

Ralph De Palma: Gentleman Champion

will be available for shipping in early November. The book is approximately 350 pages in length in a vertical format that is 10" x 7". It will have approximately 300 historic photographs from over 25 collections, many never published before.

The book is illustrated by Peter Helck and Peter Hearsey. There will be both color paintings and black and white sketches to highlight the career of Ralph De Palma. There are over 30 images in total. The annotated bibliography is over 30 pages long with primary sources, articles, books, and newspaper sources listed separately. There is an appendix that lists Ralph's major races by year and an index. The story traces De Palma's career in automobile racing through retirement. There is a brief summary of how he got to America and what he did before racing cars. The book focuses on his time in the cockpit, the fabulous career he enjoyed, and something about the times, and other personalities he ran into along the way. It is the story of American racing from 1908 to the late 1920s and the 1912, 1914 and 1921 French Grands Prix.

Reserve a copy of this Limited Edition now. The first printing will be 1,500 copies, signed and individually numbered. The first 200 numbers will comprise the slip cased version. The slip case will be blue cloth or skivertex with silver printing and a Peter Hearsey painting debossed on the front of the case. The production values for *Ralph De Palma: Gentleman Champion* are simply the best. I have spent two and a half years researching and writing the book to this point. I started the project right after the publication of *King of the Boards: The Life and Times of Jimmy Murphy*. If you liked the Murphy book both in terms of content and quality you will like this as well or better. Some of the subjects are the same, but from the perspective of De Palma, while much is new because of the length of his career.

Don't wait to order as I expect to be sold out reasonably quickly because of the low number of copies and a price of \$80.00 for the dust jacket edition and \$100 publisher's slip case edition, plus \$8.00 shipping and handling for USA. (*California sales tax of 7.75% if your residence is in California*)

In addition, if you would like to give a copy of *King of the Boards* to a friend, donate one to a library, school or have another for your library, I am offering the book at the discounted price of \$60 plus shipping of \$5.00 to anyone purchasing *Ralph De Palma: Gentleman Champion*.

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