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The 'Frog-eye' (or 'Bug-eye') Sprite was one of the motoring sensations of the 1950s. For the first time since the demise of the Austin Seven Nippy and the original MG Midget before the war, the motoring public were offered a small and affordable sports car,

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Known as the Frog-eye because of its unusual headlamps, the original Austin-Healey Sprite lasted from 1958 to 1961, when it was re-engineered and relaunched as the Sprite Mark II and the MG Midget. The new car shared most of the running gear and trim of the original, but gained a conventional rear-hinged bonnet and an opening boot. This car remained in production until 1979, though the Sprite was withdrawn in 1971, and in 1974 the old BMC A-series engine was replaced by the 1500cc unit from the Triumph Spitfire.

Motoring historian Anders Ditlev Clausager's deeply researched story of the Austin-Healey Sprite and MG Midget covers the cars' design, development and motor-sporting achievements. It also offers useful advice for the would-be 'Spridget' owner, and many useful facts and figures relating to the cars' manufacture.



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