



# An Estate Car Named Desire: A Life on the Road (Paperback)

By Martin Gurdon

Duckworth Overlook, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. This was a car with a voice: Its engine note, a deep, powerful burble, was as distinct to me as the voices of my parents and friends, but then a lot of other cars had voices too. Triumph Heralds purred, Rover 100s, the ones with St Bernard dog profiles, made a soft, almost musical whining sound when setting off sedately from traffic lights, Morris Minors blew flatulent raspberries when they slowed down. I d hear these things and assumed other people did too. As a car-obsessed child of the 1960s, Martin Gurdon lived in a lost world of bubble cars and Ford Anglias, a place where dads took spare gearboxes on holiday and cars were frequently fixed at the roadside. A 1970s family crisis saw him sent to relatives in rural Lancashire, before spending five dysfunctional years at a vegetarian boarding school, where cars were both his salvation and undoing, thanks to an illicitly acquired Triumph Herald. He s since driven everything from supercars to 25 Morris Marinas and been stalked with murderous intent by Reliant Robins.As iconic, and sometimes spectacularly awful vehicles passed through his...



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