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**The Vanishing** Jun 26 2022 When Saskia Ehlvest, a young Dutch girl, disappears from a rest stop along a highway in rural France, her lover, Rex Hofmann, cannot accept her disappearance and embarks on an obsessive search for her that spans years. Movie tie-in. 20,000 first printing.

*Full Gas* Jan 10 2021 \*\* WINNER OF THE CYCLING BOOK OF THE YEAR AT THE 2019 TELEGRAPH SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS\*\* So how do you win a bike race? Riding as fast as you could for as long as you could was the main tactic in the early days of road racing when Grand Tours could be won by hours. Now a minute's delay thanks to a puncture could ruin a rider's chances over a three-week race and the sport is described as nothing less than chess on wheels. The intricacies and complexities of cycling are what makes it so appealing: an eye for opportunity and a quick mind are just as crucial to success as a 'big engine' or good form. How do you cope with crosswinds, cobbles, elbows-out sprints, weaving your way through a teeming peloton? Why are steady nerves one of the best weapons in a rider's arsenal and breakaway artists to be revered? Where do you see the finest showcase of tactical brilliance? Peter Cossins takes us on to the team buses to hear pro cyclists and directeurs sportifs explain their tactics: when it went right, when they got it wrong – from sprinting to summits, from breakaways to bluffing. Hectic, thrilling, but sometimes impenetrable – watching a bike race can baffle as much as entertain. Full Gas is the essential guide to make sense of all things peloton.

**Pedalare! Pedalare! : a history of Italian cycling** Jan 22 2022 The story of Italian cycling is the story of Italy in the twentieth century.

**Tour de France** Dec 21 2021 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.

*Pro Cycling on \$10 a Day* Jun 02 2020 Plump, grumpy, slumped on the couch, and going nowhere fast at age 16, Phil Gaimon began riding a bicycle with the grand ambition of shedding a few pounds before going off to college. He soon fell into racing and discovered he was a natural, riding his way into a pro contract after just one season despite utter ignorance of a century of cycling etiquette. Now, in his book *Pro Cycling on \$10 a Day*, Phil brings the full powers of his wit to tell his story. Presented here as a guide--and a warning--to aspiring racers who dream of joining the professional racing circus, Phil's adventures in road rash serve as a hilarious and cautionary tale of frustrating team directors and broken promises. Phil's education in the ways of the peloton, his discouraging negotiations for a better contract, his endless miles crisscrossing America in pursuit of race wins, and his conviction that somewhere just around the corner lies the ticket to the big time fuel this tale of hope and ambition from one of cycling's best story-tellers. *Pro Cycling on \$10 a Day* chronicles the racer's daily lot of blood-soaked bandages, sleazy motels, cheap food, and overflowing toilets. But it also celebrates the true beauty of the sport and the worth of the journey, proving in the end that even among the narrow ranks of world-class professional cycling, there will always be room for a hard-working outsider.

**Easy Rider: My Life on a Bike** Jun 14 2021 The son of a wrestler turned cycling coach called Killer Kowalski, Rob Hayles was soon winning races himself and realizing that he didn't really want to work for a living. The world of amateur club cycling in the 1990s was a long way from the millionaire sport of today though. When Rob first rode for Great Britain, it was with his own bike, one spare tyre, and a hand-me-down jersey. Yet Rob became an integral part of the amazing success story of British cycling, and has been at the centre of the sport for the past two decades. With Bradley Wiggins, he was a member of the first GB team to become world champions at the team pursuit, the most demanding and thrilling discipline on the track. With teammate David Millar, he witnessed first-hand the drug-strewn, often demeaning life of the professional road cyclist. And as Mark Cavendish's training partner, Rob has been the experienced influence at the side of the fastest man on two wheels. *Easy Rider* is an unforgettable journey through revolutionary times. Sharp, down-to-earth, packed with anecdotes and just plain fun, it takes you from the humblest of beginnings through a golden era in British cycling.

**Ventoux** Feb 20 2022 A moving and hilarious feel-good novel about male friendship, romance, intrigue, treachery and cycling.

