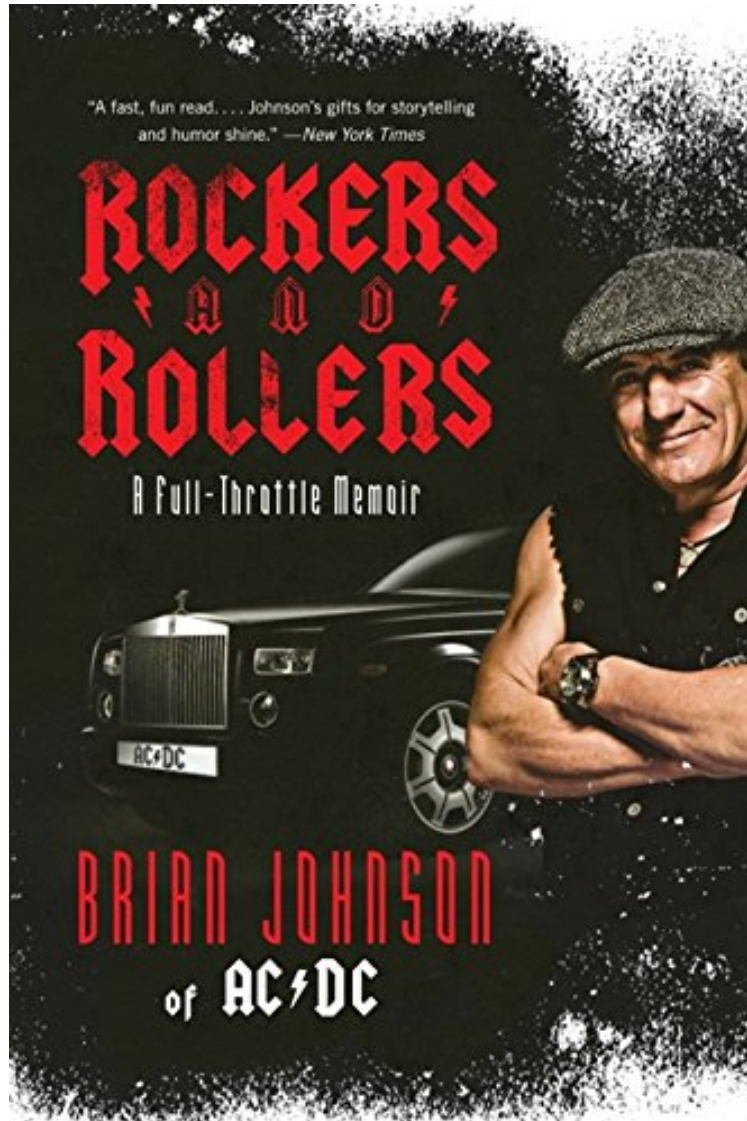


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**Brian Johnson : Rockers and Rollers: A Full-Throttle Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rockers and Rollers: A Full-Throttle Memoir:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great for car nuts. Not so much for AC/DC die-hards. By Ryan Skorich If you're looking for an in-depth look at Brian Johnson and his life in AC/DC, sadly this book probably won't be for you. Probably less than 10% of the content in the book revolves around the band. It is mostly stories of cars he has owned over the years and tales that involved them. Even though I am someone who is a casual car fan at best, I

still found his stories interesting enough to keep reading. As far as stuff regarding the band, you're probably better looking for one of those unauthorized biographies. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book By Caleb Kilgore Growing up, I always listened to AC/DC. After reading an AC/DC biography my senior year of high school, I wanted to know more about the man himself, Brian Johnson. This is not only a hilarious book, but it also gives you insight to his personal life and experiences as well as seeing some nice rides along the way. I recommend this to any AC/DC fan, or any fan of cars in general. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A Brilliant Book By Geordie Dad Before I start to review this book let me say that I grew up on Tyneside in the 60s and 70s and even worked at Parsons for 10 years (where Johnna "served his time"). So I can probably relate to many of the events, situations and locations described a lot more than most readers. The style of the book is really off the wall and works so well because of that. There is no timeline or plot. Just a bunch of chapters describing various cars and how they've affected Brian's life. In many cases he uses cars as a vehicle (groan!!) to describe his feelings for various family members, friends and acquaintances. Although his style appears to be haphazard it works really well. The main thing I took away from the book was that Brian is a really cool guy who certainly hasn't lost sight of where he came from (unlike a certain ex-teacher from Wallsend that I could mention). He appreciates the breaks that he's had (joining AC/DC) and has made a great life for himself. He certainly doesn't come off as the big shot rock star who gets to drive fast cars. His recollections of North East England in the 60s and 70s are spot on and while he may stretch some of the tales to get a punch line, his stories ring true and many of the characters in them are for-real. If Brian ever does an audio version of this book I'd buy it in a heartbeat, but it would have to be the full unexpurgated Geordie version - not the English translation!

From Pink Cadillac to Low Rider to Little Red Corvette, rock music has always had a racy love affair with cars. And AC/DC lead singer Brian Johnson is not only a rock legend, second-to-none at infusing razor-sharp lyrics with the screaming metal energy of a true rock and roller, but also a dyed-in-the-wool car fanatic. Books like *AC/DC: Maximum Rock and Roll* and *Why AC/DC Matters* revealed the secrets of the world's greatest rock band—now, in *Rockers and Rollers*, fans will get a rare, riveting window into Brian Johnson's other driving passion, his love for automobiles. From teenage memories in the backs of beat-up coups to a side career as a race car driver, Johnson shares his tantalizing life story—a memoir told through his lifelong love affair with cars.

"It's surprisingly refreshing that Johnson's lively memoir basically has little to do with writing about life with AC/DC—it's really all about cars." (Publishers Weekly) From the Back Cover By night, Brian Johnson sings in the biggest rock 'n' roll band on the planet. But by day, AC/DC's frontman drives balls to the wall. When he was a young boy growing up in a working-class English town, Brian developed what would become a lifelong passion for cars, trolling junkyards and even pretending to drive the family car. From there, he steamed up the windows of his old Mini Cooper as a teenager, spent untold time in hygienically challenged tour buses, was chauffeured in leather-trimmed limos, and raced cars to a checkered flag. Featuring guest stars Cliff Williams, Malcolm and Angus Young, and many, many others—even Arnold Schwarzenegger—*Rockers and Rollers* is a tribute to Brian's obsession with four wheels. By turns surprising, poignant, funny, and maybe a little bit bawdy, these are the stories of a man who drives as hard as he rocks. About the Author Brian Johnson was born in Dunstan in Gateshead, England. After working various jobs in Tyneside and fronting local band Geordie, he joined AC/DC in 1980. He lives in Sarasota, Florida, and *Rockers and Rollers* is his first book.