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Road racing in the United States was born during the 1930s, with the founding of the Automobile Racing Club of America. It all began on crude home-built dirt circuits with cars that were little more than the ancestors of today's go carts. By the end of the 1930s, ARCA races on public streets and roads evolved into a sport that attracted the finest examples of European road racing machines, including Maserati, Bugatti, Jaguar, and M.G., as well as one-off American specials. The book also tells the story of the Vanderbilt Cup races of 1936 and 1937, which were an ambitious attempt to bring professional road racing to America.

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