**The Badger** Aug 24 2019 The thrilling life of France's finest cyclist Bernard Hinault is one of the greatest cyclists of all time. He is a five-time winner of the Tour de France and the only man to have won each of the Grand Tours on more than one occasion. Three decades after his retirement, Hinault remains the last Frenchman to win the Tour de France and his victory in 1985 marks the turning point for a nation who had dominated the first eight decades of the race they had invented. In this biography, bestselling author William Fotheringham details how Hinault, nicknamed the "Badger" for his combative style, was the last old-school champion: a larger-than-life personality from a working-class background, capable of winning on all terrains, in major tours, and one-day classics. A full portrait of this fascinating character, *The Badger* also explores the reasons why France, the nation that considers itself cycling's home, has found it so hard to produce another champion.

*The Art of Cycling* Apr 24 2022 A meditative love letter to the sport of cycling, **THE ART OF CYCLING** traces the journey of a former professional racer regaining his love for the sport and shows how cycling can shed new light on age-old questions of selfhood, meaning, and purpose. Interweaving cycling, philosophy, and personal narrative, **THE ART OF CYCLING** provides readers with a deep understanding into the highs and lows of being an elite athlete, the limits of approaching any sporting pursuit from a strictly rational perspective, and how the philosophical and often counterintuitive lessons derived from sport can be applied to other areas of life. Accessible to everyone from the hardened racer to the casual fan, **THE ART OF CYCLING** engages the history of thought through the lens of cycling to undermine much of what is typically thought of as "intellectual", breathing new vitality into life, and countering society's obsession with progress and drive towards the abstract, detached, and virtual.

*The Rider* Sep 29 2022 **THE RIDER** describes one 150-kilometre race in just 150 pages. In the course of the narrative, we get to know the forceful, bumbling Lebusque, the aesthete Barthélemy, the young Turk Reilhan and the mysterious 'rider from Cycles Goff'. Krabbe battles with and against each of them in turn, failing on the descents, shining on the climbs, suffering on the (false) flats. The outcome of the race is, in fact, merely the last stanza of an exciting and too-brief paean to stamina, suffering and the redeeming power of humour. This is not a history of road racing, a hagiography of the European greats or even a factual account of his own amateur cycling career. Instead, Krabbe allows us to race with him, inside his skull as it were, during a mythical Tour de Mont Aigoual.

**Mr Tom** Sep 17 2021 An exhilarating account of our greatest cycling legend, Tom Simpson. An intimate portrait of an exceptional man, this biography, written with unique insight by his nephew, Chris Sidwells, tells us about the private as well as the public Simpson, about his life as well as his death on Mont Ventoux.

*The Cyclist's Tale and Other Short Cycling Stories* Mar 31 2020 These tales journey into a crazy world of cycling. A world of lost seconds, demons, and heroic efforts. The stories twist and turn like the road itself. Full of imagination and love of the road, they can be taken one at a time, like a short spin, or even as a long ride. In either case, you will soon find yourself on a new journey. With a few minutes before a ride, or a few hours on a plane, these tales will have you reaching for the handlebars, stretching your legs and looking forward to the road ahead.

**Lanterne Rouge** Sep 25 2019 lanterne rouge (French | noun): The competitor who finishes last in the Tour de France Froome, Wiggins, Merckx – we know the winners of the Tour de France, but what about the men who finish last?

*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 doper whose drug cocktail accidentally slowed him down and the rider who was recognised as the most combative despite finishing at the back. Flipping the Tour de France on its head and examines what these stories tell us about ourselves, the 99% who don't win the trophy, *Lanterne Rouge* forces us to re-examine the meaning of success, failure and the very nature of sport. 'A lively account of largely forgotten men... It's not easy to come up with an original angle on Le Tour, but with this rear view Leonard has managed the feat in style' Independent on Sunday

*The Hour* Feb 29 2020 **The Hour**. It's the only cycling record that matters: one man and his bike against the clock in a quest for pure speed. No teammates, no rivals, no tactics, no gears, no brakes. Just one simple question - in sixty minutes, how far can you go? Michael Hutchinson had a plan. He was going to add his name to the list of record-holders, cycling's supermen. But how does a man who became a professional athlete by accident achieve sporting immortality? It didn't sound too hard. All he needed was a couple of hand-tooled bike frames, the most expensive wheels money could buy, a support team of crack professionals, a small pot of glue, and a credit card wired to someone else's bank account. Still, getting the glue wasn't a problem... Michael Hutchinson became a full-time cyclist in 2000 after becoming disillusioned with an academic career. Over the following six years he has won more than twenty national titles, and the gold medal in the Masters' Pursuit World Championships. He is now a writer and journalist (and cyclist) and lives in south London.

