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Michael Holroyd confronts an army of automobiles in this charming book. Weaving together memoir and historical anecdote, he traces his relationship with cars through a lifetime of biography. Learning to drive was no easy matter for Michael: the lessons required military precision when practising how to get in and out of his car correctly. His biographical subjects also had their difficulties: Bernard Shaw drove with reckless gusto when overtaking his eightieth year; Vita Sackville-West's car became a chamber for sudden romantic assignations and getaways; while Augustus John and his family careered through vulnerable villages as the poor vehicle, piled high with bohemian friends, stuttered and jerked along in first gear. Wry, thoughtful and very funny, *On Wheels* is an elegy to the glamour of the car. Subtle and perceptive, Michael Holroyd finds surprising ways to understand the past and challenge our view of the future. Author: Holroyd, Michael Publisher: Vintage Digital Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: On Wheels Pages: 00128 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-11-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780701187439 Category: Biography & Autobiography : General Category: Literary Criticism : General Category: Transportation : Automotive - General

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