

life is but a dream.

Dreams do come true, it could happen to you, paraphrases a Frank Sinatra ballad from 1953.

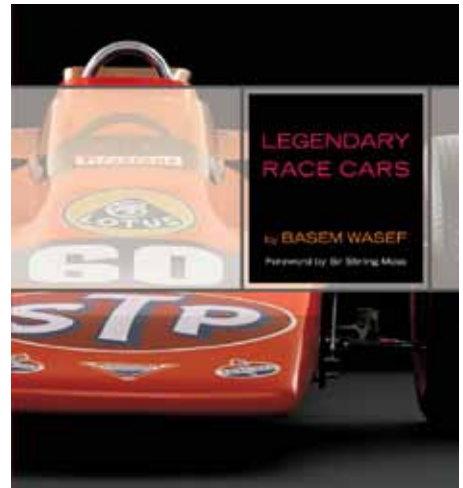
My son often reminds me of that refrain.

Frequently, when someone young is asked what they want to do when they grow up, they pause. Julian's answer has always been, "I want to own a company that designs, builds and sells cars."

To an adult, what that entails might seem daunting. Yet, the world's most desirable cars bear some individual's name. Enzo Ferrari and W.O. Bentley are but two examples.

Julian and I often go out at dawn on Saturday mornings to explore the mountain roads lacing our San Francisco Bay Area home. Our most recent outing found us savoring the exceptional potential of the 621-horsepower Bentley Continental Supersports—on a rainy day. And while people might consider foregoing the most powerful Bentley in inclement weather, the Supersports' all-wheel-drive and sophisticated traction control system make it an exceptional all-weather supercar.

Outstanding in design and brilliant in execution, it is also the ultimate manifestation of the dreams of Walter Owen Bentley, a man who dreamed of cars that were as luxurious as they



were fast. In other words, the way the Supersports' gloriously sumptuous interior, striking body design and twin-turbocharged 12-cylinder engine are mated is nothing less than a dream come true.

Interestingly, Bentley, like Ferrari, was a racer. In fact, both men only built road cars to support their racing habit. I was reminded of this recently by Basem Wasef's handsome book, *Legendary Race Cars*, published by Motorbooks. A veritable book of dreams, Wasef tells the stories behind 25 of the most significant racing cars ever.

Nicely written, packed with glowing photography and beautifully bound and presented, when viewed through a certain filter, *Legendary Race Cars* is a road map for turning dreams into reality—and was one of Julian's Christmas presents this year.

Dreams, ideas, imaginings—whatever you choose to label them—deserve to be nourished. Children, particularly African-American children, need to be shown the nature of their dreams can absolutely determine the quality of their futures.

And, quite frankly, everyone else's too.

Featuring the 2010 Urban Automobiles of the Year, this issue proves dreams come true every day. Just ask Earl Lucas; one of his dreams is on the cover of this very magazine. And I'll bet his dad is just as proud of him as I am of Julian.

-Lyndon Conrad Bell.