*At Speed* May 02 2020 The most anticipated sports autobiography of the year from Britain's most exciting athlete. Mark Cavendish is quite simply the most exciting thing in world cycling. With his self-belief and smouldering competitive fire, Cav turned the animalistic hunger to win into an art form. Cycling bible L'Equipe has responded to his staggering success by naming him the best sprinter in the history of Tour de France. In *Boy Racer*, published by Ebury in 2009, Cav told of his early years, culminating in his first experiences of the Tour. Since then his career has advanced at a lightning pace. He has clocked up another three record-breaking years in the Tour, becoming the first Brit to win a jersey in 25 years and the first ever to win green; sailing to final-stage victory on the Champs-Élysées for an unheard of four consecutive years. He won green in Spain's Vuelta in 2010 and spent the 2012 season in the World Champion's rainbow jersey; making him the first British cyclist in 50 years since Tom Simpson to win the World Championship road race. As well as being one of Britain's most successful sportsmen he's also the most popular, winning half the votes to become the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year in 2011. But no one has ever claimed that being one of cycling's elite is easy. In 2012 Cav joined Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome at Team Sky. Still relentlessly ambitious, he had to learn his role within this hugely talented team, even at the expense of his own individual interests. And despite Team Sky's success at the 2012 Tour, Cav had to contain his disappointment when events conspired against them in the Olympic Road race a month later. Cav tells his very personal story of the journey to the top, and gets to the heart of the pain and the passion, and the guts and the glory of professional cycling.

*Need for the Bike* May 26 2022 A book like no other, Paul Fournel's *Need for the Bike* conducts readers into a very personal world of communication and connection whose center is the bicycle, and where all people and things pass by way of the bike. In compact and suggestive prose, Fournel conveys the experience of cycling--from the initial charm of early outings to the dramas of the devoted cyclist. An extended meditation on cycling as a practice of life, the book recalls a country doctor who will not anesthetize the young Fournel after he impales himself on a downtube shifter, speculates about the difference between animals that would like to ride bikes (dogs, for instance) and those that would prefer to watch (cows, marmots), and reflects on the fundamental absurdity of turning over the pedals mile after excruciating mile. At the same time, Fournel captures the sound, smell, feel, and language of the reality and history of cycling, in the mountains, in the city, escaping the city, in groups, alone, suffering, exhausted, exhilarated. In his attention to the pleasures of cycling, to the specific "grain" of different cycling experiences, and to the inscription of these experiences in the body's cycling memory, Fournel portrays cycling as a descriptive universe, colorful, lyrical, inclusive, exclusive, complete.

*The Secret Race* Oct 19 2021 Over the course of two years, Daniel Coyle conducted more than 200 hours of interviews with cyclist Tyler Hamilton and spoke candidly with numerous teammates, rivals, and friends. The result is an explosive 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 succeed that they would do anything - and take any risk, physical, mental, or moral - to gain the edge they need to win.

**Roule Britannia** Dec 29 2019 How did Great Britain conquer the Tour de France? In 2012 Bradley Wiggins made history by becoming the first Briton ever to win the Tour de France. Since that moment the UK has been living through the golden era in the world's greatest bike race, with four overall titles for Chris Froome, Geraint Thomas winning for Wales in 2018, and Manxman Mark Cavendish proving the race's most prolific sprinter. In *Roule Britannia*, number one bestselling author William Fotheringham, charts British cycling's rise to the top and provides us with the definitive account of the nation's Tour de France achievements through exclusive interviews with and profiles of cycling champions - from the early days of Brian Robinson to Bradley Wiggins's dominant ride via Tom Simpson, Robert Millar, Chris Boardman and many others, *Roule Britannia* celebrates a nation's love affair with the greatest race of all. 'Brilliant...tells each story with passion and sensitivity' Sunday Times

