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Tour de France 100

When Henri Desgrange began a new bicycle road race in 1903, he saw it as little more than a temporary publicity stunt to promote his newspaper. The sixty cyclists who left Paris to ride through the night to Lyons that first July had little idea they were pioneers of the most famous of all bike races, which would reach its centenary as one of the greatest sporting events on earth. Geoffrey Wheatcroft's masterly history of the Tour de France's first hundred years is not just a hugely entertaining canter through some great Tour stories; nor is it merely a homage to the riders whose names -- Coppi, Simpson, Merckx, Armstrong -- are synonymous with the event's folly and glory; focusing too on the race's role in French cultural life it provides a unique and fascinating insight into Europe's twentieth century.

Lanterne Rouge

What if all the best Tour stages happened in one race? In Etape, critically acclaimed author Richard Moore weaves first-person interviews with cycling's great riders to assemble a "dream team" of the best Tour de France stages in modern history. Featuring exclusive interviews with the Tour's legends and scoundrels about their best-ever day on the bike (and their most heartbreaking defeats), Moore unravels lingering mysteries and recounts strange tales from 20 great stages of the Tour: LeMond's impossible return from near-death, Schleck's primal scream atop the Galibier, Merckx's self-described toughest Tour, Cav's mind-bending victory in Aubenas, Hinault's hellish battle with Fignon. Etape assembles the greatest days of modern Tour history into a Tour de France of incredible victory, glorious failure, shocking revelation, and beautiful memories. In the words of those who were there, Etape recreates each day vividly and reveals the beauty and the madness of cycling's greatest race.

Butcher, Blacksmith, Acrobat, Sweep

From the Col du Tourmalet to Alpe d'Huez, from Mont Ventoux to Luz Ardiden, these climbs are the beating heart of the Tour de France. Technology may

advance, training and diet may evolve, but these mountains are constant. They have witnessed triumph and despair, courage and heartache, they are where champions are made and where dreams are shattered. And yes, the greatest arenas of the world's greatest race are open 365 days a year for every one of us to ride. So take up the challenge, emulate your heroes and make your mark on the 100 greatest cycling climbs of the Tour de France. For each of the 100 climbs this guide includes: A detailed description of the climb with an accompanying photograph A map detailing the start and end of the climb with directions to help you find it. A factfile with altitude, height gain, average gradient, it's tour debut and category A difficulty rating Simon Warren is the author of 100 Greatest Cycling Climbs, Hellingen: A Road Cyclist's Guide to Belgium's Greatest Cycling Climbs and Another 100 Greatest Cycling Climbs

The Official History of the Tour de France

The Official History of the Tour de France is a celebration of one of the greatest annual sporting events, and the premier competition in world cycling. Through more than 300 photographs, rarely-seen documents and items of memorabilia, this book covers more than a century of fascinating stories on the Tour and its iconic yellow jersey. This revised and updated edition includes an authoritative narrative account of each major era, up to and including the thrilling 2020 Tour - a dramatic contest completed against all the odds - and a preview of the 2021 event. There are features on superstar cyclists and memorable moments from each period of the event's rich history, and a foreword from legendary Tour de France champion Stephen Roche, all of which combines to form the definitive illustrated book on the Tour.

Speed Read Tour de France

Published to mark the 100th anniversary of the world's most prestigious cycle race - the Tour de France - this is the definitive guide. Published to mark the 100th anniversary of what is widely recognized as the world's most grueling, fiercely contested and famous cycle race, this is a lavish and impressive guide. It contains comprehensive profiles of 100 of the Tour's most famous stages, each featuring unique, detailed computer-generated artworks of the route, along with key facts, figures and information that together produce a multitude of facts and stories. In other words, a complete and expert examination of the race through its most dramatic and striking moments. The book also presents 300 fascinating photographs that capture historic events, along with a comprehensive directory listing every jersey winner, and a narrative front section that explores the more bizarre stories and myths surrounding the race. A fitting celebration of a unique sporting event.

