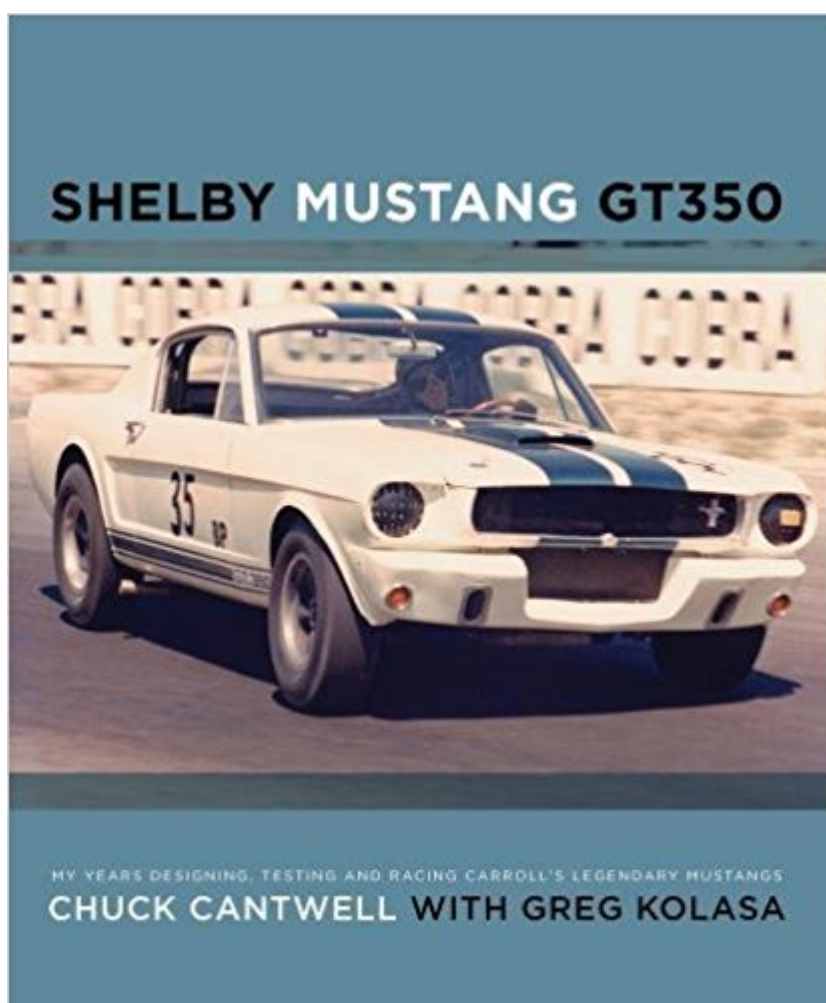




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When the Ford Motor Company needed a new car aimed at the youth market of the 1960s, it created the instantly-popular Mustang. When it decided to turn the Mustang into a true sports car it turned to Carroll Shelby. And when Shelby needed an engineer to develop what would become the classic Mustang GT350 he hired Chuck Cantwell. In *Shelby Mustang GT350: My Years Designing, Testing And Racing Carroll's Legendary Mustangs* Chuck Cantwell delivers a unique first-hand account of his years at the Shelby American company. Working alongside Shelby and a dedicated team, he succeeded in producing a car that was an immediate success on the race track and an iconic muscle car whose reputation remains unmatched after more than half a century. On a subject as popular as the GT350 new and definitive information is hard to come by, but that is exactly what Chuck provides. He shares fresh technical details, never-before-heard anecdotes, and corrects popular misconceptions about the GT350's origins and development. Chuck also covers his work on later cars like the GT500, as well as his critical role with the Shelby racing team in the Trans-Am series. His month-by-month narrative is supported by scores of photographs, including many from his own collection and those of other Shelby insiders, as well as technical drawings and company memos. Additional background information, data, and details are provided by co-author Greg Kolasa, an automotive historian who has spent decades researching and writing about Carroll Shelby's cars. *Shelby Mustang GT350* is a vivid, fact-filled account of how the man Carroll Shelby dubbed Mr. GT350, led the effort to create an American automotive legend. It's precisely the book that Shelby Mustang owners and other enthusiasts have been waiting for.

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In 1964 Chuck Cantwell was hired as project engineer by Carroll Shelby for Shelby American's new Mustang GT350 effort, leading development on several years worth of both racing and street versions of the GT350. He later managed road racing teams for Penske Racing, scoring multiple championships in both the Trans-Am and Can-Am series between 1969 and 1973. After leaving Penske in 1974, Chuck worked for Chilton Publishing as Director of Automotive Special Projects for nine years and retired from Lockheed Martin after 17 years as a Senior Systems Analyst. Chuck often shares his motor racing knowledge and experiences with enthusiasts, speaking at Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC), and Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) events. Greg Kolasa is registrar for the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) on the Ford GT40 and Hertz Shelby Mustangs, co-authoring several editions of SAAC's World Registries. He is the author of two books on Shelby Mustangs.

Excellent perspective by the creative force behind the original Shelby GT-350/500's. A very good read for anyone owning or interested in the early Shelby years.

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