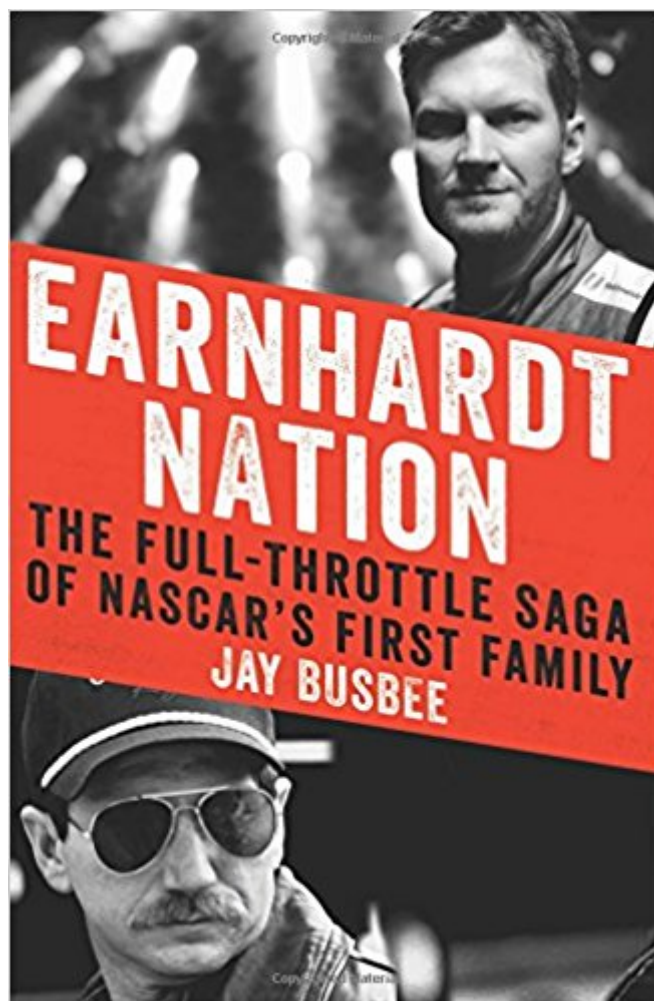


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# Earnhardt Nation: The Full-Throttle Saga Of NASCAR's First Family



## Synopsis

A colorful, fearless portrait of the larger-than-life first family of NASCAR, the Earnhardts, and the rise of the world's fastest stock car racing organization. More than sixty years ago, Ralph Earnhardt toiled in a cotton mill in his native North Carolina to support his growing family. Weekends he could be found going pedal to the metal at the dirt tracks, taking on the competition in the early days of box car racing and becoming one of the best short-track drivers in the state. His son, Dale Earnhardt Sr., would become one of the greatest drivers of all time, and his grandson Dale Jr. would become NASCAR's most popular driver of the 2000s. From a simple backyard garage, the Earnhardts reached the highest echelons of professional stock car racing and became the stuff of myth for fans. *Earnhardt Nation* is the story of this car racing dynasty and the business that would make them rich and famous—and nearly tear them apart. Covering all the white-knuckle races, including the final lap at the Daytona 500 that claimed the life of the Intimidator, *Earnhardt Nation* goes deep into the fast-paced world of NASCAR, its royal family's obsession with speed, and their struggle with celebrity. Jay Busbee takes us deep inside the lives of these men and women who shaped NASCAR. He delves into their personal and professional lives, from failed marriages to rivalries large and small to complex and competitive father-son relationships that have reverberated through generations, and explores the legacy the Earnhardts struggle to uphold.

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This book was a refreshingly honest and revealing account of the Earnhardt family, from their very first start in auto racing to their presence (in and out) of NASCAR today. What I really enjoyed about

this book is that Jay Busbee included information on just about ALL the family members--not just concentrating on Dale Sr. and Dale Jr. It is too bad that Teresa Earnhardt had to be so selfish and bull-headed in running DEI after Dale's death. I don't blame Dale Jr. and Kelley for not sticking around. Now Teresa has no more race team and is paying for the upkeep of a museum that is only open for three hours three days a week. Dale Sr. would not be happy at ALL with the choices that his wife made for HIS "Family" business. Jay Busbee, Kudo's to you for the great job you did in writing this book. I had a very hard time putting it down, and I can only say that for a very few number of books I have read.

Great read, hard to put down before I finally finished it. It went from before he was born right thru about a year ago, includes all the family members not just Dale him-self and you get a real feel of who he his family was. Would have given more then 5 stars if I could have.

This book is FAN - tastic, not just an excellent read for Earnhardt fans, but fans who have followed car racing from the beginning on dirt roads, dirt tracks, Daytona on the beach, races up to today's modern tracks. The hardships these brave men, their wives, children dealt with just to pursue their dreams. Many, many true stories that have never been revealed in the press. The author did an excellent job of taking the reader through the years of car racing up to present day. I recommend this book to any dedicated car racing fan.

I am so glad I ordered this book as it answered some questions about Dale that I was not aware of. I never realized that Jr. and his sister had it as rough as they did with their step Teresa. Their dad had a heart of gold off the track as Martha Earnhardt did. I recommend this to all of Dale Sr nascar fans as must reading to see how this dynasty came to be. This is the most interesting book I have read to date about Dale Earnhardt and his family.

...but a history of NASCAR...well, sort of. Earnhardt Nation takes you on a personal journey from the early days of the dynasty beginning with Ralph Earnhardt up through JR and beyond. Very nicely written. Would recommend not only for NASCAR fans, but any racing fan.

I bought this for my son who is an extreme Nascar enthusiast right now. He tells me that this book has lots of great information that he wasn't previously aware of, and he finds the information very interesting and informative. It doesn't only surround Earnhardt Sr, but encompasses the entire

family as well as other Nascar drivers as well. Very happy with this purchase. It arrived very quickly and securely packaged.

I had a wonderful time reading this book. It reads like a movie. One that I would watch over and over again. It was a blast reliving those moments that I so vividly recall from Jr's early seasons, and so enlightening learning more about Ralph and Dale Sr's humble beginnings.

Pretty good book. I'm not a huge Nascar fan but I found it interesting. I am a Earnhardt fan but those who love Nascar as a whole would most likely really love the book. If I could give it 4 1/2 stars I would. Definitely worth buying.

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