A Literary Tour de France

An amateur's account of how he followed the route of the Tour de France shortly before the big event documents his resolve to complete all 2,256 miles and his encounters with some of the race's top heroes, including Lance Armstrong.

Tour de France

The essential guide to the Tour de France, *Speed Read Tour de France* will make you an instant expert on its history, its winners and rivalries, the tactics necessary to win it, and the technology of its bicycles. Le Tour has sometimes been called “chess on wheels” because of the complicated strategies used by the race's 22 teams and 176 riders. This book—written by award-winning cycling journalist John Wilcockson, who has covered the Tour 45 times—will help you understand those tactics, along with informing you about the race’s century-plus history, its famed winners and rivalries, and the technology that has gone into creating the modern racing bicycle and determining how today’s athletes train. Among the questions answered are: Who owns the Tour? How are the course’s 21 stages selected? What are the most famous mountain climbs? How is the overall winner determined? What is a peloton, a soigneur, or an echelon? How big are the prizes? What are time bonuses? Who was the first American to compete in the Tour, and who was the first one to win it? How fast do the racers go down mountain descents? What speeds can the riders reach in sprint finishes? Why are the teams known by the names of their sponsors and not their countries? What do the riders eat, and where do they sleep every night? What are all those motorcycles doing among the cyclists? How do the organizers deal with doping scandals? And is it true that, one year, the top four finishers were all disqualified? You will find the answers to all these questions, and many more, in this informative, beautifully illustrated, fun-to-read book: *Speed Read Tour de France*.

Etape

In his over 30 years of following and photographing the race, Graham Watson has mastered the Tour de France's daily challenges. He shares his insights in this beautifully illustrated guidebook. In his easy-going style, he makes it simple to see the race while treating readers to tips on how to enjoy everything that the Tour -- and France -- has to offer. This guide includes easy-to-follow tips on planning, making reservations, and the first things to do upon arrival; information on where to find the best hotels, and how to find available rooms in each crowded town the Tour visits; campsites, hostels, auberges, and other economical lodging alternatives; and much more. Featuring hundreds of Watson's award-winning photographs, along with full-color maps, travel tips, checklists, and travel resources, this book puts readers in a front-row seat to view all the action.

Three Weeks, Eight Seconds: Greg Lemond, Laurent Fignon, and the Epic Tour de France of 1989

The Tour de France is one of the most prestigious and physically challenging sporting events in the world and is the jewel in professional cycling’s crown. This pocket-sized miscellany is packed with the Tour’s most memorable moments, with curious facts, amazing anecdotes and intriguing statistics from over a century of unforgettable racing.

The Tour de France 1903-2002

After more than 100 years now, the Tour de France is still the sport's premier event. But there's much more to the Tour than the daily stage victories and the Yellow Jersey. This book takes a closer look behind the scenes of the Tour. Les Woodland recounts many of the fascinating episodes from the Tour's past and present in a knowledgeable and humorous style. The Unknown Tour de France makes fascinating reading for everyone interested in the sport. You'll find out about the great champions of the early days, and those of the present time You'll find out about the men who started and promoted this great venture. Find out about "the foreign legion," the few early English-speaking riders who paved the way for such men as Greg LeMond, Lance Armstrong, and Tyler Hamilton.

Le Tour: A History of the Tour de France

Chronicles the history of the famous bicycle race, and offers a look at the people, places, and events that make it unique.

23 Days in July

Taking place over twenty-three days in July and across more than 2,100 miles of smooth blacktop, rough cobblestones, and punishing mountain terrain, the Tour de France is the most grueling sports event in the world. And in 2004, five-time champion Lance Armstrong set out to achieve what no other cyclist in the 100-year history of the race had ever done: win a sixth Tour de France. Armstrong had four serious challengers who wanted nothing more than to deny the man the French call Le Boss from achieving his goal. The major threat among them was the only other former Tour de France champion in last year's race, Germany's Jan Ullrich-The Kaiser. But when the race was over, Lance Armstrong once again wore the yellow jersey of victory.

