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THE DEREK BENNETT STORY



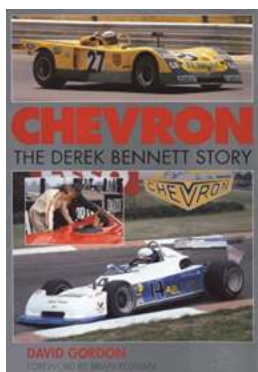
DAVID GORDON

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Life is full of unexpected twists and turns. Some face more challenges than others, experiencing hardship that seems insurmountable. However, there are individuals who rise above adversity, defying all odds to achieve greatness and inspire others along the way. One such person is Derek Bennett, whose incredible journey from tragedy to triumph has captured the hearts and minds of countless people worldwide.

Early Life and Tragic Beginnings

Born into a humble family in a small town, Derek Bennett's childhood seemed ordinary. However, tragedy struck unexpectedly at the age of seven when he lost both of his parents in a devastating car accident. This immense loss could have easily shattered young Derek's spirit, but he found solace and strength in the power of determination.



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Turning Adversity into Fuel

After the tragic accident, Derek was taken in by his aunt and uncle, who provided him with love and support. Despite facing constant emotional and financial

challenges, Derek refused to give in to despair. He channeled his grief and anger into his studies, excelling academically and proving to himself and others that he was capable of overcoming any obstacle.

A Promising Future Derailed: Chevron's Role

Derek Bennett's life took an unexpected turn when he secured a scholarship to a prestigious university, marking the beginning of a promising future. Little did he know that an encounter with Chevron, one of the world's largest energy companies, would change his life forever.

While pursuing a degree in environmental science, Derek stumbled upon a disturbing truth that shattering everything he believed in. He discovered evidence of Chevron's unethical practices and the devastating impact they had on the local communities and the environment. Fueled by a newfound passion for justice, Derek decided to take on Chevron, becoming an environmental activist and advocate for the voiceless.

The David vs. Goliath Battle

Inspired by the legendary tale of David and Goliath, Derek embarked on a journey to hold Chevron accountable for their actions. Armed with courage, determination, and an unwavering belief in justice, Derek fought tirelessly against the corporate giant, facing numerous legal battles, intimidation, and personal attacks along the way.

A Global Movement

Derek's relentless pursuit of justice did not go unnoticed. His story resonated with people worldwide, inspiring a global movement against corporate greed and environmental destruction. Ordinary individuals rallied behind him, joining the

fight for a better and more sustainable future. Together, they formed a collective voice against the injustices inflicted by the powerful.

The Triumph of Justice

After years of tireless efforts, Derek's battle against Chevron ultimately led to a landmark legal victory. The court ruled in favor of the affected communities, holding Chevron accountable for the environmental damage caused by their actions. This victory served as a powerful reminder that ordinary individuals can bring about positive change if they remain steadfast in their pursuit of justice.

A Lasting Legacy

Derek Bennett's story continues to inspire and motivate generations. He became a symbol of hope for all those facing adversity, proving that circumstances do not define a person's potential. His legacy lives on through various environmental initiatives and organizations fighting for a healthier, more sustainable planet.

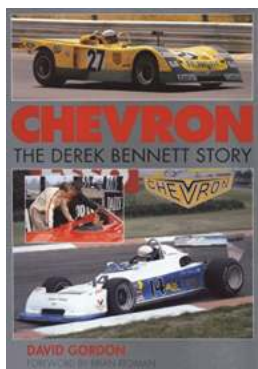
Inspiring the Next Generation

Derek Bennett dedicates his life to mentoring and empowering young individuals, encouraging them to stand up for what they believe in and fight for justice. Through public speaking engagements and educational programs, he shares his powerful story, motivating the next generation to become catalysts for change in their own lives and communities.

Never Giving Up

The story of Derek Bennett stands as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. It reminds us that no matter how challenging life may be, giving up is never an option. When faced with adversity, we must embrace the power within us to turn tragedy into triumph, just as Derek did in his extraordinary journey.

So, let the story of Derek Bennett be a constant reminder that the human spirit is capable of triumphing over any obstacle and that change begins with the actions of dedicated individuals fighting for what is right. Join the movement, be inspired, and make a difference!



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David Gordon's acclaimed book Chevron – The Derek Bennett Story is now available in ebook format.

First published in hardback in 1991, the book tells the story of Derek Bennett, an ordinary man with an extraordinary talent, who started out mending road cars in a lock-up garage in the back streets of Salford in Northern England and became one of the world's most successful builders of racing cars.