**Tour de France** Mar 12 2021 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 Yellow Jersey** Jul 04 2020 "This is sports fiction at its very best. Mr. Hurne has a cool, downbeat style descended from Lardner and Hemingway, and a fine hand with the hairpin turns of suspense." —The New York Times Book Review "The greatest cycling novel ever written. . . . An underground classic. . . . A cycling book that follows a different course—one with drama and characters you can relate to, whose actions raise questions about life on and off the bicycle. . . . The heart of *The Yellow Jersey* is the Tour de France itself, which Hurne views as a metaphor for life. . . . Thoroughly entertaining." —Bicycling "Full of wit, charm, excitement, and intelligence." —Publishers Weekly Terry Davenport is nearly washed up. After a career of good but never great bicycle racing in Europe, he is past his prime, and given lately to chasing women rather than leading the pack through the Alps. He contemplates how he might find a comfortable retirement, and is wallowing in an existential crisis. But his final Tour de France—which he rides only as a favor to his young protégé, to pace him through the early stages—develops by a series of accidents into the chance of a lifetime. And though Davenport is old, he is wily and tough and fearless. His arduous, painful, heroic performance in the face of impossible odds is unforgettable. A sports thriller—with stunning descriptions of competitive cycling—and a keen meditation on mortality, *The Yellow Jersey* is an extraordinary novel.

**The World of Cycling According to G** Apr 12 2021 **FROM GERAIN'T THOMAS, WINNER OF THE 2018 TOUR DE FRANCE** Like no other cycling book, from no other rider - Britain's cycling star shares his unique take on the world of cycling Sit back or saddle up as double Olympic gold medallist and multiple world champion Geraint Thomas gives you awarts and all insight into the life of a pro cyclist. Along the way he reveals cycling's clandestine codes and secret stories, tales from the peloton, the key characters like Wiggins, Hoy and Cav, the pivotal races and essential etiquette. Geraint Thomas is treasured for treating his sport just as the rest of us see it: not a job but an escape and an adventure. He's been with Team Sky since its inception, and is one of our most successful and gifted track and road riders, but Geraint reminds us that getting on the bike still puts a smile on your face and fire in the legs like nothing else. Funny, informative, diverting and droll, this is a joyful celebration of the world of cycling.

**Sean Yates - It's All about the Bike** Oct 07 2020 Before Bradley Wiggins, there was Sean Yates. Behind Bradley Wiggins, there was Sean Yates. One of only five Britons to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France, Sean Yates burst onto the cycling scene as the rawest pure talent this country has ever seen. After turning professional at the age of 22, he soon became known as a die-hard domestique, putting his body on the line for his teammates.

Devastatingly fast, powerful and a fearless competitor, Yates won a stage of the Tour, as well as the Vuelta a España, in 1988, and went on to don the coveted maillot jaune six years later. Having put British cycling on the map as a rider, Yates was soon in demand as a directeur sportif, using his tactical knowledge to inspire a new generation of cyclists to success. And after Team Sky came calling, Yates was the man to design the brilliant plan that saw Sky demolish the opposition in 2012, and for Bradley Wiggins to become the first cyclist from these shores to win the Tour. Straight-talking, entertaining and revelatory, *It's All About the Bike* is the story of a remarkable career told from the unique perspective of a man who is immersed in the history of the sport he loves.

**The Belgian Hammer** Oct 26 2019 An inside look at young American cyclists trying to break into European pro racing.

**The Discovery of France** Nov 27 2019 A narrative of exploration, this historical geography explains how the modern nation of France came to be and how poorly understood that nation still is today. Above all, it shows how much of France--past and present--remains to be discovered. Illustrated.

**Chess Curiosities** Mar 24 2022

**It's All About the Bike** Sep 05 2020 As seen on TV The bicycle is one of mankind's greatest inventions - and the most popular form of transport in history. Robert Penn has ridden one most days of his adult life. In his late 20s, he pedaled 40,000 kilometres around the world. Yet, like cyclists everywhere, the utilitarian bikes he currently owns don't even hint at this devotion. Robert needs a new bike, a bespoke machine that reflects how he feels when he's riding it - like an ordinary man touching the gods. It's All About the Bike is the story of a journey to design and build a dream bike. En route, Robert explores the culture, science and history of the bicycle. From Stoke-on-Trent, where an artisan hand builds his frame, to California, home of the mountain bike, where Robert tracks down the perfect wheels, via Portland, Milan and Coventry, birthplace of the modern bicycle, this is the narrative of our love affair with cycling. It's a tale of perfect components - parts that set the standard in reliability, craftsmanship and beauty. It tells how the bicycle has changed the course of human history, from the invention of the 'people's nag' to its role in the emancipation of women, and from the engineering marvel of the tangent-spoked wheel to the enduring allure of the Tour de France. It's the story of why we ride, and why this simple machine remains central to life today.

**The Rider** Oct 31 2022 The classic bicycle road racing book first published in 1978 chronicles a 150-kilometer European road race and its competitors in vivid, realistic detail. Reprint.

