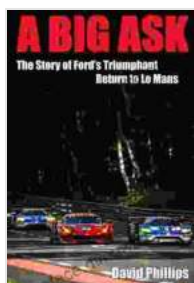


The Triumphant Return of Ford: A Story of Innovation and Endurance

On June 19, 2016, the hallowed grounds of the Circuit de la Sarthe witnessed a historic victory as Ford Motor Company claimed the overall win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. This triumph marked Ford's first victory at the legendary endurance race since 1966, heralding a remarkable return to form for the American automotive giant.



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A Legacy of Excellence

Ford's history at Le Mans dates back to the early days of the 24-hour race. In 1964, the Ford GT40 made its debut at Le Mans, setting the stage for an epic rivalry with Ferrari. The following year, Ford swept the podium with three GT40s, culminating in a famous 1-2-3 finish that cemented the car's place in motorsport history. However, in 1966, Ferrari claimed victory, ending Ford's dominance.

The Return

Fifty years after their last Le Mans triumph, Ford announced its intention to return to the world's most famous endurance race. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Ford's historic 1-2-3 finish at the 1966 Le Mans, the company developed the all-new Ford GT. This cutting-edge supercar was designed specifically to take on the demanding challenges of Le Mans.

Technological Marvel

The Ford GT was a technological marvel that incorporated advanced materials, innovative design, and powerful engineering. Its lightweight carbon fiber chassis and aerodynamic bodywork minimized drag and enhanced efficiency. A twin-turbocharged V6 engine, producing over 600 horsepower, provided the car with blistering acceleration and top-end speed.

Unwavering Determination

Behind the innovative technology was a team of dedicated engineers, mechanics, and drivers who shared an unwavering determination to succeed at Le Mans. The team spent countless hours testing and developing the Ford GT, meticulously preparing for the grueling 24-hour race.

The Race

The 2016 24 Hours of Le Mans was one of the most dramatic and competitive races in recent memory. The Ford GTs battled fiercely with rivals from Porsche, Ferrari, and Audi throughout the night and into the following day. As the final hours ticked down, the #68 Ford GT, driven by Joey Hand, Sébastien Bourdais, and Dirk Müller, emerged victorious.

A Historic Victory

The victory at Le Mans was not only a testament to the Ford GT's technological prowess but also to the team's relentless determination and unwavering spirit. It was a moment of triumph that resonated throughout the motorsports world, solidifying Ford's place in the annals of Le Mans history once again.

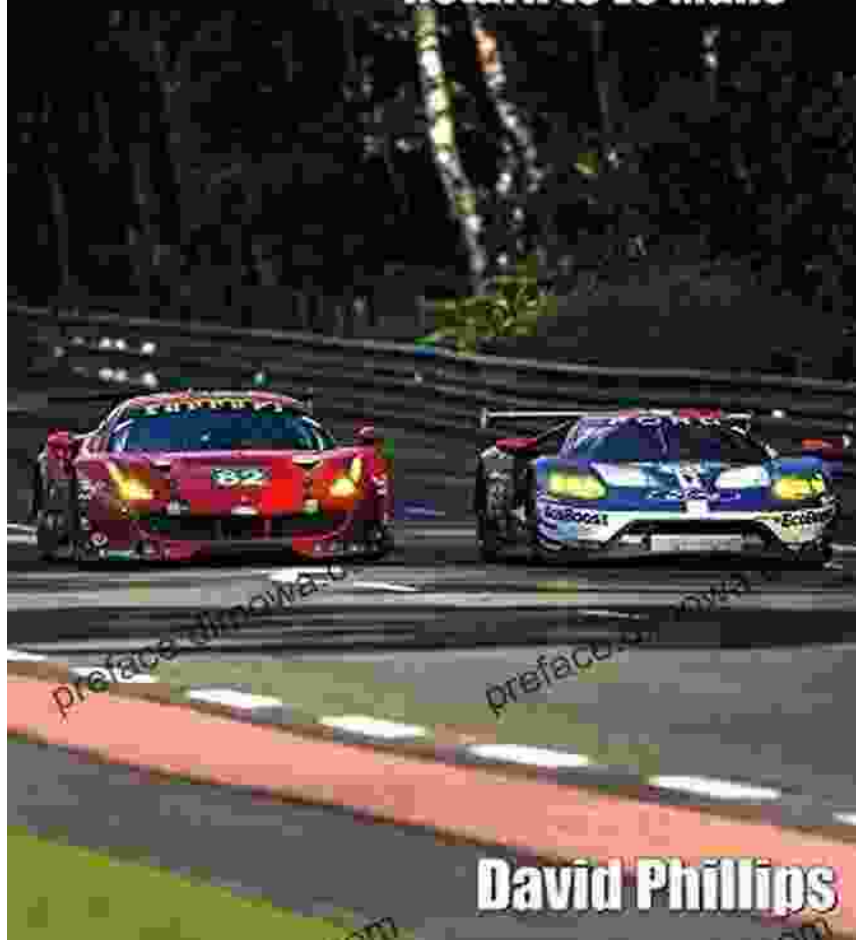
The story of Ford's triumphant return to Le Mans is one of innovation, endurance, and the pursuit of excellence. It is a tale that inspires and captivates, highlighting the power of human ingenuity and the timeless allure of motorsport. The Ford GT's victory at Le Mans in 2016 will forever be etched in the memories of racing enthusiasts worldwide, serving as a timeless reminder of Ford's unwavering commitment to the sport and its pursuit of triumph.

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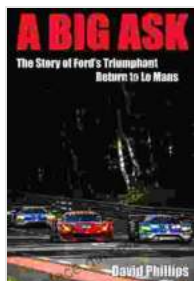


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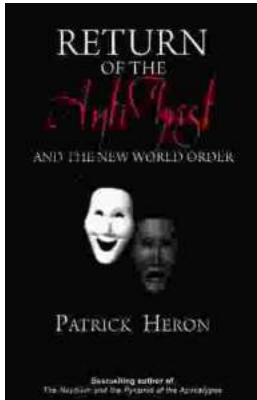
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