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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Classic Rover history highly recommendedBy Daantjie BadenhorstThe first new post-war Rover, the P4, caused a sensation when it was introduced in 1949, and remained in production for 15 years.James Taylor, who has established himself as a Rover expert, tells its story. As usual, Taylor discusses the company's history, as well as the P4's development in great detail. One of the original Cyclops models graces the front cover, and the mere fact that one was found in mint condition, tells its own story.Throughout the P4's production life, the company introduced so many models with different nomenclatures that it is virtually impossible to keep up. Nobody would be surprised if Taylor would get confused, but at least he tries to make some sense of all this. Still, the P4's history is not as easy to recall as that of its P5 and P6 successors. The colour charts of each model year, both of paintwork and upholstery, is also included. One thing of which there is no doubt, is the origin of the Auntie nickname, which is discussed in detail.A very interesting chapter is the one about the P4-based prototypes that did not see production. The most influential of these is the Road Rover, which must have inspired the development and introduction of the Range Rover. This kind of information is perhaps irrelevant to most people, but for those who want to learn about the P4's history, it is essential.One omission is a chapter on purchase and maintenance. Taylor says that this was a deliberate decision, because the history of the car is so comprehensive that there would not be space for anything like it. For those who would like to restore a P4, this information is important, but for the rest, its omission is nothing to worry about.This book is highly recommended to anybody who loves this classic range of Rovers.

Introduced in 1949, the Rover P4 represented comfortable and refined motoring for Great Britain's professional classes of the 1950s. By the time production ceased in 1964, the P4 had become an anachronism. Still, it had imbued Rover with a reputation for quality engineering and paved the way for the successful P5 and P6 models. Author James Taylor recounts the story of P4 conception, design, production, and automotive breakthroughs, from its rise to the rank of status symbol to its fall from favor. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white photographs and an eight-page color spread.

About the AuthorAfter graduating from Oxford and pursuing further academic studies at Reading, James Taylor spent twelve years working in central government. However, the lure of writing about cars proved too great and he decided to turn it into a career. James has now written well over one hundred books in all, and among them have been several definitive one-make or one-model titles, including a number for Crowood. He has also written for enthusiast magazines in several countries, has translated books for foreign languages, and delivers effective writing training in both the public and private sectors.