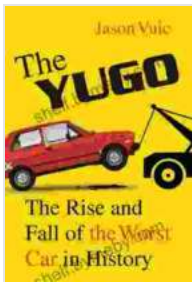


# The Rise and Fall of the Worst Car in History



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### The Early Years

The Ford Pinto was introduced in 1971. It was a small, subcompact car that was designed to compete with the Volkswagen Beetle and the Toyota Corolla. The Pinto was a success at first, and it quickly became one of Ford's best-selling cars.

However, the Pinto soon began to develop a reputation for being unsafe. In 1972, a Pinto was involved in a rear-end collision that caused the car to catch fire. The driver and passenger were both killed. This was just the first of many similar accidents.

## **The Pinto's Deadly Secret**

The Pinto's deadly secret was its fuel tank. The fuel tank was located behind the rear axle, and it was not protected by a bumper. This meant that in a rear-end collision, the fuel tank could be easily ruptured and cause a fire.

Ford engineers knew about the Pinto's fuel tank problem, but they decided not to fix it. They argued that it would cost too much money to redesign the car. Instead, they decided to pay out settlements to the victims of Pinto fires.

## **The Pinto Hearings**

In 1978, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) held hearings on the Pinto. The hearings revealed that Ford had known about the Pinto's fuel tank problem for years, but had done nothing to fix it.

The NHTSA Free Downloaded Ford to recall the Pinto and fix the fuel tank. Ford recalled 1.5 million Pintos, but the damage had already been done. The Pinto's reputation was ruined, and sales plummeted.

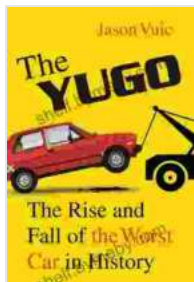
## **The Pinto's Legacy**

The Ford Pinto is a cautionary tale about the dangers of corporate greed. Ford put profits ahead of safety, and the result was a car that killed or injured thousands of people.

The Pinto's legacy is one of shame and regret. It is a reminder that we must never put profits ahead of safety.

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We must never forget the lessons of the Pinto. We must always put safety ahead of profits.

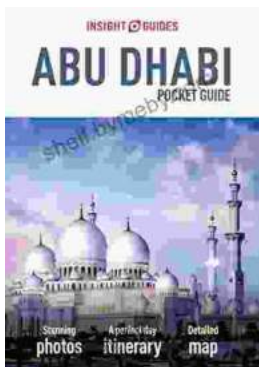


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