



By The Book

John Parnell wrote the most comprehensive book on the UK Cooper and Cooper S, so you would expect his own cars to be something special.



John doesn't sit comfortably with the terms Mini Guru, expert or celebrity, and considers himself just another Mini enthusiast. But his book, *Complete Mini Cooper and Cooper S*, is considered by many people to be the definitive guide to the famous sporty Minis, especially for those people contemplating restoring one to standard specification.

"I'm just a bloke who's written a book", John reported modestly. "There's a book in everybody, and just because you write a book on anything doesn't necessarily make you an expert. I have to refer to that book now, when people ask me questions. There's so much that I've written and researched, that I can't remember some of it now."

John's reasoning behind writing the book is that when he came to restore his own Cooper S there was very little detailed, accurate information available to assist the would-be restorer in getting their Cooper or Cooper S period correct.

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