world of addiction and self-destruction. The fast cars and faster living took over, and he hit rock bottom.

## **The Road to Redemption**

But every great story has a silver lining, and this is where Ben Collins' tale takes an inspiring turn. After hitting rock bottom, he realized it was time for a change. Collins sought help, overcame his demons, and embarked on a path of personal and professional redemption.

Today, Ben Collins is a transformed man, using his experiences to inspire others. He shares his story of triumph over adversity, highlighting the importance of perseverance, self-belief, and seeking help when needed.

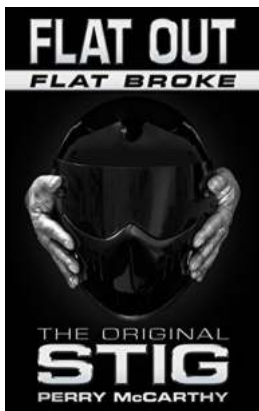
## **The Legacy of The Original Stig**

The Original Stig's story serves as a reminder that behind every mysterious persona lies a human being with their own struggles, triumphs, and vulnerabilities. Ben Collins' journey from racing glory to rock bottom and eventual

redemption is a tale that captivates and inspires, resonating with those who have faced challenging times in their own lives.

So, the next time you see The Stig whizzing around the track on your television screen, take a moment to appreciate the man behind the helmet, a man who rose to fame, fell from grace, and then rose once more.

The Original Stig, Ben Collins, is a testament to the indomitable spirit of human resilience, reminding us all that no matter how far we may fall, we always have the power to rise again.



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Perry McCarthy is an ex Formula One racing driver and was the original 'Stig' from the BBC Top Gear TV show. Flat Out Flat broke is his hilarious and internationally acclaimed autobiography which takes you on Perry's roller-coaster adventure as he battled on and off the race tracks of the world to fulfil his dream of Grand Prix stardom. One of the best selling motor racing books of all time, Perry's story will have you on the edge of your seat either on the verge of tears or

howling with laughter at both his bizarre misfortune and his triumphs against the odds. Don't miss it, it's the life story of a battler, a maestro in so many disciplines. But overall Perry McCarthy knows how to recover from failure and create success. From working on oil rigs to fame as The Stig, Flat Out Flat Broke is an utterly fascinating read and you will see why even other racing drivers affectionately call him 'Mad Dog'!

Perry McCarthy's hilarious autobiography Flat Out, Flat Broke, has already become a motor racing best seller and has received rave reviews:

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'... this book is hilarious'Autosport

'Perry McCarthy does for Formula One what Bill Bryson did for travel writing. But beneath the black humour and wisecracks – funny enough to make you laugh out loud in public – lies an inspiring and at times poignant tale of that rarest kind of racer: one who never gave up and was, literally, prepared to die trying.'The Independent on Sunday

'Perry McCarthy has always been excellent at describing his career in a series of memorable anecdotes, and here they are, strung together in book form. The reader is frequently left racked with sympathy at the author's outrageous misfortune, or in convulsive sobs of laughter. This is an utterly fantastic read.'MotorSport magazine

'Sometimes books, like cigarette packets, should come with a surgeons health warning. Flat Out Flat Broke is a case in point, not just because it contains photographs of the author in the long forgotten days of his early childhood, but because it will make your stomach ache from laughing.'F1 Magazine

'.... A fantastic funny story'(Book of the week) The London Evening Standard

'His engaging story of a less-than-smooth life in motor racing exudes his own cockney energy and enthusiasm and is a charming feel good tale that shows you can get what you want if you want it badly enough'Scottish Sunday Express

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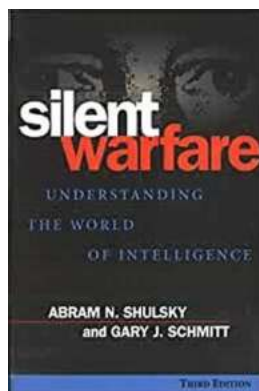
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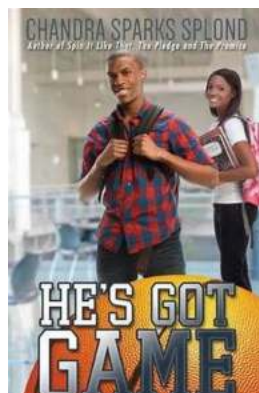
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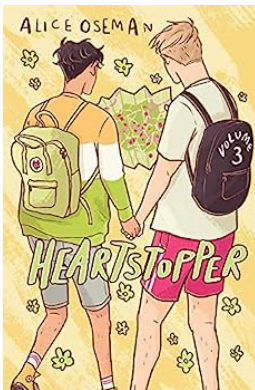
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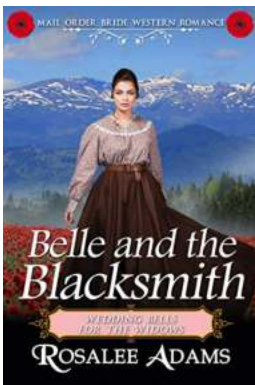
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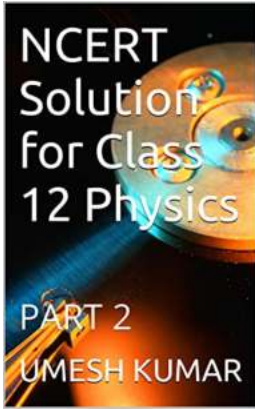
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