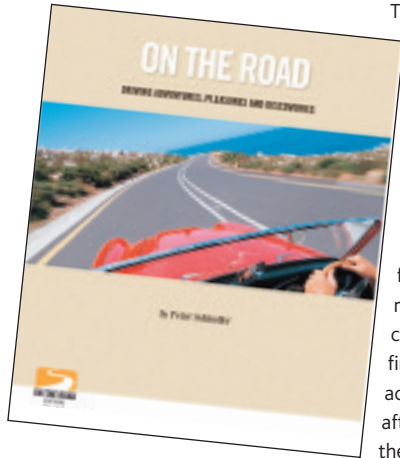


BOOK REVIEW

ON THE ROAD – By Peter Schindler

Review by Jeff Heywood – Photos Peter Schindler and Gravity



This is one of those rare books that grows on you until you find yourself making excuses to find time to read another chapter. On first acquaintance after reading the first

chapter, I found myself developing a 'take it or leave it' attitude towards the book, as it is pretty quirky, unique almost – There are hundreds of books about cars on the market, but none about driving... but when you get two or three chapters into the book, you become hooked!

What Peter Schindler has cleverly done here is write the book in such a way that draws you in chapter after chapter, until you can't put it down until the last page is read. This book is so, so different to any car book you have read, and that's why it is so brilliant. On the Road is not about speed, anorak facts, flared arches or machismo, but

instead about freedom, adventure, camaraderie and romance. Perhaps about how beautiful life and driving can be. The book definitely helps you rediscover how wonderful motoring can be.

Schindler's book describes passionately and accurately the best journeys on the best roads that

he has ever driven, allied with some stunning photographs to accompany his descriptive writing style. He has a knack of taking you there, back to that memorable drive over the Brenner Pass or through the Swiss and French Alps to Chamonix Mont Blanc, conjuring up images of personal past

excursions to various European BMW events and Continental driving holidays that have taken us through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland and the French Alps. He describes journeys along roads that I have actually driven on, bringing back some fantastic memories – but don't let that put you off - you needn't have driven on the Continent to appreciate this fine book, because as I have already stated, Schindler describes the journeys in such a way that makes you feel as though he has whisked you off in the car with him.

This is also a book that appeals to women. Most motoring books hold no interest to the fairer sex, yet On the Road manages to appeal to everyone across the board.

Covering 192 pages with nearly 100 photos in full colour, On the Road is available in softback format from the club office priced at £16.99 + £2.50 P&P – what better Christmas present could you wish for!

