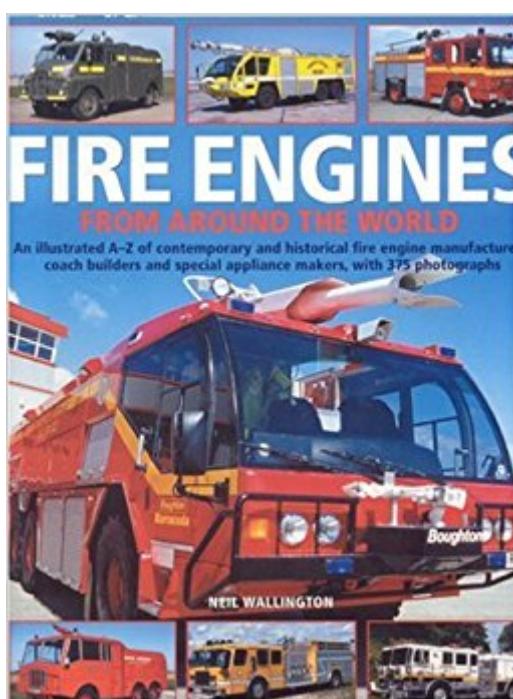


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Neil Wallington became a professional firefighter in 1963. His career with the fire service spans almost 30 years; 16 of those were spent with the London Fire Brigade. During this time he was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for his actions at a serious London hotel fire when firefighters were buried in a sudden building collapse. In 1985 Neil was appointed Chief Fire Officer for Mid Glamorgan in Wales, and then for Devon Fire & Rescue Service in England in 1987. He was elected International President of The Institution of Fire Engineers in 1989-90, and has served on the Secretary of State's Fire Service Advisory Council. Neil retired from the uniformed service in 1991. Over his career he has written eleven books on different aspects of the fire service and firefighting, as well as contributing to international journals and conferences.

This is a great book if you want a very brief history of fire engine manufacturers from around the world. However, it is riddled with errors regarding U.S. manufacturers. For instance, it shows a photo of a Mount Horeb, Wisconsin fire truck and claims it's in Canada. The authors do not seem to know that Crown Firecoach went out of business in the '80s and Pirsch did so in the '90s. The coverage of Pierce is pathetically short given its prominence in the U.S. market. If I can find these

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