The success story of the Chevron marque became closely entwined with the success of the drivers who raced the cars in the 1960s and 1970s. Among them were no fewer than six future Formula 1 world champions — Niki Lauda, Alain Prost, Jody Scheckter, James Hunt, Keke Rosberg and Alan Jones.

Derek Bennett was a quiet, unassuming and immensely practical man, who designed and built racing cars that looked like racing cars were supposed to look and that were almost guaranteed to win races.

The irreplaceable driving force behind the wheel of Chevron Cars, he commanded the undying respect and loyalty of his workforce and drivers. His lack of any formal qualifications made his natural genius all the more impressive and when he combined his intuitive engineering abilities with his skills as a racing driver the results were formidable.

The modern-day fairy tale of Derek's rise to the top was brought to a tragic end when he was killed in a freak hang gliding accident in 1978 at the age of 44. But, almost 50 years on, the cars he designed and built in an old mill in Bolton, Lancashire are treasured by enthusiasts and raced in historic events around the world.

Journalist David Gordon was in a unique position to be able to tell the Derek Bennett story. As a teenager, growing up in Manchester, he spent many hours at race meetings and at the Chevron factory, keeping records of the cars and recording their successes in scrapbooks of press cuttings. When he joined the staff of Motoring News, he continued to chart the progress of Chevron first hand and he persuaded Derek Bennett to overcome his usual reluctance to face the press and give him a rare interview for the paper to mark Chevron's 10th anniversary.

Set against a backdrop of British and international motor racing in the 1960s and 70s, the book also provides fascinating insights into the careers of numerous drivers who raced Chevrons as they made their way towards Formula 1.

Grand Prix drivers who won races in Chevrons on their way to Formula 1 success include John Watson, Derek Warwick, Riccardo Patrese, Jochen Mass, Elio de Angelis, Gunnar Nilsson, David Purley, Peter Gethin and Brian Redman.

Patrese drove a Chevron to victory in the Italian and European Formula 3 championships in 1976, while de Angelis claimed the Italian title the following year. At the same time Rupert Keegan and Derek Daly gave Chevron back-to-back British F3 titles. Among Chevron's other champions was eventual Formula 1 team boss Eddie Jordan, who took the 1978 Irish Formula Atlantic Championship after a string of race wins.

Picking up the story 12 years after Derek Bennett's death, David Gordon travelled many thousands of miles to trace the people who knew and worked with Derek. His book tells the Derek Bennett story and that of his brainchild Chevron Cars, charting the contributions of the many people who played a part in the company's meteoric rise to success, and explaining why it all happened the way it did.



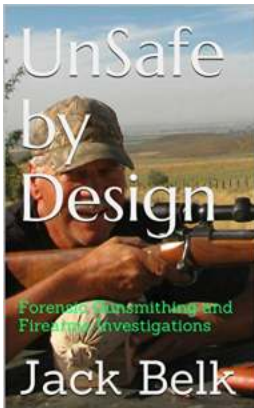
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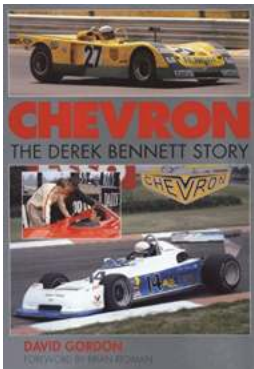
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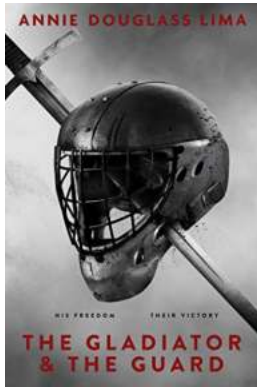
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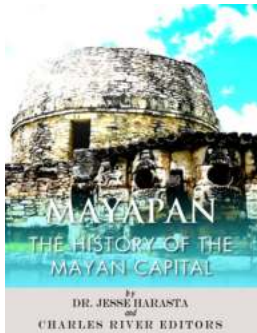
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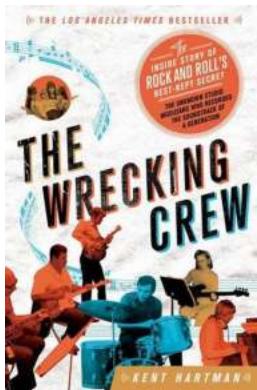
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