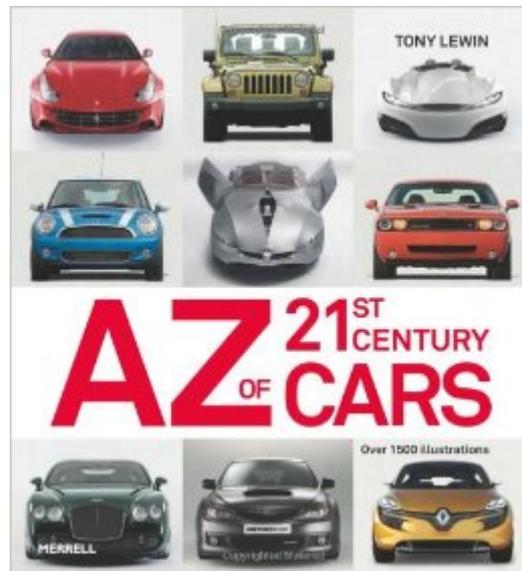


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# The A-Z Of 21st-Century Cars



## Synopsis

The first years of the twenty-first century brought many changes and challenges for the automobile industry, from the development of environmentally responsible vehicles to the consolidation of numerous small companies as part of major manufacturing groups. Written by auto expert Tony Lewin and featuring over 1500 stunning photographs, this superb encyclopedia is the most comprehensive guide available to the international automobile industry of the last decade. The book explores some 150 of the most significant models, highlighting their performance, stylistic features and innovations. In addition, the guide includes entries on manufacturers around the world, covering many more production and concept cars past and present, as well as entries on the industry's most influential designers. Informative profiles are enhanced throughout by technical specifications, company histories, chronologies of principal models and designer biographies. The result is an essential source of reference that no one interested in motoring can afford to be without.

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## Customer Reviews

Someone just bought this for my birthday and I'm really not into cars but this blew me and my friends away so I had to write a review. We got it out at a dinner party the other night to show it off and it went round and round the table with everyone looking things up 'oh and what about the ... yeah that's in here' 'wow look at this one made of fabric! Weird but beautiful!'. Everything is in there with more detail that you can imagine and beautifully laid out. I would have called it '21st century cars - "top trumps"'. Too much fun. My 3 year old keeps browsing and saying 'I want that one daddy ... and that one...and'. Priceless.

A Brilliant Book! One of the best I have come across in a long time. The review below by Robert L. McNay "CptMatt" shows he's clearly not even looked at this book! On the first page of the book it explains that it looks at the "early 21st century" and at the history of car makers and their designs that have influenced the design of the cars that are around today. It gives a great insight into how the designs influence customers' feelings and each entry is informative and interesting. The book most definitely is, in my opinion, the most comprehensive guide available (as they say on the back!) Great section at the end too about who owns whom in the car industry- something I have never been able to keep track of before! It is simple and enjoyable to read as the information is sorted in a very systematic way. Also you don't have to be a car buff to understand/enjoy it- anyone would enjoy it. A great introduction to the motoring industry and the history behind the design world. I can highly recommend this book- I will certainly be buying some as Christmas presents!

This nicely presented book is a celebration of the car in its various forms around the world. We've just seen probably the most challenging period for manufacturers with the financial crash of 2008 as well as the increasing demand for fuel efficient as well as eco-sensitive vehicles and yet US, European and Japanese car makers have responded with some of their most innovative designs yet. It is well researched and resists the temptation to just pitch to the enthusiast. The major manufacturers are all here as well as the likes of Donkervoort, Koenigsegg (no I hadn't heard of them either). Designers and design are celebrated with the stories behind them delivered in an accessible style. Crammed with pictures of the familiar as well as some of the strangest prototypes you'll see anywhere this is a book you'll constantly find yourself dipping into. If I hadn't bought this book on a whim from my local book store, this is the book I'd like to have waiting for me under the Christmas tree!

I expected to see a more comprehensive coverage of cars I see in the US to teach my kid the various cars he sees everyday. Unfortunately there is a little extra attention to exotic cars and brands that one would not normally even see ever in the US. My used copy also had a few pages that were ripped out and some that were sloppily taped back in. I guess you get what you get when buying used.

My fiancée is a huge car enthusiast and I purchased this book for him for his birthday. He was very impressed by it. The photos of the cars are beautiful and it's filled with great history and information.

I recommend this for any age and any level of car knowledge. I am even looking forward to flipping through it once I can pry it away from him!

I highly recommend this book! My husband, sons and I are all car fanatics, so this is a perfect book. Lots of beautiful color photos and fun facts. I will be buying 2 more to give as Christmas gifts to my brothers (also car fans)!

Bought this book for my husband for his birthday recently as he's into his cars and he really loves it. It's often under his arm when he's out and about and knows he's got a bit of time to kill. I think the appeal is that it's modern, exceptional quality, great photography and written in a way that's not pretentious, making it accessible for and interesting for everyone. I'd recommend it as a great Christmas/coffee table gift for anyone who appreciates the beauty and choice of the modern automobile!

Purchased as gift for 5 yr. old twins who love identifying cars. I chose this title because of the color photos and inclusion of manufacturers' emblems for each line. The dictionary format makes it easy to find models. Package arrived promptly and in good condition, Thanks!

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