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Richard Dredge bought his first car, a Triumph Herald 1200, when he was just sixteen years old. At twenty-one he purchased a Vitesse, and as with the Herald, he completely rebuilt the car. Since then he has also acquired an Alpine A610 - but no Volvo Amazon. Yet. The first book Richard ever wrote was the history of Volvo. A regular contributor to motoring magazines such as, Practical Classics and Classic Car Weekly, Richard also writes for Auto Express, Sunday Times. He runs www.firstcar.co.uk for new drivers.

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