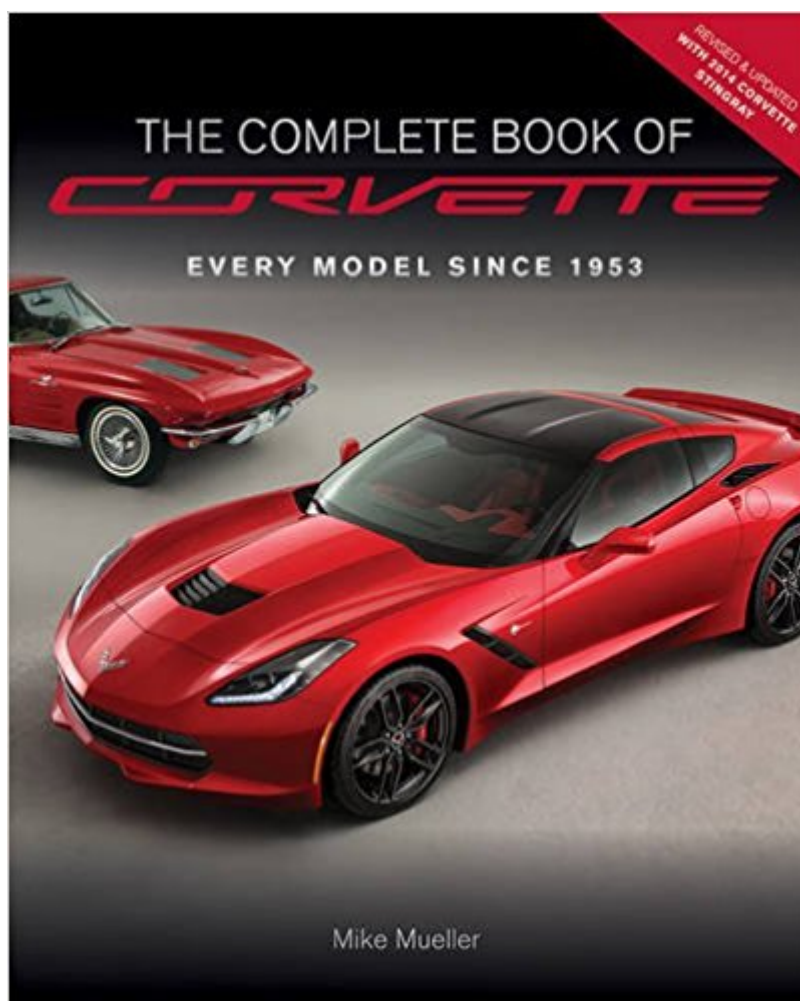


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# The Complete Book Of Corvette - Revised & Updated: Every Model Since 1953 (Complete Book Series)



## Synopsis

The ultimate book for Corvette lovers and fans of America's premier high-performance vehicle. Since the release of the first Corvette in 1953, Chevrolet's flagship sports car has become a timeless part of American culture and a household name across the globe. No matter the model or year, one can instantly pick out a 'Vette from the four chrome-ringed headlamps of the late-1950s models to the sharp edges of the 1960s Sting Ray, the signature curved wheel-well moldings on 1970s bodies, and up to the aggressive aerodynamics of the Corvette C6. But while all are undeniably beautiful machines, none approach the astonishing technology packed into Chevrolet's latest: the seventh-generation 2014 Corvette Stingray, which marks the historic resurgence of the Stingray badge for the first time since the mid-1970s. In *The Complete Book of Corvette*, American automotive expert Mike Mueller details all of the generations, offering the definitive, all-encompassing volume showcasing over 60 years of Corvette history. Created in cooperation with General Motors and illustrated with 500 color and black-and-white photos from GM's exclusive Design and Media Archives, the book highlights the development, tech specs, and visual prowess of the entire Corvette line. From that first 1953 'Vette to the brand-new 2014 Corvette Stingray—the triumphant culmination of Chevrolet's longstanding sports car expertise—*The Complete Book of Corvette* pays tribute to one of America's proudest sports car traditions and the innovative company behind it.

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"It's a massively useful reference work if you want to compare and contrast dimensions, power outputs, weights, etc., which are presented in tabular form, while there's an appendix that covers the options available each year of the 'Vette's life. The absence of these for-addicts-only intricacies frees up the main text which allows non-fanboys to dive in for a genuinely good read." - Racer.com / Sports Car Club of America 'glossy, beautifully printed, with a knowledgeable and entertaining text from one of America's most respected automotive authors. There's no denying, it's a lot of book for the money. Highly recommended.' 'Every Corvette fan needs this book... high on the gift ideas list for any petrolhead. Recommended.'