Vive Le Tour!

Discover this 100-year anniversary celebration of the hardest-earned and most sacred prize in sport, the Tour de France's Yellow Jersey. The perfect Christmas gift for cycling fans. In 2019, the cycling world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of sport's most iconic and distinguished prize: the Yellow Jersey. Beautifully produced and packed full of interviews with riders such as Chris Froome, Thomas Voeckler and the oldest living wearer of the Yellow Jersey at 94, Antonin Rolland, The Yellow Jersey is a fitting celebration of the 'maillot jaune'. In 1919 the leading rider was first instructed to wear the Yellow Jersey, following a campaign from fans and journalists who were struggling to identify the winning rider. 100 years on, the jersey has passed into almost sacred status. You'll never see an amateur rider wearing yellow - it is reserved purely for those who have sacrificed themselves in the world's greatest race. Cossins will take the reader on a journey to the origins of the jersey and its early winners. He'll explore the effect of wearing yellow as a motivator and occasionally as a curse. Beautifully produced with original photography, The Yellow Jersey is an exquisite tribute to the greatest trophy in sport. 'Without doubt the most beautiful book to land on our desk this year we can't recommend this book enough' Cycling Weekly

Tour de France

In this updated edition of the highly acclaimed Tour de France, Graeme Fife sets the 2015 race in the context of the event's remarkable history, which stretches back to July 1903. Named one of the top 5 sports books of the year by both the Times and the Independent, this meticulously researched guide has a pacy narrative which paints an irresistible portrait of this extraordinary competition and a colourful picture of the men who have given the Tour its enduring universal appeal. Tour de France : The History, The Legend, The Riders is laced with tales of great solo performances, amazing fortitude, terrible misfortune and magnificent triumphs, and will include the stories behind the headlines of the 2015 race.

The Comeback

A visual history of the Tour de France as the one hundredth running of the race gets underway in 2013.

100 Greatest Cycling Climbs of the Tour de France

The gripping story of the greatest race in cycling history, when Greg LeMond cinched victory by a mere eight seconds. "I was convinced deep inside that I could not lose. I could not see how it could happen."—Laurent Fignon "I didn't think. I just rode."—Greg LeMond For a race as long as the mighty Tour (three weeks of testing the limits of human endurance), to have the ultimate victory decided by a margin of just eight seconds almost boggles the mind. But that's exactly what happened between American legend Greg LeMond and Laurent Fignon. And he did it on the final stage, as the two sprinted through down the Champs Elysees. After more than 2,000 miles in the saddle, it remains the smallest margin of victory in the Tour's 100+ year history. But as dramatic as that Sunday afternoon on the streets of Paris was, the race wasn't just about that one time-trial. During the previous fortnight, the leader's yellow jersey had swapped back and forth between LeMond and Fignon in a titanic struggle for supremacy, a battle with more twists and turns than an Alpine mountain pass. At no point during the entire three weeks were the pair separated by more than 53 seconds, a razor thin margin between ultimate triumph or agonizing torment. And all this despite LeMond's body still carrying more than 30 shotgun pellets after a shooting accident. In Three Weeks, Eight Seconds, Nige Tassell brings one of cycling's most astonishing stories to life, examining that extraordinary race in all its multifaceted glory, complete with fresh first-hand testimony, including exclusive new insight from Team LeMond, Pedro Delgado, Sean Kelly, Stephen Roche, Bjarne Riis, Andy Hampsten, Raul Alcala, Charly Mottet, Sean Yates and many more.

