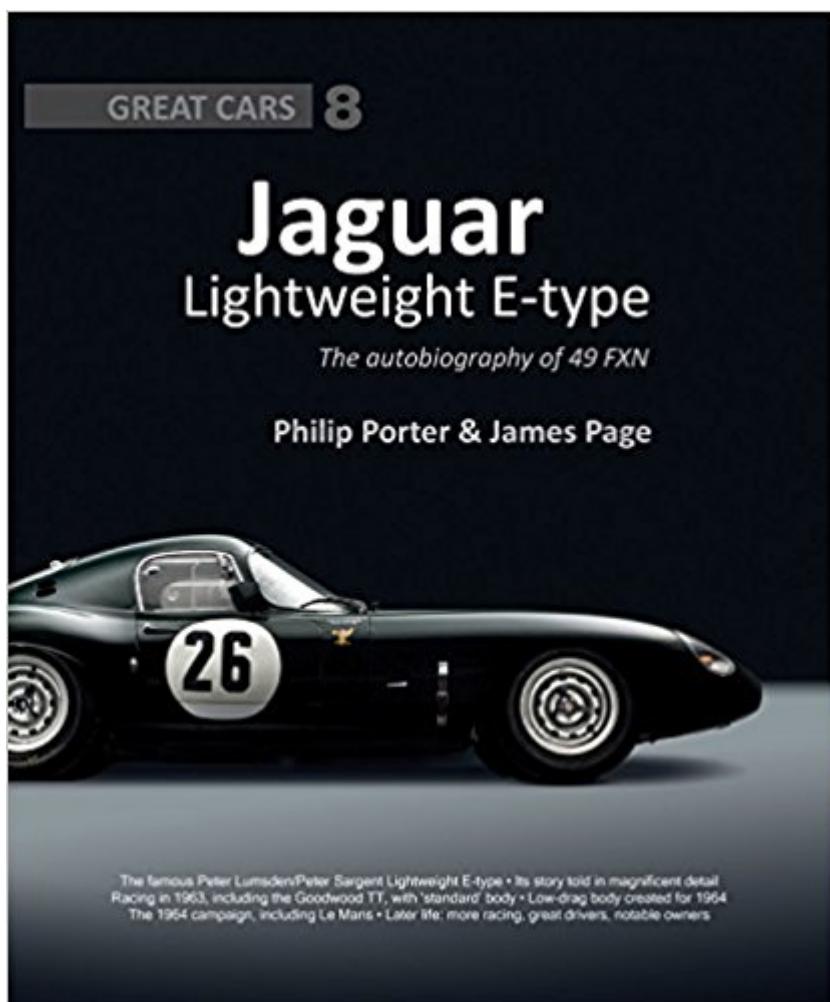


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Jaguar Lightweight E-type: The Autobiography Of 49 FXN (Great Cars)



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Philip Porter has written about 18 motoring books, twice winning the Montagu Trophy for best motoring book of the year. A lifelong motor racing enthusiast, that enthusiasm was largely fired by one Stirling Moss. Like so many young boys in the fifties, he was Philip's absolute hero. As a consequence, Philip began successfully competing in motor sport while still at school. He began acquiring classic sports cars long before it became a boom and owns 9600 HP, the oldest E-type in existence. This led to some motoring journalism amongst his busy business career. He later

satisfied his competitive spirit with flying hot air balloons and airships, winning the silver medal at the 1991 European Airship Championships. In 1992 he became the first person ever to fly an airship in Africa. He is Chairman of the Sherlock Holmes Society and an active member of the Jerome K. Jerome Society. In 1997 he and his wife Julie founded the International Jaguar XK Club and in 2004 they started the Jaguar E-type Club. Philip edits both monthly magazines and Sir Stirling is Patron of the XK Club. Philip and Julie live in a Tudor farmhouse in Worcestershire and have their offices in an adjoining thatched barn. James Page grew up around motorsport, thanks to his father's involvement in sprints and hill climbs, and spent his childhood devouring the many car-related books and magazines that could be found around the house. After studying journalism at Falmouth University, during which he contributed race reports to Motoring News and Autosport, he had a brief diversion into the world of professional golf before joining Future Publishing in 2005 as a production assistant. James then served as deputy editor of Classics Monthly between 2007 and 2011, when he moved to Classic & Sports Car. After spending three years as deputy editor, he became the magazine's editor in 2014. Two years later, he left to pursue a freelance career, and currently lives in South Gloucestershire with his wife, two children and a temperamental MG 1300.

Such an important example of a Jaguar E-type is fully deserving of the Porter Press treatment. Great story, brilliantly told, with superb pictures.

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