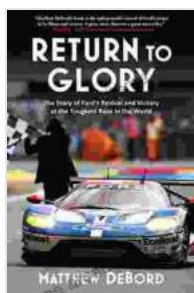


The Story of Ford's Revival and Victory at the Toughest Race in the World

In 1966, Ford Motor Company suffered a humiliating defeat at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the world's most prestigious endurance race. Ferrari, the Italian automaker, had won the race for six consecutive years, and Ford was determined to put an end to their dominance.



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Ford assembled a team of the world's best engineers and drivers, and they spent years developing a new car, the Ford GT40. The GT40 was a technological marvel, and it was finally ready to race in 1966.

The 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans was one of the most dramatic races in history. The Ford GT40s battled the Ferraris for the lead throughout the race, and in the end, it was a Ford GT40 that crossed the finish line first.

Ford's victory at Le Mans was a major upset, and it marked the beginning of a new era for the company. Ford went on to win Le Mans again in 1967 and 1968, and the GT40 became one of the most iconic racing cars in history.

The story of Ford's revival and victory at Le Mans is a classic underdog tale. It is a story of determination, perseverance, and teamwork. It is a story that will inspire anyone who has ever faced adversity.

The Ford GT40

The Ford GT40 was a mid-engined sports car developed by Ford Motor Company to compete in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The GT40 was designed to be a lightweight and aerodynamic car, and it was powered by a powerful V8 engine.

The GT40 was first raced in 1964, and it quickly proved to be a competitive car. However, it was not until 1966 that the GT40 finally won Le Mans. In that year, the GT40 Mk II, driven by Bruce McLaren and Chris Amon, crossed the finish line first, giving Ford its first Le Mans victory.

The GT40 went on to win Le Mans again in 1967 and 1968, and it remains one of the most successful racing cars of all time.

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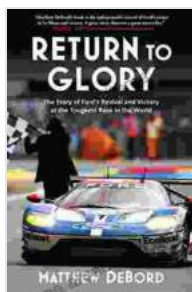
The race was marred by tragedy, however. Two Ford drivers, Ken Miles and Bruce McLaren, were killed in accidents during the race. Despite the tragedy, Ford's victory at Le Mans was a major upset, and it marked the beginning of a new era for the company.

The Legacy of Ford's Victory at Le Mans

Ford's victory at Le Mans was a major turning point in the history of the company. It proved that Ford could compete with the best in the world, and it helped to restore the company's reputation.

The GT40 became one of the most iconic racing cars in history, and it remains a symbol of Ford's racing heritage. Ford's victory at Le Mans also inspired a number of books and movies, and it continues to be a source of inspiration for people around the world.

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