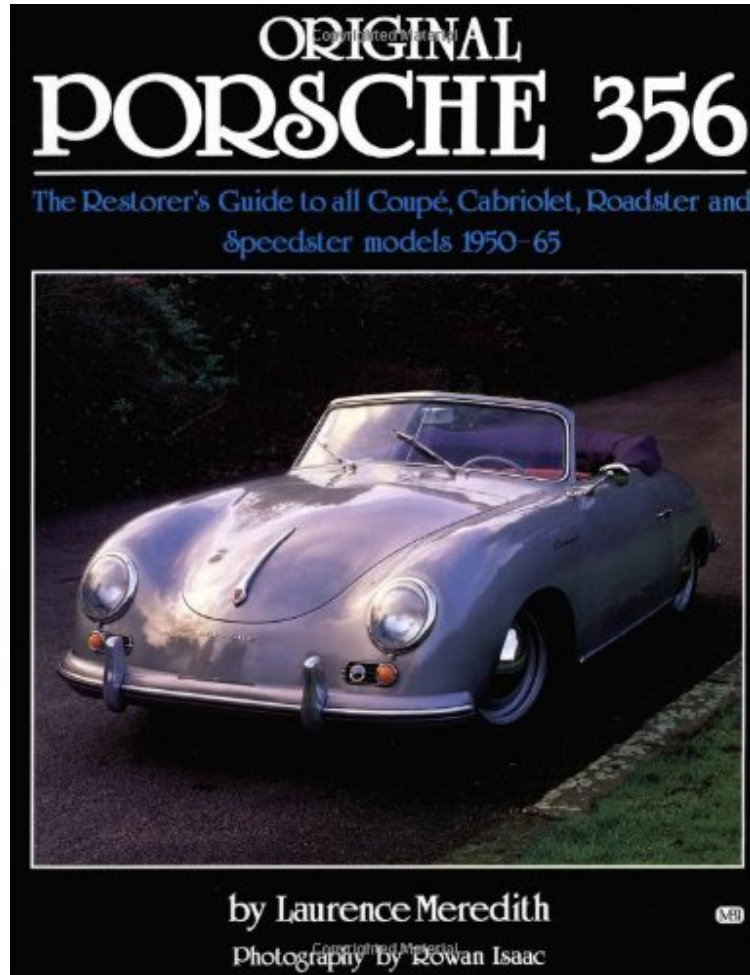


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**Laurence Meredith : Original Porsche 356 (Original Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Original Porsche 356 (Original Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Starting line for 356 enthusiastsBy Jon WarshawskyThe "Original" series is an indispensable introduction to the marques and models it covers, and Meredith's volume on the 356 is up to the high standard of the series. If you have a general interest in the Porsche 356, and are looking for a nicely illustrated tour of the various models, this book could be the foundation of your Porsche library. For those restoring a car, it is likely insufficient, but even at that dirt-under-the-nails level of work there is much useful content here. The 356 series effectively launched Porsche as an independent automaker. From the original Gmund cars -- handbuilt in what had been an Austrian sawmill -- through the Pre-A, A, B and C versions, the 356 was developed and improved over time. The first thing you're likely to want to know, as a new Porsche enthusiast, is how these differ and why. Meredith provides ample detail, and spices it with enough commentary to keep it all from becoming a snooze. The photography

is not comprehensive, but is representative: you will know what a Pre-A looks like relative to an A, and you will have some idea as to the changes made. It misses the mark slightly once you are past the basics and want to know, for example, what the boot would look like in a properly restored 356A, or how the A bumpers changed over the years. For the newcomer, not all that important. But for restoration, that level is warranted, and you won't find it here. I should compliment the author on the back sections, with production numbers, engine specs, color combinations and a running calendar of model changes. While I have found the colors section to be incomplete -- will someone please have a go at reproducing the color samples/codes in the format of a car brochure? -- the amount of information is impressive and useful. Similarly, the Restoration section is an accurate and sobering walkthrough of a near-basketcase car, highlighting the many places a 356 is susceptible to rust (hint: the whole car, except for the fabric roof...) The bulk of the book concerns the Pre-A and A, but this is appropriate because most development took place during the 1950s, the era of those models. The chapter on the Carrera versions is especially good, perhaps the best of the book. Original Porsche 356 isn't a coffee table book, and not an extensive history of the company. It is a beautifully printed (at least the Motorbooks hardcover edition I have), straightforward and concise overview of the cars, which is hugely educational and -- for those engrossed in the minutiae -- fascinating. For those less into the details, it is eminently skimmable. Very much recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Otto Noordraven Good deal and fast shipping 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great photos of a classic! By F. Dowdle This book has very nice pictures of the 356. There are, however, few of the US specification Porsche. The book, being a British publication, has a lot of photos of cars produced for the UK market. There are some really beautiful cars to drool over in here!

Original Porsche 356 Laurence Meredith Subtitled: The Restorers Guide to All Coupe, Cabriolet, Roadster and Speedster Models 195-65. With the aid of factory records and the accumulated knowledge of Porsche 356 experts, Meredith presents this essential Porsche 356 restoration guide. Filled with original and accurate specifications so that your 356 reveals an authentic restoration.

About the Author Laurence Meredith has written some 38 books, 36 of them about cars and motor racing. He lives in rural Herefordshire, England. Motorsport has been a lifelong obsession that continues to this day. He has a particular interest in German cars, and is a leading authority on Porsche, Volkswagen, Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz. Meredith has spent his entire life - from the age of two - at motor racing circuits throughout the world, and cites his hobby and job as one and the same thing. He owns several German cars, including a Porsche, classic VW Beetle and a Formula SuperVee Modus M2. He has competed in modern classic rallies, citing his class win in the Longleat Stages of 1990 as the most rewarding.