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[Book Review: 'Collage, Jackie Stewart's Grand Prix Album'](#)



There can be few more personal mementos of family life than a scrapbook. In a stunning collaboration with Genesis Publications, the career of a triple World Champion as recorded by Stewart's wife, Helen, is reproduced in 208 pages - the edited facsimile of the very scrapbooks she kept during the great Scot's driving heyday.

The story starts in 1955, with a 16-year-old **JYS** and his shooting trophies, and ends in November 1973 showing the couple's invitation to the marriage of **H.R.H. Princess Anne** to **Capt. Mark Phillips**, all carefully 'glued' into place as were the 100s of other photographs, race-clippings, menus and travel tickets in between.

As a spry-looking **Sir Jackie Stewart** remarked at the **Monaco** and **London** launches of the project, it is very much 'Helen's book'. Originally filling 17 volumes, the content has been carefully selected by the Stewart family to show, as **Stewart** poignantly put it, "all the highlights, with none of the lows".



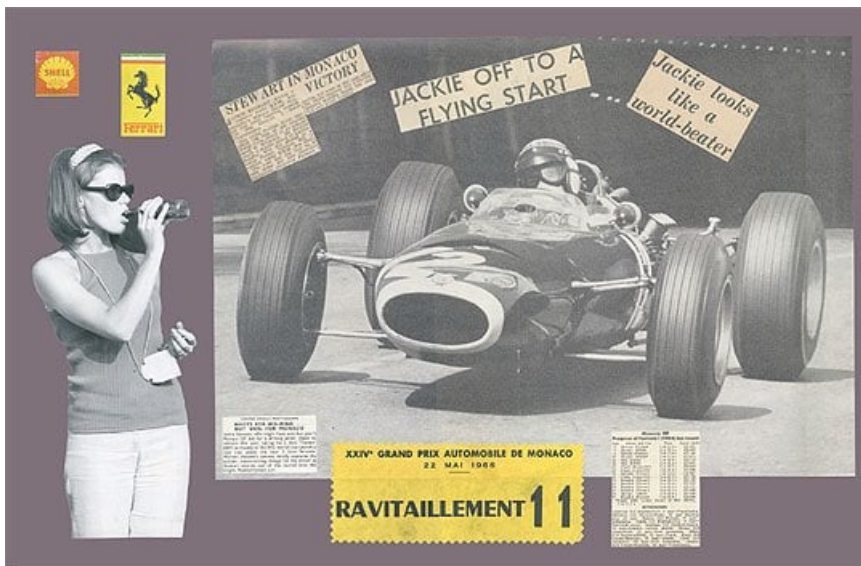


In addition to **Grand Prix** racing, **Stewart** competed in long-distance races, **Indianapolis**, **Can Am**, **Formula 2** and **saloons** – all of which get a mention, very often accompanied by commentary from **JYS**.



The book, hand-crafted by artisan book-binders in Scotland, is limited to 1500 individual, numbered books, all hand-signed by **Sir Jackie Stewart**.

Limited-edition, hand-made books from **Genesis** are collectors' items and previous subjects include **Eric Clapton**, **Sir Peter Blake**, **David Bowie** and **Keith Richards**. '**Collage**' includes a DVD featuring a video montage of Stewart's career, a short film of **Lady Helen** and the original family albums, and a music video produced by sons **Paul** and **Mark** to celebrate their father's 70th birthday (with a little help from an 'old shooting friend' who can also play the guitar a bit: **Eric Clapton**).



The book is priced at £295.00 plus shipping and is available worldwide from www.genesis-publications.com.

*We were able to spend a little time with **Sir Jackie** to discuss the new book. Over a glass of Scottish mineral water at the **Caledonian Club** in London, he told us a bit more about an extraordinary life of achievement. Full story to follow next week...*

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