**We Begin Our Ascent** Dec 09 2020 "Exceptional...fast and smart, funny and sad, this is an outstanding sports novel, and Joe Mungo Reed is an author to watch" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). Sol and Liz are a couple on the cusp. He's a professional cyclist in the Tour de France, a workhorse, but not yet a star. She's a geneticist on the brink of a major discovery, either that or a loss of funding. They've just welcomed their first child into the world, and their bright future lies just before them—if only they can reach out and grab it. But as Liz's research slows, as Sol starts doping, their dreams grow murkier and the risks graver. Over the whirlwind course of the Tour, they enter the orbit of an extraordinary cast of comen and aspirants, and the young family is brought ineluctably into the depths of an illegal drug smuggling operation. As Liz and Sol flounder to discern right from wrong, up from down, they are forced to decide: What is it we're striving for? And what is it worth? "Joe Mungo Reed's unforgettable debut novel introduces us to a powerful new literary voice—as riveting as Don DeLillo's or Toni Morrison's" (Mary Karr, author of *The Liars' Club*). *We Begin Our Ascent* dances nimbly between tragic and comic, exploring the cost of ambition and the question of what gives our lives meaning. Reed melds the powerful themes of great marital dramas like *Revolutionary Road* with the humor, character, and heart of a George Saunders collection. Throughout, we're drawn inside the cycling world and treated to the brilliant literary sports-writing of modern classics like *The Art of Fielding* or *End Zone*.

**Velopedia** May 14 2021 Everything you have ever wanted to know about the world of road cycling in 101 fun and contemporary infographics. From race record breakers to the most colorful characters of the peloton, the toughest moments of the Tours to the kitchiest team kit—be amazed, amused, and awed by the wealth of information packed into these pages. A must-read for all cycling enthusiasts, *Velopedia* indulges bike-buffs with all the statistics, facts, and cycling know-how you could ever want. Contents include: The peloton's most striking taches and hairdos; The most outrageous team kits; The most memorable victory salutes; The biggest solo breaks in the history of the Tour de France; The peloton's most unusual nicknames; The oldest Tour participants; Famous peloton punch-ups; The best and worst cycling tattoos; Greg LeMond by numbers

**Roadie** Jun 22 2019 Veteran race announcer and long-time cycling enthusiast Jamie Smith sets out to explain the sport he loves and the roadies who live for it in this lighthearted treatise on bike racing. Finally, a book to explain those people who roll out for a ride dressed in technicolored Lycra at the crack of dawn on Saturday, and return at sundown with a glow of satisfaction and even stronger tan lines. Perfect for anyone who has ever known a roadie, considered becoming a roadie, or walked away from a bike race completely puzzled, *Roadie* addresses all of the curiosities that accompany the sport of cycling, from shaved legs to colorful jerseys and unbelievably expensive bicycles, shoes, and components. Every seemingly neurotic tendency is explained and celebrated with humorous illustrations from nationally syndicated cartoonist Jef Mallett (also rumored to log thousands of miles of riding per year). Explaining strategy and races from the famous Tour de France stage race to the local criterium, *Roadie* brings the excitement of bike racing alive for anyone with an appetite for adrenaline. And for the thousands who purchase a shiny new road bike each spring, it's a much-needed primer on the politics of a group ride. Pacelines, drafting, sprinting, climbing, and breakaways are turned into everyday commonsense with colorful anecdotes. Whether interested onlooker or cycling aficionado, readers will find themselves laughing out loud as they revel in the roadie's world.

**Draft Animals** Jul 16 2021 From the author of the cult favorite *Pro Cycling on \$10 a Day* and *Ask a Pro*, the story of one man's quest to realize his childhood dream, and what happened when he actually did it. Like countless other kids, Phil Gaimon grew up dreaming of being a professional athlete. But unlike countless other kids, he actually pulled it off. After years of amateur races, hard training, living out of a suitcase, and never taking "no" for an answer, he finally achieved his goal and signed a contract to race professionally on one of the best teams in the world. Now, Gaimon pulls back the curtain on the WorldTour, cycling's highest level. He takes readers along for his seasons in Europe, covering everything from rabid, water-bottle-stealing Belgian fans, to contract renewals, to riding in poisonous smog, to making friends in a sport plagued by doping. *Draft Animals* reveals a story as much about bike racing as it is about the never-ending ladder of achieving goals, failure, and finding happiness if you land somewhere in-between.

