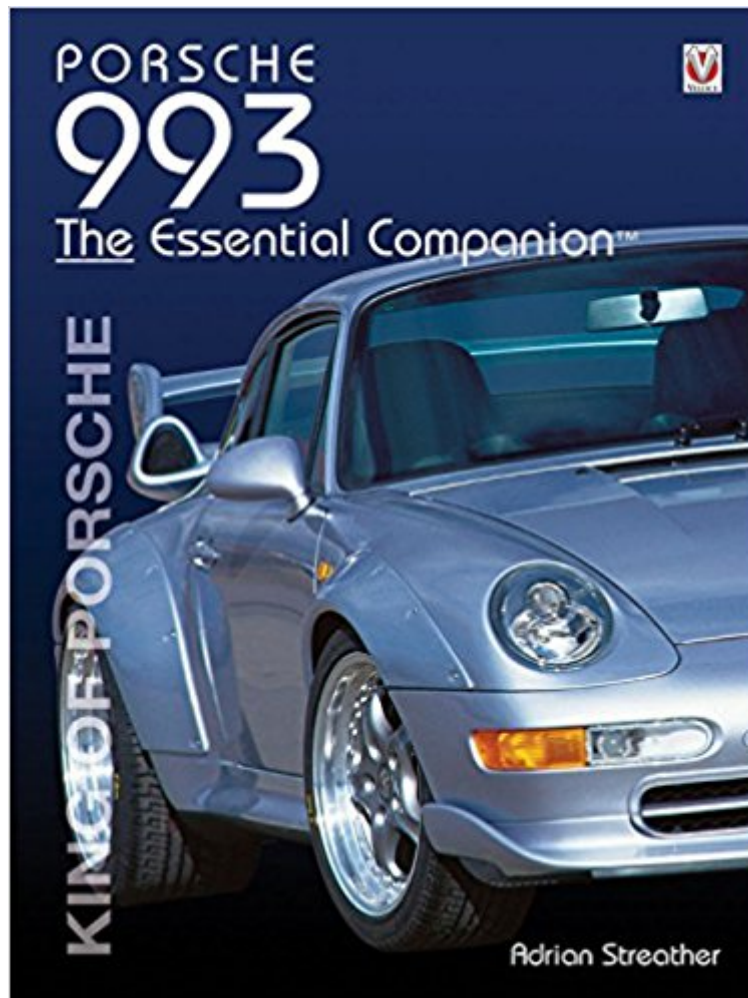




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Synopsis

This book about the Porsche 993 is the third of a planned six covering a range of Porsche models. This book carries on the tradition established with the author's first Porsche 911 book (Robert Bentley) which covered the 964 series. Contains absolutely everything a 993 owner needs to know. Every model and version is included. Engines, transmissions, suspension and how to improve the performance are covered as well as the fixes for common problems. This book really is the essential companion for the 993 owner or would-be owner. No need to ask questions online anymore, the answers are all here.

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Customer Reviews

Adrian Graham Streather was born on December 25, 1958. Upon leaving school he joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in 1975, where he trained as a Scientific Instrument Maker and gained additional qualifications in the electronics field. Adrian is the author of a number of Porsche books published with Veloce, including several in their Essential Buyer's Guide Series.

As a new 993 C4S owner I've found this book to be a virtual treasure trove of interesting and useful information. I'm constantly picking up and referring back to it, and I've read certain parts of it multiple times. Did I mention it's a HUGE book? Dictionary size, it's crazy. Although expensive, I would buy it again and would recommend it to other 993 owners. Having said that, a few nit picks:1)

Did anyone edit this thing? In the first 5 pages I found 10 grammatical/spelling/punctuation errors, and it doesn't get any better from there. Seriously, anyone with a functional understanding of English could vastly improve this tome by going through it with a red pen. I find it almost embarrassing for the publisher.2) I wish the photos, at least some of them, were in color. I realize this would make the book more expensive, but it would really be impactful if even 10% were in color. I find it annoying when the author says in photo captions things like, "isn't the color of this example fantastic"...and it's black/white.3) Too much emphasis on Ruf. I understand the historical significance of Ruf and I agree it would be a mistake to not to include Ruf here, but there's way too much coverage, almost as the author feels that Ruf was a factory project a la Porsche Exclusive. But that's not the case. A modern version of this book would have too much emphasis on Singer and Magnus Walker as well. Significant, but I personally feel the book should focus solely on factory cars (w/ maybe a chapter dedicated to 3rd market builders/tuners).4) Comes across at times as an advertisement for what is obviously the author's shop of choice, which I won't mention here. I'm sure he felt he was helping them out, but it feels heavy handed and inappropriate in my personal opinion. Having said all that, I'm rating this book 4 out of 5 stars because I really do enjoy it and am able to overlook the few small issues I have with it. It's a great addition to my small (but growing!) Porsche library and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to any 993 owner or anyone interested in the last of the air-cooled cars.

I read this book cover to cover, twice, which is a lot considering it's over 600 pages. My first opinion is that the author had a lot of photographs of friends cars he wanted to publish. They are nice to look at but don't really add to the text, and would have been much better published in color. I would have liked to see more photos relating to the text rather than pretty car photos. Also many of the photos don't highlight the subject of the photo, which if you don't know what the item already looks like, makes it hard to find in the picture. The photos are in B&W and many from under the car, with a dirty undercarrage which makes the subject of the photo difficult to find, unless you already know what it looks like. Overall there is a tremendous amount of information contained in this book, but not in a manner that I could undertake a repair using just this book. Maybe that is not the intention of the author, but from the title "....essential companion" I was expecting something more along the troubleshooting-repair lines. I did have many of my questions answered by this book as I am a new 993 owner and the Porsche 993 is a complex car.

I needed a detailed source of information relative to this car! It is an impressive book that needs to

be gone through in detail to be properly appreciated. Don't just skim it to get an overall impression; you will discover how great it is as you dig deeper. While there are many pictures, it is often difficult to know exactly where a part is located in the constrained space. A great help would have been a few summary diagrams, showing parts locations that would have been located at the beginning of the book. Overall, it is a mine of information and a great acquisition. J.P. Rondeau

This was a great help ensuring that the 993 I bought was just what it should be. This has all you need to know about the model and in particular the Twin Turbo.

A most concise manual on maintaining and repairing a 993. It of course falls short of a manufacturer's shop manual, but a huge price difference there. Gives you history, good specs and need to know tips for common problems encountered.

More comprehensive than I could have asked for. Thanks!

If you buy this book, you better enjoy reading, the book is massive. The layout and organization is very good, easy to understand and the index makes it easy to specifically find what you are looking for. The only drawback is the book was written in Queens English which made it a little interesting when the book referred to such things as a "bonnet" instead of a hood, etc. The book provided the correct mix of technical info in easy to understand layman terms. You will not be sorry you purchased this book.

Adrian Streather has compiled the complete owners manual. If it isn't covered between the covers it doesn't exist. The pictures are spot on to assist in understanding the text. This book is not an option but a necessity for the 993 owner.

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