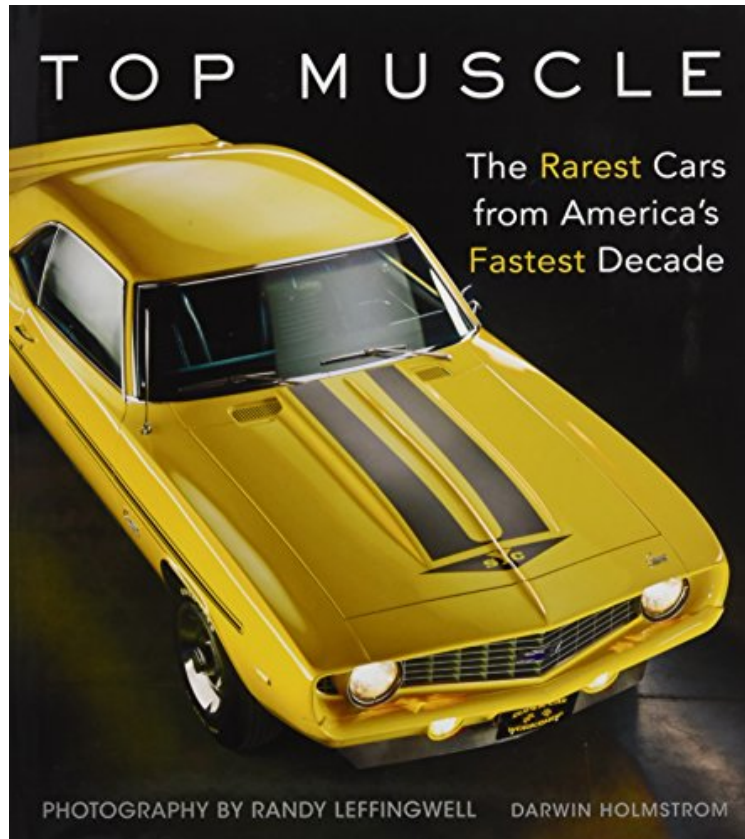


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A muscle-car book unlike any other, featuring the rarest vehicles on Earth. In the 1960s, something explosive happened in the automotive world: the United States' evolving V-8 engine technology was met by 75 million baby boomers, all with an extreme need for speed and all entering the auto market at the same time. The result was the golden era of factory muscle cars, brutish machines that were unlike any the world had ever seen or will likely ever see again--they truly embodied the "sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll" generation. For some, even a factory muscle car wasn't enough. Detroit automakers responded, secretly building some of the most outrageous muscle cars ever created behind

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"(Leffingwell) is able to give the vehicles a sort of inner radiance that invites readers to treat the images as works of art. Yeah, I know that sounds a little pretentious, but remember, these are classic muscle cars that wear some of the most expressive and extreme designs ever seen on the road and Leffingwell's approach to lighting brings out every dramatic curve and angle. Finally, while the big deal here is no doubt the photography, Holmstrom's copy is very engaging, and while his enthusiasm for the cars is obvious, he doesn't gush over them. He also does a good job at providing background and context for the original muscle-car era, right down to the inclusion of vintage print ads." -

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