Flat Out Flat Broke: The Original Stig - Behind the Legend



The Mythical Figure

When it comes to the popular television show "Top Gear," few characters have captured the imagination of viewers quite like The Stig. The Stig, a mysterious and anonymous professional racing driver, has become an icon in the automotive world. However, little is known about the origin of this enigmatic figure until now.

Rise to Fame

In the early 2000s, a new era of "Top Gear" began, and with it came the birth of The Stig. Clad in a white racing suit and always wearing a black helmet, The Stig quickly became an integral part of the show. His skill behind the wheel was legendary, setting incredible lap times and showcasing impressive car control.

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by Perry McCarthy (Kindle Edition)

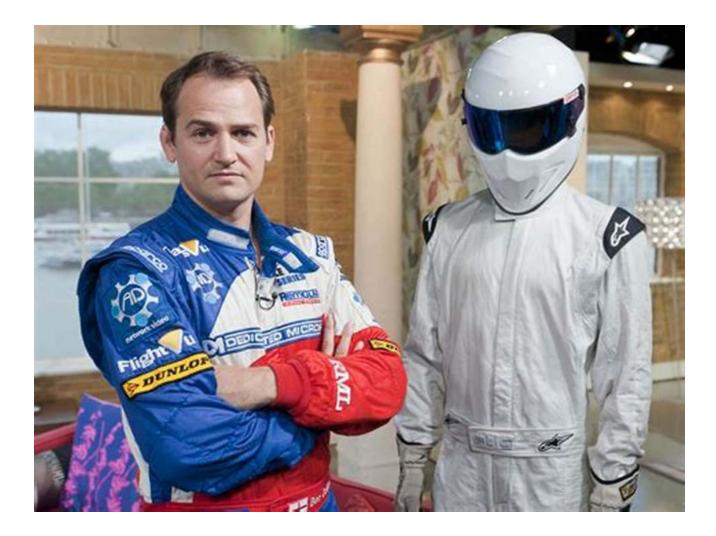
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As the seasons went by, speculation about The Stig's identity grew. Many theories emerged, including the claim that multiple professional drivers portrayed The Stig. However, the true identity remained shrouded in mystery, leaving fans hungry for answers.

The Unveiling

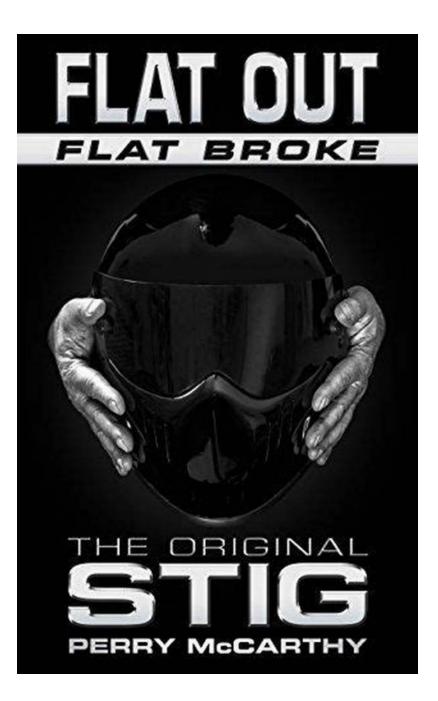
Finally, in 2010, one man stepped forward to reveal that he was The Stig - Ben Collins. Collins, a talented racing driver, had been living life as The Stig for several years, keeping his identity a closely guarded secret. The revelation shocked fans and shed light on the man behind the iconic helmet.



The Trials and Tribulations

Being The Stig was no easy task. Collins endured grueling training sessions, pushing the limits of his driving skills to master every car he was tasked with driving. From high-performance sports cars to absurdly powerful supercars, Collins conquered them all while embracing the mysterious persona of The Stig.

However, being a celebrity doesn't guarantee financial security. Despite his fame on "Top Gear," Collins found himself facing financial hardships, leading to his book, "Flat Out Flat Broke: The Original Stig's True Story." In this candid account, Collins exposes the challenges he faced both on and off the track.



Behind the Mask

"Flat Out Flat Broke" delves into the personal struggles and triumphs of Ben Collins, as he navigated the demanding world of motorsports. From his humble beginnings to becoming The Stig, Collins takes readers on a heartwarming and eye-opening journey. Through the pages, you'll uncover the sacrifices he made to pursue his passion for racing. The book provides insight into the secretive nature of the industry, shedding light on the challenges faced by professional drivers.

A Resilient Spirit

Despite the challenges, Collins never lost his determination or love for racing. He impressively recovered from financial ruin and continues to be an influential figure in motorsports today.

His story is proof that even when life throws a curveball, one can rise above adversity and achieve greatness. "Flat Out Flat Broke" serves as an inspiring tale for anyone facing their own obstacles, demonstrating that passion, resilience, and a love for what you do can lead to success.

The Stig Lives On

Although Ben Collins revealed himself as The Stig, the mystique and excitement surrounding the character continue. New iterations of The Stig have appeared on subsequent versions of "Top Gear," keeping fans guessing once again.

Whether you're a die-hard "Top Gear" fan or simply intrigued by the enigmatic persona of The Stig, "Flat Out Flat Broke" offers a unique glimpse into the world behind the wheel. So, buckle up and dive into the captivating story of The Original Stig!

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Perry McCarthy is an ex Formula One racing driver and was the original 'Stig' from the BBC Top Gear TV show. Flat Out Flat broke is his hilarious and internationally acclaimed autobiography which takes you on Perry's roller-coaster adventure as he battled on and off the race tracks of the world to fulfil his dream of Grand Prix stardom. One of the best selling motor racing books of all time, Perry's story will have you on the edge of your seat either on the verge of tears or howling with laughter at both his bizarre misfortune and his triumphs against the odds. Don't miss it, it's the life story of a battler, a maestro in so many disciplines. But overall Perry McCarthy knows how to recover from failure and create success. From working on oil rigs to fame as The Stig, Flat Out Flat Broke is an utterly fascinating read and you will see why even other racing drivers affectionately call him 'Mad Dog'!

Perry McCarthy's hilarious autobiography Flat Out, Flat Broke, has already become a motor racing best seller and has received rave reviews:

SAMPLE OF MAGAZINE/NEWSPAPER REVIEWS:

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'Perry McCarthy has always been excellent at describing his career in a series of memorable anecdotes, and here they are, strung together in book form. The reader is frequently left racked with sympathy at the author's outrageous misfortune, or in convulsive sobs of laughter. This is an utterly fantastic read.'MotorSport magazine

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'.... A fantastic funny story'(Book of the week) The London Evening Standard

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'The James Hunt impressions, the Ayrton Senna pizza delivery, the Rat Pack stories - the laughs come thick and fast in Perry McCarthy's fantastic new book, Flat Out Flat Broke ...'Daily Express

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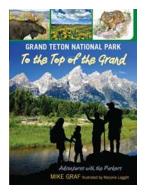
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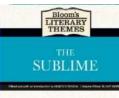
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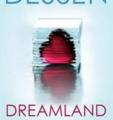
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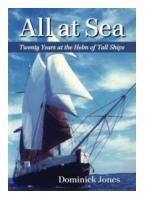




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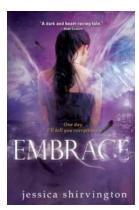
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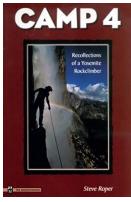
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