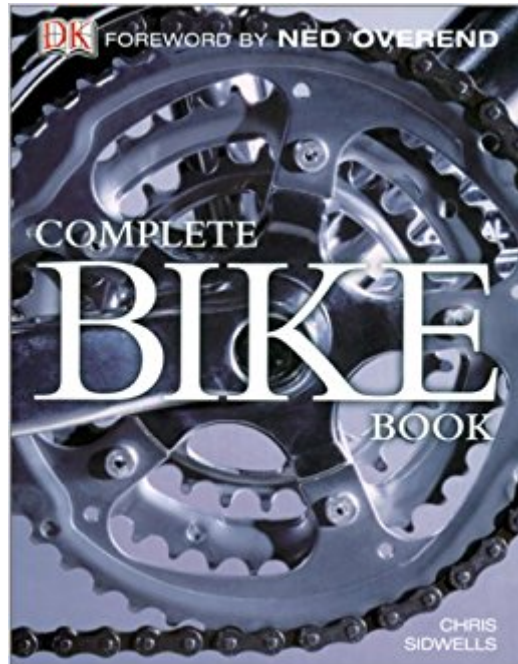




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Covering all kinds of bicycles, types of riding, basic and advanced maintenance and repair, as well as the best techniques for riding on and off road, the Complete Bike Book is the ultimate guide for any bicycle enthusiast. Following the groundbreaking success of DK's best-selling Richard's Ultimate Bike Book and Bicycle Repair Manual, this fully illustrated features detailed pages of step-by-step riding techniques and maintenance, as well as anatomical spreads on every type of bike showing exactly how parts fit together.

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All cycling enthusiasts, from beginners to would-be Tour de France competitors, will want to consult this book again and again. The author begins with a short history of the bicycle, charting its evolution from a simple two-wheeled machine propelled by foot power (the draisine, patented in 1817) to today's ultramodern, high-tech vehicle. Individual chapters discuss such matters as proper cycling attire, how to teach a child to ride, how to tailor your diet to maximize its effectiveness, and how to maintain and repair your bike. But the book's showpiece is its bike gallery, a series of detailed photographs describing each and every conceivable variation on the two-wheeler theme. The whole is copiously illustrated, but this section, which runs to nearly 40 pages, is simply beautiful. The book is perfect for newbies, for someone who cycles to work, and for the off-roader, the racer, and the person who sees cycling as a healthy workout. David Pitt

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For the holidays, I purchased this book for each member of my HS bike club. It doesn't include all the newest innovations, but neither do most peoples bikes. It covers so much about riding, fixing, identifying, etc... That if you were going to just have one bike book (as the teens in my group) this would be a great choice. The disassembled bike pictures for every type of bike are great. While I myself have many other books, I use the directions in this book for derailleur adjustment as it is the clearest to follow of the several interpretations of the task I have seen. Shame it is out of print and doesn't continue to be updated. It is the type of book that could easily be reissued with only 20 more pages every couple of years.

This is an excellent book for everything bikes. My son is a hardcore cyclist and uses this book as a reference for everything. He has been able to repair his own bike using the guidance in this book.

Very informative. Clearly written.

The Complete Bike Book falls short of the book's title. The book is lavishly illustrated with color photos on virtually every page. As an informal treatment on the subject of bicycling, it does an average job. While the book tries to cover everything from road biking to mountain biking, the information is scarce and only provides thumbnail glimpses of each topic that is covered. Most of the photographs seem rather dark and underexposed. This may be a result of the publisher not keeping an eye out on quality control. This book is rather expensive and thin. For the price of this book, you would probably do better to purchase "Richard's 21st Century Bike Book" which does a much better job of covering bicycling.

This is one of those flashy books full of bright color photos on every page. The subject matter is divided into about 100 topics. Each is covered in a two-page spread, no more, no less. (All the news that fits, we print.) Surprisingly, the rigid structure works. The author has brief, quality content on each topic. He addresses selection among the different types of bicycles, basic techniques for off-road and on, health and fitness issues, racing skills, maintenance, et al. If you are looking for

breadth, not depth, this is a good introductory/intermediate level book.

This book has lots and lots of pictures but is more of a coffee table book than a serious bicycle book. It tries to cover all sorts of topics about biking but in doing so, it dilutes each subject that it covers. The Complete Bike Book is well illustrated but low on indepth information. If you like nice picture books, this may be a good purchase, but considering the price and the rather skimpy content, I would seriously consider another book about bicycles.

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