The Story of the Tour de France

"Greg LeMond was Lance Armstrong before Lance Armstrong . . . the story of a true hero . . . This is a must read if you believe in miracles."—John Feinstein, New York Times—bestselling author In July 1986, Greg LeMond stunned the sporting world by becoming the first American to win the Tour de France, the world's pre-eminent bicycle race, defeating French cycling legend Bernard Hinault. Nine

months later, LeMond lay in a hospital bed, his life in peril after a hunting accident, his career as a bicycle racer seemingly over. And yet, barely two years after this crisis, LeMond mounted a comeback almost without parallel in professional sports. In summer 1989, he again won the Tour—arguably the world’s most grueling athletic contest—by the almost impossibly narrow margin of 8 seconds over another French legend, Laurent Fignon. It remains the closest Tour de France in history. “[A] blend of chaos, kindness and cruelty typifies the scenes that journalist de Visé brings to life in this sympathetic-verging-on-reverential retelling of LeMond’s trailblazing career (first American to enter the tour, first to win it) . . . As an author in quest of his protagonist’s motivation, [de Visé] subjects it to extreme torque.”—The Washington Post “A great book . . . Well written and thoroughly researched . . . Engrossing and hard to put down. If you’re a Greg LeMond fan, *The Comeback* is a must read because it’s a detailed accounting of his career and—more importantly—his life and person off the bike. It’s also an important reminder that American cycling did not begin and end with Lance Armstrong.”—PEZ

French Revolutions

At first glance, a Tour de France bike may look a lot like your own bicycle. It might even have the same model name and principal components. But on closer inspection, there are many subtle and pleasing differences which set these high-performance machines apart, thanks to the Tour mechanics working day in and day out at the cutting edge of bicycle technology. *The Official Tour de France Bike Maintenance Book* goes behind the scenes with the finest professional cycling technicians during the most grueling and high-pressure bike race in the world, sharing exclusive images, in-race stories, and professional tricks of the trade. Practical sections in each chapter explain how to perform essential maintenance tasks and personalize bikes like the pros. Combining intrigue and instruction, and featuring vivid images of classic bikes from the past 75 years of the Tour, this is a fascinating and indispensable guide for both cycling fans and competitors.

Le Tour

From the winner of the Telegraph Sports Book Awards Cycling Book of the Year 2018 *The first Tour de France in 1903* was a colourful affair full of adventure, mishaps and audacious attempts at cheating. Its riders included characters like Maurice Garin, an Italian-born Frenchman, said to have been swapped for a round of cheese by his parents in order to smuggle him into France to clean chimneys as a teenager, Hippolyte Aucouturier with his trademark handlebar moustache, and amateurs like Jean Dargassies, a blacksmith who had never raced before. Would this ramshackle pack of cyclists draw crowds to throng France's rutted roads and cheer the first Tour heroes? Surprisingly it did, and, all thanks to a marketing ruse dreamed up to revive struggling newspaper *L'Auto*, cycling would never be the same again. Peter Cossins takes us through the inaugural Tour de France, painting a nuanced portrait of France in the early 1900s, to see where the greatest sporting event of all began.

The Official Tour de France Bike Maintenance Book

Presents a pictorial history of the Tour de France, highlighting the athletes, memorable races, and the scandals.

Le Tour 100

Geoffrey Wheatcroft's hugely entertaining and well researched history of the Tour de France is already established as the definitive account of cycling's greatest event. Since the book was last published in 2007, much has changed. Bradley Wiggins' historic victory in 2012 - the first Briton ever to secure the yellow jersey - brought him a knighthood and garnered more interest in the race than ever before. Yet the months after were dominated by an even bigger story, as Tour legend and seven-time winner Lance Armstrong was stripped of his titles and confessed on Oprah to doping in each of his victories. Suddenly, everything that we thought we knew had happened was no longer true. In this new and comprehensively revised edition of the book, Wheatcroft not only brings his story of the Tour fully up to date to mark the race's 100th running in 2013, he also reflects on the changes brought about by the scandals that have rocked the sport to its core. Yet for all the controversies of modern times, he vividly captures the essential glory and romance of the heroes who battle to conquer one of sport's greatest challenges.

