

# RAYMOND GROVES

c1913 – 1958



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Raymond Groves will be best known for his work with Autosport. However, he probably started employment with The Motor where his father Walter Groves was the first Editor. It is believed that he was tutored by Bryan de Grineau to whom he was articled. When de Grineau left The Motor it is likely that Raymond Groves moved with him to the Modern Wonder magazine. Raymond Groves'

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Photochrom Co Ltd of Tunbridge Wells also produced in the 1950's a long series of motor racing postcards featuring his paintings. Raymond Groves's artwork was also used for motor racing posters advertising Crystal Palace and Silverstone events.

He also illustrated several pre-war books.  
The artwork is normally pen and ink or occasionally pencil on paper and  
the paintings are gouache on art board.



**Crystal Palace 1954 Cooper  
Bristol v Connaught**



**Illustration for The Wandering Speedman 1939**  
Image courtesy of Tom Brierley

## FURTHER REFERENCES

**Pit Stop** by Walter Groves published by Autosport 1953

**Starting from Scratch** by Walter Groves published by Autosport 1954

**Loud Pedal** by Walter Groves published by Autosport 1956

**Motor Racing** by Raymond Groves published Thomas Nelson mid 1950's

**The Wandering Speedman** by Alfred E Edgar published Harrap 1939

**Where Cars Roar** by Alfred E Edgar published Harrap 1937

<http://bearalley.blogspot.com/2006/12/raymond-groves.html> good site  
giving details about Groves and some other lesser known artists