

# The Ultimate World Rally Guide 1973-2020

## The Thrilling World of Rally Racing

Rally racing, an exhilarating motorsport that combines speed, skill, and adventure, has captivated motorsport enthusiasts worldwide since its inception in 1973.

Created as an exciting spin on traditional racing, rally events span across various terrains, from dusty deserts to treacherous mountain trails, pushing drivers and their specially-designed cars to their limits. The World Rally Championship (WRC), established by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), sets the stage for this adrenaline-fueled competition featuring the world's most talented drivers, advanced vehicles, and stunning locations.



## The Evolution of World Rally Championship

Since its inaugural season in 1973, the World Rally Championship has grown into a globally recognized motorsport spectacle. With a rich history spanning over four decades, this competition has seen the rise and fall of legendary drivers, technological advancements in vehicle engineering, and remarkable changes in rally regulations.



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### The Early Years: 1973-1980

The 1970s marked the birth of the World Rally Championship, with the first season featuring only three events – Monte Carlo Rally, Swedish Rally, and Rally Portugal. Talented drivers like Walter Röhrl, Björn Waldegård, and Sébastien Loeb made their entry during this period, showcasing their skill and leaving their mark on the championship's legacy.

Throughout the '70s, the championship expanded to include iconic rallies like the East African Safari Rally and the Acropolis Rally in Greece. These events tested drivers' endurance and showcased the true spirit of rally racing.

### The Dominance of Group B: 1982-1986

The of Group B, a class known for its high-performance, lightweight cars, revolutionized rally racing in the early '80s. Group B vehicles, capable of reaching astonishing speeds, pushed both drivers and manufacturers to new limits.

However, the era of Group B came to an abrupt end in 1986 due to safety concerns. Despite its short-lived span, it left an indelible mark on the championship's history, forever remembered for its spectacle and heartbreaking accidents.

### **The Modern Era: 1990-Present**

The World Rally Championship went through significant changes during the '90s and beyond. Various manufacturers including Ford, Subaru, and Peugeot showcased their engineering prowess, leading to fierce competition and iconic rivalries.

The of technological advancements in vehicle handling, such as advanced differential systems and all-wheel drive, further elevated the sport's intensity and driver skill requirement.



## **Legendary Moments and Unforgettable Champions**

Throughout its history, the World Rally Championship has witnessed numerous legendary moments, daring rescues, unforgettable comebacks, and triumphant victories. From Colin McRae's incredible car control skills to Sébastien Ogier's record-breaking triumphs, the championship has been a breeding ground for motorsport's brightest stars.

Striking scenes like Carlos Sainz Sr. snaking through treacherous snow-covered landscapes or Juha Kankkunen pushing the limits on muddy gravel tracks have etched themselves into the minds of rally fans worldwide.

As the championship continues to evolve, rally enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the next chapter, with new talents emerging and innovative technologies shaping the

future of this heart-pounding sport.

The World Rally Guide 1973-2020 provides a comprehensive insight into the thrilling and ever-evolving realm of rally racing. From its humble beginnings to the roaring present, this motorsport extravaganza has captivated millions of fans globally, delivering adrenaline-filled action and showcasing the skill of both drivers and manufacturers.

So, buckle up, join the rally fever, and explore the rich history, unforgettable moments, and awe-inspiring triumphs of the World Rally Championship from 1973 to 2020!



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Forty-eight years of WRC history covering more than 600 rounds are brought together in the second edition of a remarkable book packed with information and statistics.

Alexandru Dobai's The World Rally Guide traces the WRC from its launch in 1973 until the end of the 2020 season. Such is the wealth of facts and figures that it is probably less time-consuming to itemise what is not covered than list what is featured.

New for the second edition is a multi-page insight into the Audi Quattro, both the



road car and the awesome rally machines which transformed the face of the FIA World Rally Championship with their revolutionary all-wheel drive traction.

Also new is a dive into Pirelli's motorsport history as the Italian company, which comes onboard to support this book, returns to the WRC as the series' exclusive tyre supplier.

But it's the vast array of statistics that truly marks this book out as something special. It has slimmed down from 796 pages to a lighter and more manageable 560, but loses nothing in content.

Each page spotlights two rounds, including the top 10 classification, rally leaders, special stage winners, distances and starters / finishers. Each is accompanied by the rally plate and a photograph from the event, in most cases of the winners in action.

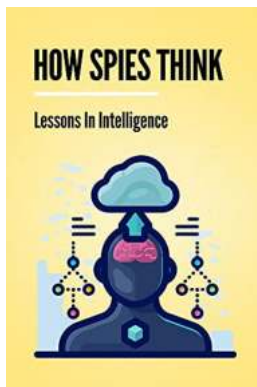
The event stats are supplemented by a complete WRC record of the 79 drivers who have won a WRC round and more than 30 pages of other statistics and tables touching on pretty much everything you could ever wish to know.

This book is a real labour of love from the Romanian author and one he admits was not only a difficult challenge but also a complex one.

For devoted fans, this is a superb addition to any bookcase. For those working in the sport, it is an invaluable record of the history of the WRC and a one-stop reference for information that nowadays is not fully available on the internet.

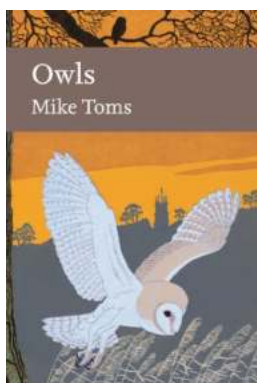
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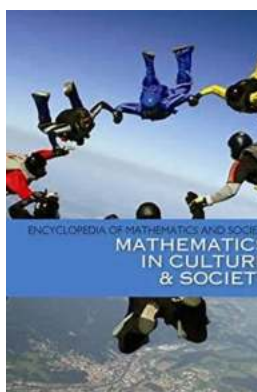
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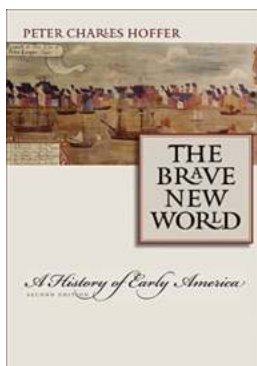
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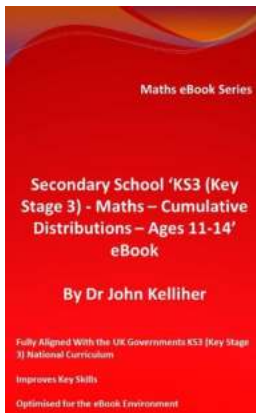
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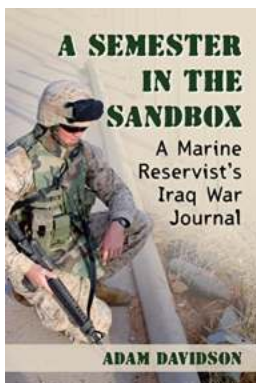
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