Le Tour

The must-have encyclopedia for all Tour de France fans. Celebrating the centenary of cycling's most iconic award, The Official Encyclopedia of the Yellow Jersey is a visually stunning and comprehensive look at all the wearers of the 'maillot jaune'. In this book, acclaimed L'Équipe journalists Philippe Bouvet and Frédérique Galametz bring to life the 100-year history of spectacular sporting achievement, covering incredible stories from the 'Hall of Fame' including five-time winner Miguel Indurain, and statistics on the yellow jersey, the 266 race leaders who have worn it and much more. This book includes: - A preface from 11-time Grand Tour winner, Eddy Merckx - A look at the rise of the British reign since 2012, with Wiggins, Froome and Thomas - All the official statistics established by L'Équipe (the no.1 French sports newspaper) and used by the Tour de France, from the yellow jersey winners by country, to the 'National Firsts' - the first riders from each nation to wear the yellow jersey - Photographs and biographies of all the successive yellow jersey wearers over the past 100 years, from the first wearer, Eugène Christophe, to the 2018 Tour de France and yellow jersey winner, Geraint Thomas The perfect guide for all those with a passion for sport.

100 Greatest Cycling Climbs

Le Tour de France is the official publication on the history of the event, written in association with Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO) by three experts. It is a celebration of one of the world's most famed annual events, which is generally considered the greatest test of endurance in the sporting world. This brand new edition comprises an authoritative narrative account of each major era up to and including the 2017 Tour - when Britain's Chris Froome joined an elite club of four-time and three-in-a-row winners - with more than 300 photographs, some dating back to the nineteenth century. There are features on the superstars and

memorable moments for each era. The photos include souvenir brochures, period newspapers, posters, stickers, postcards and items of correspondence, together with action shots of all the major stars both in the saddle and associated with what is universally known as Le Tour.

Le Tour

“The holy grail for disillusioned cycling fans . . . The book’s power is in the collective details, all strung together in a story that is told with such clear-eyed conviction that you never doubt its veracity. . . . The Secret Race isn’t just a game changer for the Lance Armstrong myth. It’s the game ender.”—Outside
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD
The Secret Race is the book that rocked the world of professional cycling—and exposed, at long last, the doping culture surrounding the sport and its most iconic rider, Lance Armstrong. Former Olympic gold medalist Tyler Hamilton was once one of the world’s top-ranked cyclists—and a member of Lance Armstrong’s inner circle. Over the course of two years, New York Times bestselling author Daniel Coyle conducted more than two hundred hours of interviews with Hamilton and spoke with numerous teammates, rivals, and friends. The result is an explosive page-turner of a book that takes us deep inside a shadowy, fascinating, and surreal world of unscrupulous doctors, anything-goes team directors, and athletes so relentlessly driven to win that they would do almost anything to gain an edge. For the first time, Hamilton recounts his own battle with depression and tells the story of his complicated relationship with Lance Armstrong. This edition features a new Afterword, in which the authors reflect on the developments within the sport, and involving Armstrong, over the past year. The Secret Race is a courageous, groundbreaking act of witness from a man who is as determined to reveal the hard truth about his sport as he once was to win the Tour de France. With a new Afterword by the authors. “Loaded with bombshells and revelations.”—VeloNews “[An] often harrowing story . . . the broadest, most accessible look at cycling’s drug problems to date.”—The New York Times “ ‘If I cheated, how did I get away with it?’ That question, posed to SI by Lance Armstrong five years ago, has never been answered more definitively than it is in Tyler Hamilton’s new book.”—Sports Illustrated “Explosive.”—The Daily Telegraph (London)

Le Tour de France

From its humble origins over a century ago to its present day glory, the Tour de France has always been a race that has inspired fascination. The exploits of the riders - Tommy Simpson's death of the slopes of Mont Ventoux, Lance Armstrong's controversial career and Bradley Wiggins' historic win - continue to enthral audiences worldwide. With unequalled access to the race's archives and a chronological approach building to the present day, this beautifully illustrated book commemorates the 100th race in style. The rivalries, passion and drama of the world's greatest cycling challenge are revealed through entertaining and authoritative commentary and breathtaking official photography. Featuring unique race content, route maps, profiles of key riders and a section dedicated to the vital statistics of every race, Tour de France is the definitive account of this historic event.