In 2003, Chevrolet's Corvette celebrated its 50th birthday by barely slowing down to blow out the candles. Why dilly-dally when even better times lay ahead? Two years later, Chief Engineer David Hill's team took what was already America's supreme performance machine and transformed it into one of the planet's greatest. Standard performance now qualified as downright surreal: 0-60 in 4.2 seconds and a top end of 186 miles per hour. What a long, strange trip it's been. Nearly cancelled a few years after its birth, rumored near death or dilution more than one time since, Chevy's fantastic, plastic two-seater is rolling on more confidently than ever, this after six distinct generations of development. Code names for those generations came into vogue during the radically redesigned 1997 Corvette's long haul to market after Chevrolet people let it be known that this all-new platform was identified in-house by the simple 'C5' designation. It was only logical to retroactively label previous generations accordingly: Original solid-axle models built from 1953 to 1962 made up the C1 group; the C2 family consisted of the classic Sting Rays of 1963 to 1967; the C3 era spanned from 1968 to 1982; and the C4 ran from 1984 to 1996. (Chevrolet skipped the 1983 model year, as fourth-generation development work ran past its deadline.) The fifth-generation Corvette was initially targeted for introduction in August 1992, just in time to help commemorate the Corvette's 40th anniversary. But various pitfalls pushed that debut back repeatedly, first for the 1994 model year, then 1995. When all was said and done, the long-awaited C5 officially appeared in January 1997. The latest rendition, the expectedly tabbed C6, followed eight years later to take the Corvette legacy to all-new heights. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you're considering the Corvette Black Book as an informative look at the history of the vehicle, you're looking at more of a Corvette "Table of Contents." I believe the Black Book is intended for buyers, investors and collectors as a guide to determine authenticity, numbers matching, etc, on the

fly, such as at a car show or auction. That's why it's sized to fit into one's pocket. The Complete Book of Corvette: Every Model Since 1953 is by Mike Mueller, an author who has written many highly informative books on Corvette. Though the book is listed as a paperback, I was surprised to find this book had covers more like cardboard - about the thickness of the back of a pad of paper - sort of in between paperback and rigid hardcover. And heavy! This 368 page book weighs over three pounds! The revised & updated version goes to the 2011 model. This is the most informative book on Corvette I have ever seen. Nearly every page pair has about three photographs - most in color. But before you think this is a picture book, there is also a ton of stories and data about each year of the 'Vette. Even all the specialty experimental, CERVs, racers and Makos are written up in the chronological order they appeared within the series. Think of it as the Black Book on steroids. Buy the book - you won't be disappointed..

This was a gift to my husband who just bought his midlife-crisis Corvette. He had a Corvette when he was a teenager but life got in the way and he sold it. He loves the book. His brother saw the book is now going to order a book for himself. My husband likes the fact that the book lists the number of Corvettes that were made during a particular year plus how many had power seats, windows, etc. He reads it every night.

Great book. I was looking for a book that covered all of the corvette models with detailed info of each one. This is it. This book has given me all the info I needed to make an educated choice of what year and model corvette I will purchase.

Great all encompassing book on the Corvette!

Decently written - decently detailed (not painstakingly) - one thing that would have made this book perfect & ya - I know - it's asking a lot - but - from a "pure" geek point of view - two things I would have LIKE to have seen is 1) tail light shots - none what so ever - also - back in the "old" days - manufactures use to pretty much give you a complete serial# detail molding on the tail-light - this book - doesn't even touch on that point - thus - miss's that mark completely - NO backend shots - come on Mr. Mike Mueller - EVERY generation of the Corvette had tail lights which were specific to that model year - this book - makes NO reference to that point 2) VIN # decoding - ZIP in this book - again - a HUGE geek miss - requires the reader to figure out if a Corvette is #'s matching - too bad this book didn't dedicate at least ONE page to all the VIN examples which "possibly" coulda/woulda

been possible per model year - don't get me wrong - yes I am trashing points off this book - but - & this is a BIG BUT - the SAVING grace of this book are ALL the customer photo's & detail's which Mr. Mueller contributes from his personal collection - thus - even though this book isn't completely "geeky" for me personally - I purchased it so that - when & IF I decide to purchase a "Vette" in the future - at least I'll have a "base" line to go by ... thus - I'll HIGHLY recommend this book for those of use whom don't know one Vette from another - which was me - I learned a TON of model year changes & all the prototype stuff was cool to learn - but - this wonderful book & I really mean that sincerely - it IS a wonder book - just leaves you wanting more - as apposed to - be a hard core reference book - it comes SO SO SO close to being one ... & ahem ... the other thing that truly truly makes me giggle is ... this whole book is about a American Icon ... BUTT ... ahem ... it's printed in China ??? ... what ??? ... really ??? ... so ... uhm ... there isn't a AMERICAN publishing house out there ... were ... this book COULD be published ??? instead ??? of being published off-shore ??? what the heck is up with that ???

great pics

Nice book lots of great pictures.

I bought this book to help me in my search for a car to buy. It was useful in that regard, but it is also a very interesting history of an iconic automobile. My research interest was in the fifth generation of the Corvette (the C5) since that is the model I was interested in buying. The chapters on the other models were very informative and entertaining. I enjoy reading history, especially automotive history, and this book fit the bill for the Corvette. It is a little short on raw data, but I don't think that was the intent of the author in the first place. All in all, a good buy.

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