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Wondering which car book to kick off the year with? Our contributor Eckhard Schimpf was so enthused about this new illustrated tome highlighting Ferrari's legendary Sharknose cars he asked to write a few words about it...



There are floods of books about motorsport but only a few are really worthy of note in terms of their content, illustration and design. These rarities certainly include *Sharknose // V6*. The title showcases one of the most famous Ferrari racing cars: the V6-powered 156 Formula 1 car from 1961. The first mid-engined racer from Maranello, it was grandiose and tragic at the same time – Phil Hill became world champion in the ‘Sharknose’ while Wolfgang von Trips was killed in one at Monza.

This 432-page book, whose slipcase measures 29x29cm, doesn’t just focus on the Tipo 156, however. Authors Jörg-Thomas Födisch and Rainer Rossbach tell the story of Ferrari’s racing activities from 1960–1962 and include insight on the Formula 2 car (in which Von Trips was successful in 1960) and the 196 and 246 SP sports-racing cars, which also had ‘Sharknoses’ and caused a sensation at the Targa Florio, Nürburgring and Le Mans. The descriptions of the races and the portraits of the pilots are capped by 400 predominantly black-and-white images by the legendary photographer Bernard Cahier. It’s a terrifically illustrated book!

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