Mapping Le Tour

Cycling is Britain's biggest boom sport and nowhere is the boom more evident than on the road: once seen as the preserve of serious racers, the road bike has recently found a new lease of life due to the popularity of challenge rides and Sportives. It is now possible for cyclists of all abilities to ride a well marked, well marshalled event just about any weekend of the year, usually based around one, two or sometimes as many as ten fearsome hills. For the first time, here is a pocket-sized guide to the 100 greatest climbs in the land, the building blocks for these rides, written by a cyclist for cyclists. From lung busting city centre cobbles to leg breaking windswept mountain passes, this guide locates the roads that have tested riders for generations and worked their way into cycling folklore. Whether you're a leisure cyclist looking for a challenge or an elite athlete trying to break records stick this book in your pocket and head for the hills. To watch a video of Simon Warren in action [click here](#)

The Secret Race

The publishing industry in France in the years before the Revolution was a lively and sometimes rough-and-tumble affair, as publishers and printers scrambled to deal with (and if possible evade) shifting censorship laws and tax regulations, in order to cater to a reading public's appetite for books of all kinds, from the famous Encyclopédie, repository of reason and knowledge, to scandal-mongering libel and pornography. Historian and librarian Robert Darnton uses his exclusive access to a trove of documents-letters and documents from authors, publishers, printers, paper millers, type founders, ink manufacturers, smugglers, wagon drivers, warehousemen, and accountants-involving a publishing house in the Swiss town of Neuchatel to bring this world to life. Like other places on the periphery of France, Switzerland was a hotbed of piracy, carefully monitoring the demand for certain kinds of books and finding ways of fulfilling it. Focusing in particular on the diary of Jean-François Favarger, a traveling sales rep for a Swiss firm whose 1778 voyage, on horseback and on foot, around France to visit bookstores and renew accounts forms the spine of this story, Darnton reveals not only how the industry worked and which titles were in greatest demand, but the human scale of its operations. A Literary Tour de France is literally that. Darnton captures the hustle, picaresque comedy, and occasional risk of Favarger's travels in the service of books, and in the process offers an engaging, immersive, and unforgettable narrative of book culture at a critical moment in France's history.

The First Tour de France

The Tour de France is one of the most gruelling, exacting, and exciting events on the world's sporting calendar. This book provides a visually stunning journey through the 106 years of the Tour and, with it, the changing face of France. The images in the book cover all aspects of the life of the Tour, from road-side spectators to competitors, marshalls, and the majestic scenery of a beautiful country. With a foreword by Greg LeMond, three-time winner and the first American ever to win the Tour.

The Unknown Tour de France

Le Tour 100 is a unique and stunning visual reference to the world's greatest race. With 100 computer-generated artworks detailing the routes of the greatest stages, it relates the most dramatic moments with an exhaustively researched array of facts, figures and stories to give the reader the ultimate Tour de France book. Published to celebrate the 100th race, the 100 seminal moments of the Tour have been chosen by the panel of authors and each has been given its double-page spread showing the route, the story of the stages, the topography, pictures from the race, statistics and features. A complete gazetteer section details every route the tour took and the winners of all the jerseys, while a front section profiles the key characters that were instrumental in the Tour's story. With a combination of stunning visuals, detailed facts and gripping stories, Le Tour 100 is a celebration of the Tour De France and 110 years of racing. No other book tells the history in such a unique and beautiful way.

The Official Encyclopedia of the Yellow Jersey

In this highly original history of the world's most famous bicycle race, Christopher S. Thompson, mining previously neglected sources and writing with infectious enthusiasm for his subject, tells the compelling story of the Tour de France from its creation in 1903 to the present. Weaving the words of racers, politicians, Tour organizers, and a host of other commentators together with a wide-ranging analysis of the culture surrounding the event including posters, songs, novels, films, and media coverage Thompson links the history of the Tour to key moments and themes in French history. Examining the enduring popularity of Tour racers, Thompson explores how their public images have changed over the past century. A new preface explores the long-standing problem of doping in light of recent scandals.

