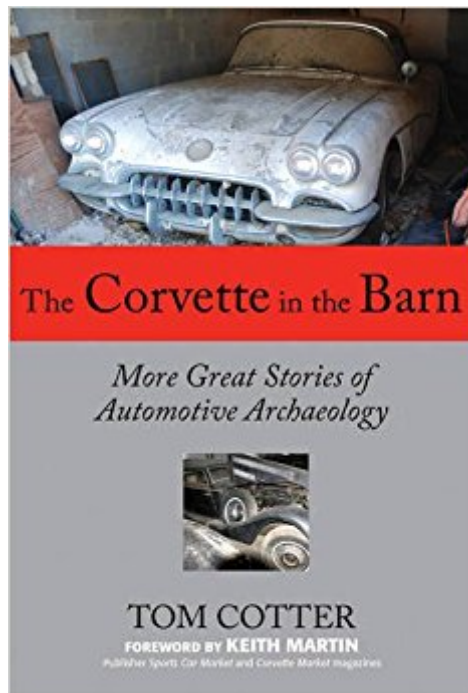




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The Corvette In The Barn: More Great Stories Of Automotive Archaeology



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It's every car-guy's fantasy to casually peer into a long-forgotten garage or barn or warehouse and find the car he has searched for his whole life. Corvette in the Barn is a collection of true, often amazing, stories and essays about car collectors and enthusiasts who have discovered unusual and desirable cars, forgotten in all manner of locations from barns, to old-school junkyards, to farmer's fields. These are the stories that fuel the dreams of car collectors everywhere. See Tom Cotter, author of Motorbooks' "In the Barn" series, interviewed by Jay Leno on JayLenosGarage.com:

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Customer Reviews

The barn-find series began with Tom Cotter's love for driving down country roads in search of interesting cars. Back up a bit the series really began because Cotter loves cars, and, like most of us who do, he dreamt of finding one in an old barn. He gathered all the stories he could find about such "lost" cars in his 2005 book, The Cobra in the Barn. The book became a national phenomenon that resonated with car buffs around the world. Cotter followed up with two other wildly popular books, The Hemi in the Barn and The Vincent in the Barn. Here's what the press had to say about The Hemi in the Barn: "For years I thought I was the only person who was looking behind sheds, barns and garages while traveling, but I was

mistaken. There are a lot of us out there. I think you will find yourself taking this book with you should you find quiet time during your day. A great gift for that gearhead on your list." *•Still Runnin'* magazine "The book is highly entertaining, often exciting and should hold universal appeal for all car enthusiasts." *•Car Collector* magazine, December 2007 "The Hemi in the Barn is a good read, and the operative word is read because this is a story book, and all the heroes have wheels." *•Izoom.com*, September 2007 "As entertaining as these tales are, they're also full of tantalizing hints and suggestions." *•Edmunds.com*, June 2007 "Tom Cotter's sequel to last year's best-selling *The Cobra in the Barn* relays one great tale after another, with players unearthing rare cars to die for . . . These are great stories about great cars." *•Cars & Parts* magazine, December 2007 "Anyone who grew up with tales of buried treasure, loves a good mystery, or simply a rousing good read, are sure to enjoy both titles." *•Musclecar Enthusiast*, January 2008

If half-open garage doors, canvas-covered cars buried in bushes, or bits of fender tucked behind an old gas station entice you to stop and see if the car of your dreams is rusting away, abandoned, this book for you. Since *The Cobra in the Barn* first appeared on bookshelves in 2005, author Tom Cotter has been uncovering four-wheeled fairy tales in which collectors find dream cars tucked away in barns, bedrooms, and foreign countries. In *The Corvette in the Barn*, the third in Tom Cotter's automotive barn-find series, the author brings 40 incredible discoveries to light, including a one-of-a-kind stolen Corvette Z06 convertible with only 7,500 miles on the clock stashed in warehouse in Detroit and a man reconnecting with the Hemi Cuda he drove as teenager, complete with the package of Roloids he left on the dash 30 years earlier. A hog farmer hordes a Corvette racer, an English car lover tracks down a prototype built by a priest determined to create the world's safest car, and several sleuthing enthusiasts uncover the stranger-than-fiction true story behind the infamous Portuguese barn-find hoax. Turn the pages and enter a place where the old lady next door really does have a split-window Vette tucked away in the shed. And, yes, Virginia, it's for sale.

I bought *Corvette in the Barn* on the strength of how much I enjoyed *Cobra* and *Hemi in the Barn*. The book almost lived up to my expectations and was a good read, however, I noticed a few typos and a pair of mixed up pictures, which smacks a little of the book being rushed into production one final proof reading short. I also felt that about ~20% of the stories were a bit 'flat' - like they only got

printed due to a lack of better material to fill the space. Don't get me wrong - I certainly enjoyed the book, and it is a good addition to the series, but not quite in the same league as the previous two. If you enjoyed Cobra and Hemi, then I would definitely recommend this one. I just hope that any future books in the series up the ante a little.

By far the best series of books on the topic of Barn-found automotive treasures. These books took a smoldering niche in the car collecting hobby, and ignited one of the hottest crazes ever in the classic car world. Cotter brought a topic that most gearheads have always found intriguing, into the mainstream. Anyone, from the casual car show attendee to the most serious of collectors, will enjoy the fascinating stories that he tells of finding automotive riches, and usually the history of previous ownership and the how or why these highly sought-after automobiles end up in these less-than-desireable resting places. Believe me, a truly great read.

In the second of his series, Tom Cotter (note to , Keith Martin is not the author, he wrote the forward) tells us more stories of people who have had the good luck to find some great old cars. Some cars are valuable, some are not, some the finder can't keep or restore because of their high value, but even the search can be fun. I like it because you can read just a few stories at a time. It's a great "put down and pick up later" book. The only fault I can find is it may make you awfully envious about the luck some guys have in finding (and owning) the cars.

My brother had an older Corvette which he recently sold. He loves old cars, and I got this for him for Christmas. He just loved it, and spent a lot of time looking thru it as we were opening all our gifts.

You might think a barn find book would get a bit repetitive after the fourth or fifth Cobra or Hemi. But Tom mixes it up with stories of all different kinds of cars, trucks, hidden troves and even car parts. It's easy to get infected with barn find fever after reading these fun stories!

Great stories about cars and people that were forgotten but found new life when someone drags them out of the dust. Easy, relaxed writing that makes you feel like you are at a dinner eating breakfast with your best friends talking cars and life. I have the whole series and will keep buying 'em long as they write 'em. I like digital books but this is the kind you need to turn the pages.

Bought for my husband but he gives it big thumbs up.

A gift for my son and he loves this kind of book. Got this one and a couple of others for him for Christmas. He was very happy.

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