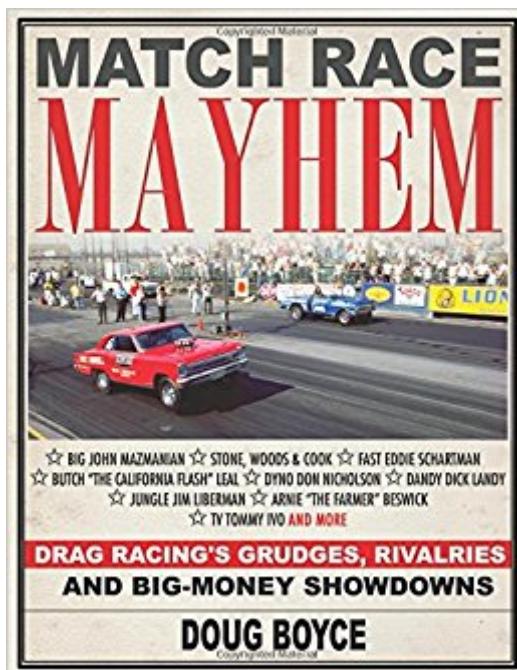


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Match Race Mayhem: Drag Racing's Grudges, Rivalries And Big-Money Showdowns



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