Graham Watson's Tour de France Travel Guide

What they are saying about The Story of the Tour de France: After forty years of study on the subject, I can with some confidence say Bill and Carol McGann's The Story of the Tour de France is the finest such work ever produced in the English language, and perhaps in any. Most of my preferred references are in French, one runs to over 800 pages, yet the McGanns' opus revealed information new to me in almost every paragraph. Their research has been not only impeccable, but insightful. -Owen Mulholland, author of Uphill Battle and Cycling's Golden Age The Story of the Tour de France: How a Newspaper Promotion Became the Greatest Sporting Event in the World by Bill and Carol McGann is a must read. -Road Bike Action Magazine For any historian of the sport the McGanns'Tour de France history is essential reading. Details of the stages and the riders are not glossed over. For those who are new to the sport, the McGanns bring the glory days of the sport alive with the intrigue that still exists today. Epic stages that might have faded into oblivion are eloquently recounted so that future generation of cyclists will know the rich history of our beautiful sport. -Neil Browne, editor, Road Magazine Besides towering over all bicycle races, the Tour de France endures for its unique Gaulic character, like Victor Hugo's Les Miserables. The McGanns' passionate and

insightful writing evokes the raucous cast of riders, promoters, and journalists thrusting through highs and lows worthy of opera. This volume stands out as a must-read book for anyone seeking to appreciate cycling's race of races. -Peter Joffre Nye, author of *The Six-Day Bicycle Races: America's Jazz Age Sport* and *Hearts of Lions Volume 1 of The Story of the Tour de France* concluded with Jacques Anquetil's record setting fifth Tour win. Volume 2 opens with the greatest Italian racer of the modern age, Felice Gimondi and his effortless victory at the young age of 22. Despite his extraordinary talent, he never won the Tour again. Starting in 1969, Eddy Merckx began his run of 5 victories. Bernard Hinault, who also managed to win 5, followed him. Unable to fulfill his destiny as a likely 5-time winner because of a hunting accident, LeMond won the Tour 3 times. LeMond's era was followed by the remarkable Spaniard Miguel Indurain, the first man to win the Tour 5 times in a row. The late 1990s were a time of extreme crisis for the Tour as the culture of doping within the professional cycling community erupted into the scandal of 1998. *The Story of the Tour de France* deals with this episode at length. Emerging from a near-fatal bout of cancer, Lance Armstrong went on to do what no other rider in the Tour's long history had ever been able to accomplish, win the Tour 7 times. Following Armstrong's retirement, the Tour was again seized by scandal, this time Floyd Landis' disqualification for drugs after winning the 2006 Tour. The book concludes with the story of the 2007 Tour, followed by a quest for the greatest ever Tour de France rider and an epilogue that explains the reasons for the extraordinary success of the Tour. Bill and Carol McGann have had their lives inextricably tied up with bicycles about as long as they can remember. Their first date was a bike ride. Bill, formerly a Category 1 racer, has been a contributor to several cycling magazines and is widely acknowledged as an expert on road bikes and cycling history. Since his father gave him a small 1-speed English lightweight bicycle when he was 5 years old, Bill has been in love with everything about bikes. Carol, a former college biology instructor is also an accomplished rider, having cycle-toured extensively. Together they started Torelli Imports in 1981, a firm specializing in high-performance cycle equipment.

Tour de France 100

Millions of spectators line the route every year with some having camped a week in advance to get the best views of one of the greatest annual sporting events and the world's best-known cycling race—the Tour de France. In this absorbing collection of facts and anecdotes, Nick Brownlee covers the history, present, and future of this fascinating world. Details include the highs and lows, winners and losers, and triumphs and tragedies of this fast-paced and exciting sport.

