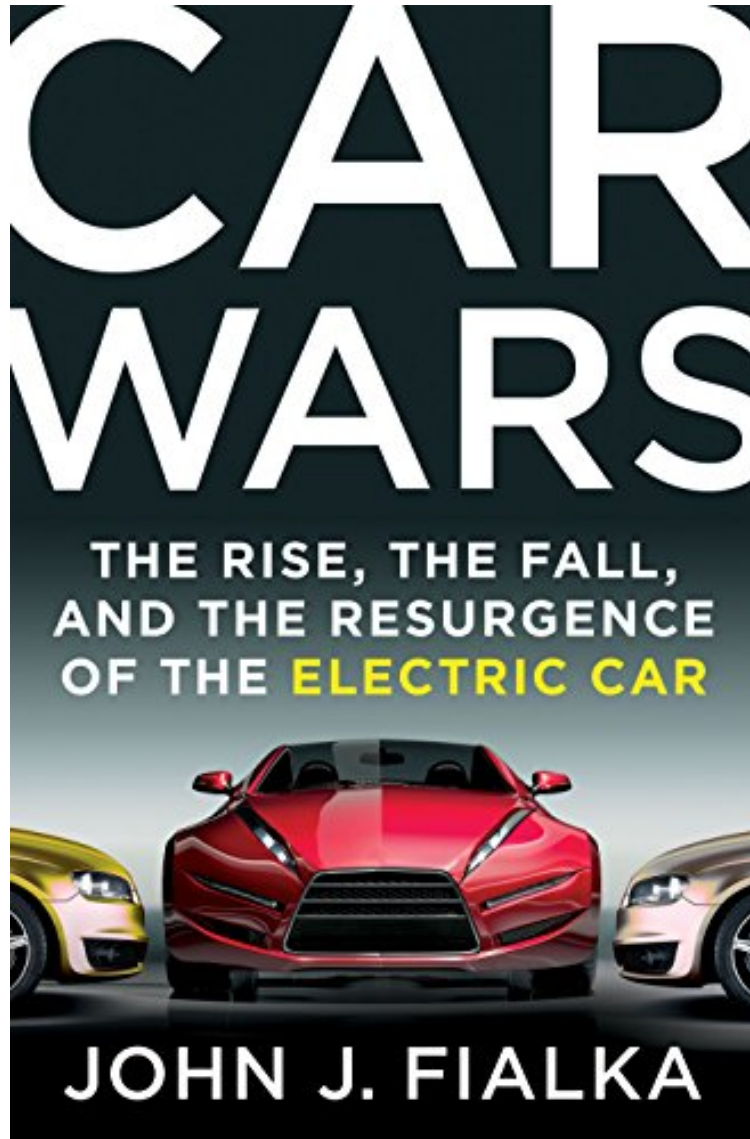


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read by a journalist who is not an EV-guyBy Charles HallThis is an interesting book written by an automotive journalist, not an EV guy. He begins the story with a Caltech MIT

electric auto race in the early 60's (Electro-vair vs. VW Bus). Then follows the next step with races in Australia won by GM's Sunraycer. At this point all the automakers are starting to give electric cars some thought. The chapters steadily chronicle the false starts of the EV1 ("Impact") and how Toyota took a risk to build the first Prius (gas was cheap when they began design). Some backstory on the Volt and Tesla's are included. He also has some chapters on hydrogen fuel cells, a technology which has gone nowhere. I think the Leaf must have just made it's first appearance at about the time he was writing as he doesn't have much to say about it. The electric car story is moving on of course, but this is a fun read about who did what in the beginning. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Future is Here By Kim The book provides some interesting insider history on the development of electric plug-in vehicles. The nature of changing technology requires newer editions and greater details of more recent developments and projections on the future of electric power and renewable energy in transportation and public transit. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... book and the info moved along well and was good reading. By Desert Guy I learned a lot from the book and the info moved along well and was good reading.

The resurgence of the electric car in modern life is a tale of adventurers, men and women who bucked the complete dominance of the fossil fueled car to seek something cleaner, simpler and cheaper. Award-winning former Wall Street Journal reporter John Fialka documents the early days of the electric car, from the M.I.T./Caltech race between prototypes in the summer of 1968 to the 1987 victory of the Sunraycer in the world's first race featuring solar powered cars. Thirty years later, the electric has captured the imagination and pocketbooks of American consumers. Organizations like the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of California, along with companies from the old-guard of General Motors and Toyota as well as upstart young players like Tesla Motors and Elon Musk have embraced the once-extinct technology. The electric car has steadily gained traction in the U.S. and around the world. We are watching the start of a trillion dollar, worldwide race to see who will dominate one of the biggest commercial upheavals of the 21st century. Drawing from the last decade of his 26-year career at the Wall Street Journal, where he covered energy and environmental matters, ClimateWire founder and industry insider John Fialka brings to life this thrilling and important story about America's rejection and second obsession with the electric car.

"An inspiring industrial comeback story infused with possibility." ---Kirkus About the Author John Fialka worked for the Wall Street Journal's Washington Bureau for 26 years. In 2008 he became editor and founder of ClimateWire, a private subscription internet daily focused on climate change. He has written three books and won several major journalism awards for investigative reporting including the Worth Bingham and Raymond Clapper prizes. Jonathan Yen was inspired by the Golden Age of Radio, and while the gold was gone by the time he got there, he's carried that inspiration through to commercial work, voice acting, and stage productions. From vintage Howard Fast science fiction to naturalist Paul Rosolie's true adventures in the , Jonathan loves to tell a good story.