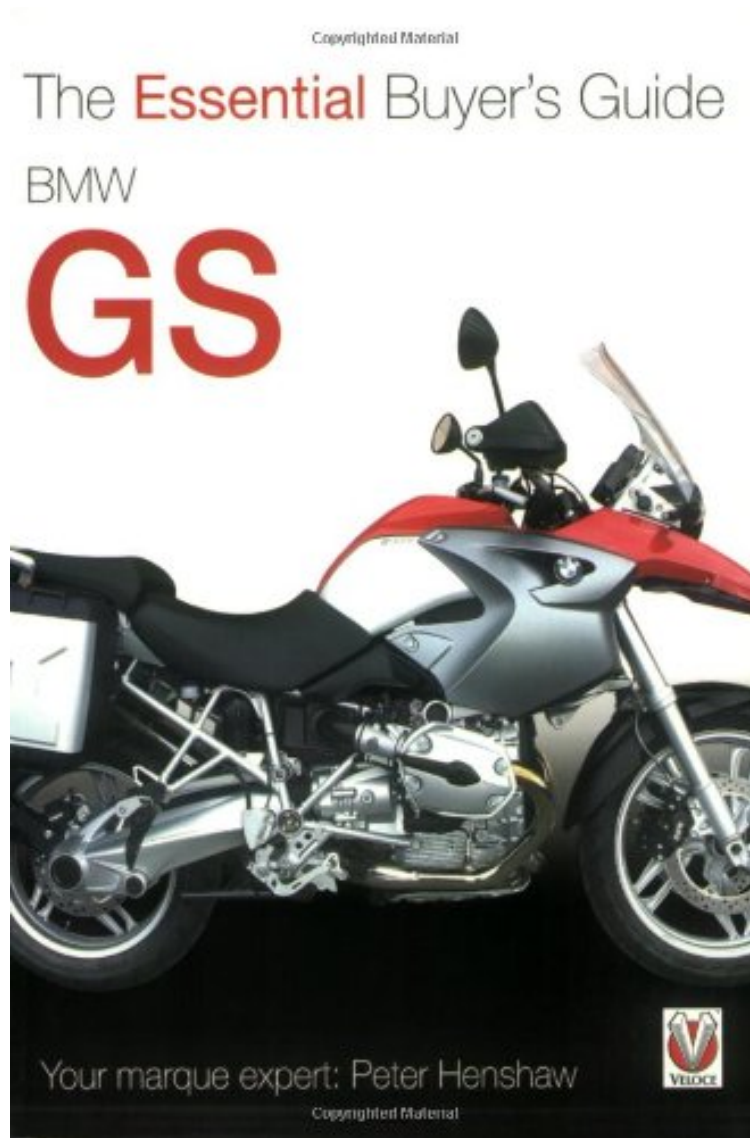


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very little useful detail By William C. McIntire, IV Bought the book with the expectation that it would actually help make a buying decision. Unfortunately the lack of information about KNOWN problem areas on various models was completely lacking. For example, the power assisted ABS brake system on the 2005-6 models is a well-known problem and expensive to fix. No mention of this at all. Likewise, there

are known problems with the rear drive bearing on some models and, again, no mention of this. He says that parts and labor are not too expensive, but I have found the exact opposite. It seems like the book was written by the BMW marketing department. Also, it would be very helpful to include models at least up to 2012+-. Ending with the 2007 model cuts off 9 years of the more current models. Not recommended unless you know nothing about any of the GS models, then it is a decent beginner's introduction up to 2007.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy RobEffectively only covers 2007 and older model years.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy John Boldinggood book, lots of basic info on the GS

Buying a classic bike is an expensive business and mistakes can prove costly financially and in time, effort and stress. Wouldn't it be great if you could take an expert with you? With the aid of this book's step-by-step guidance from a marque specialist, you can! BMW's GS series is one of the world's milestone motorcycles, in production for over 25 years. It pioneered the adventure sport category big bikes that are capable of traveling off-road, in many ways, it's the Range Rover of motorcycling. And it's now more popular than ever, thanks in part to the massive publicity surrounding Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's round the world trip, on GS's. This book is a complete guide to buying one of these iconic bikes secondhand: what to look for (10min and 30min evaluations); spares prices; guides to auctions and paperwork; lists of useful contacts in the GS community; and just as important, consideration of whether it's the right bike for you. You'll discover all you need to know about the GS you want to buy. Working step-by-step through the bike's strengths and weaknesses. This books unique points system will help you to place the bikes value in relation to condition whilst extensive photographs illustrate the problems to look out for. This is an important investment - STOP! don't buy a BMW GS without this book's help. One hundred color photos, useful appendices and expert advice mean this book could save you 1000's.

Ian Kerr for [inter-bike.co.uk](http://inter-bike.co.uk), 2008This is the latest in the essential series from Veloce Publishing and written by well-known journalist Peter Henshaw. The small soft-back A5 format is designed to be slipped into a jacket pocket to be available as an invaluable handy reference source when looking at a machine with the intention of buying it. Viewed in that light, the book like all the others in the series, gives the reader sufficient knowledge and confidence to view a machine and investigate any areas that might prove costly without the knowledge imparted in the book. As a pre-read for those intending to purchase, it is also excellent and it points you in the direction of other more in-depth publications or specialist websites should you want to go further. Good use is made of experts and technicians who know the flaws in the various models and you also get a good idea of what the running costs will be like. Likewise those riders who have clocked up serious high mileage on the models also contribute to the informative text, which is totally independent of the manufacturers input. My only slight criticism of this particular book is that more care could have been taken with the photography. This at times, gives the impression of a series of snaps quickly taken at a dealer, rather than images planned to illustrate the points being made in the text. However, this is just a small point as the book does exactly what it sets out to do at a very reasonable \$19.95, which could be money well spent.