Tour de France 100

This book analyses the Tour de France over its long history both as France's most prestigious and famous sporting event and as a European and, increasingly, a world cycling competition. This study provides interdisciplinary and varied perspectives on the sporting, cultural, social, economic and political significance of the Tour within and outside France, giving a comprehensive and authoritative investigation of up-to-the minute thinking on what the Tour means, now and in the past, to competitors, to France, to the French public, to the cultural history of sport, and the sport of cycling itself.

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Tour de France/Tour de Force

Greg LeMond, 'L'Americain': fresh-faced, prodigious newcomer. This is supposed to be his year. Bernard Hinault, 'The Badger': aggressive, headstrong, five-time winner of the Tour. He has pledged his unwavering support to his team mate, LeMond. The team is everything in cycling, so the world watches, stunned, as LeMond and Hinault's explosive rivalry plays out over three high-octane weeks. Slaying the Badger relives the adrenaline and agony as LeMond battles to become the first American to win the Tour, with the Badger relentlessly on the attack. Includes brand new material for the paperback.

Slaying the Badger

Three-time Tour de France winner Greg Lemond offers an introduction to this richly illustrated study of the legendary bicycle race, tracing the history of the Tour from 1903 to the present and profiling the extraordinary athletes who take part in the grueling, two-thousand-mile, twenty-one-day event.

Mapping Le Tour

Collects maps of each Tour de France, with statistics, winners, and lists of stages and information on the history of the race, with extended information on twenty iconic Tour locations.

Le Tour de France

Celebrate the 100th year of Tour de France with a complete guide including details of the 2013 race With a map of each edition of the Tour de France, along with photographs, text on the history of the race, and lists of the stages, winners, and key statistics, this guide is essential for any cycling fan. Each Tour de France race map is accompanied by statistics, including race and stage distances, highest point, number of starters and finishers, average speed, and jersey winners. Twenty of Le Tour's iconic locations—many of which have featured in the Etape du Tour—are put under the spotlight, and an extended section on the 2013 race is included, with detailed maps and statistics on each of this year's stages.

The Tour De France, 1903-2003

From its inception, the 1903 Tour de France was a colorful affair. Full of adventure, mishaps and audacious attempts at cheating, it was a race to be remembered. Cyclists of the time weren't enthusiastic about participating in this "heroic" race on roads more suited to hooves than wheels, with bikes weighing up to thirty-five pounds, on a single fixed gear, for three full weeks. Assembling enough riders for the race meant paying unemployed amateurs from the suburbs of Paris, including a butcher, a chimney sweep and a circus acrobat. From Maurice "The White Bulldog" Garin, an Italian-born Frenchman whose parents were said to have swapped him for a round of cheese in order to smuggle him into France as a fourteen-year-old, to Hippolyte Aucouturier, who looked like a villain from a Buster Keaton movie with his jersey of horizontal stripes and handlebar moustache, the cyclists were a remarkable bunch. Starting in the Parisian suburb of Montgeron, the route took the intrepid cyclists through Lyon, over the hills to Marseille, then on to Toulouse, Bordeaux, and Nantes, ending with great fanfare at the Parc des Princes in Paris. There was no indication that this ramshackle cycling pack would draw crowds to throng France's rutted roads and cheer the first Tour heroes. But they did; and all thanks to a marketing ruse, cycling would never be the same again.

The Yellow Jersey

Froome, Wiggins, Mercks—we know the winners of the Tour de France, but *Lanterne Rouge* tells the forgotten, often inspirational and occasionally absurd stories of the last-placed rider. We learn of stage winners and former yellow jerseys who tasted life at the other end of the bunch; the breakaway leader who stopped for a bottle of wine and then took a wrong turn; the dooper whose drug cocktail accidentally slowed him down and the rider who was recognized as the most combative despite finishing at the back. Max Leonard flips the Tour de France on its head and examines what these stories tell us about ourselves, the 99% who don't win the trophy, and forces us to re-examine the meaning of success, failure and the very nature of sport.

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