**The Man and His Bike** Nov 07 2020 The world as seen from a bike 'Understated, comic and melancholic... It'll inspire you to get back on your bike.' Martin Love, *The Guardian* "One of the most entertaining sports books I have ever read" Joe Short, *The Daily Express* In this award-winning collection of cycling tales, Wilfried de Jong uncovers the true soul of cycling – why we do it, why we watch it, why we hate it, why we love it – stripped bare. With his distinctly comic and melancholic charm Wilfried ponders life, love and death on his trusted bike, chasing the essence of our existence against the backdrop of major cycling events or while roaming alone in nature. Whether he is describing being ejected from Paris-Roubaix, a terminal incident with a bird while out riding, or explaining why he is standing stark naked on Belgian cobbles with a tyre in his hand, Wilfried unlocks a sport that involves so much pain, punishment, and a high probability of failure, but that will always liberate and inspire us.

**One More Kilometre and We're in the Showers** Nov 19 2021 An entertaining social and cultural history of cycling in post-war Europe seen through the eyes of a veteran racing cyclist. Written with great literary and historical relish, *One More Kilometre* examines the spread of cycling's popularity, how it developed into a sport and how the bicycle has changed people's lives -- all viewed through the eyes of a seasoned 56-year-old racing cyclist/art critic who keeps eleven racing cycles in his garden shed and who never cycles less than 10,000 miles a year. The book starts with the 1950s, regarded as the golden age of cycling, and when the author, 'an unhappy communist child', first discovered cycling and its emancipating powers. Progressing through four decades of cycling social history, the author will examine cycling as a Continental phenomenon, the rise and fall of the Tour de France; the lives of the great 'trackmen'; cycling in its domestic form, cycling for fun, the ever-popular British cycling clubs ...

**Come and Gone** Aug 05 2020 After five years of blue-collar cycling in Belgium (*A Dog in a Hat*), Joe Parkin returns to the United States looking for a ride. He joins the elite Coors Lite road team as a key member, but the adjustment to domestic racing, with small crowds, inexperienced teammates, and poorly promoted events, proves difficult. Disillusioned, Joe is ready to hang up his cleats when he is offered a contract with a pro mountain bike team. The freshness of mountain biking proves to be an elixir: Joe's career blossoms and he rediscovers his love of the sport. *Come and Gone* will instantly appeal to all readers of *A Dog in a Hat*, while winning a new audience held spellbound by this rare, frank, and intimate sports memoir.

**A Dog in a Hat** Jul 28 2022 In 1987, Joe Parkin was an amateur bike racer in California when he ran into Bob Roll, a pro on the powerhouse Team 7-Eleven. "Lobotomy Bob" told Parkin that, to become a pro, he must go to Belgium. Riding along a canal in Belgium years later, Roll encountered Parkin, who he saw as "a wraith, an avenging angel of misery, a twelve-toothed assassin". Roll barely recognized him. Belgium had forged Parkin into a pro bike racer, and changed him forever. *A Dog in a Hat* is Joe's remarkable story. Leaving California with a bag of clothes, two spare wheels, some cash, and a phone number, Parkin left the comforts of home for the windy, rainswept heartland of European cycling. As one of the first American pros in Europe, Parkin was what the Belgians call "a dog with a hat on" -- something familiar, yet decidedly out of place. Parkin lays out the hard reality of the life--the drugs, the payoffs, the betrayals by teammates, the battles with team owners for contracts and money, the endless promises that keep you going, the agony of racing day after day, and the glory of a good day in the saddle. *A Dog in a Hat* is the unforgettable story of the un-ordinary education of Joe Parkin and his love affair with racing, set in the hardest place in the world to be a bike racer. It is a story untold until now, and one that you will never forget.

**Ancient Greek Philosophers** Jan 28 2020 "Philosophy begins in wonder." --Plato Have you ever wondered about the development of civilization? What topics were discussed in the days of Ancient Greece? This collection of thoughts from Plato, Aristotle, and other masters of philosophy will lead your mind on a journey of enlightened exploration into ethics, morality, law, medicine, and more. With an introduction by a distinguished scholar of classic literature, this *Canterbury Classics* volume is sure to be a favorite keepsake edition.

**The Sweat of the Gods** Jul 24 2019 An elegant history of Continental cycle racing by Dutch sociologist Benjo Maso. He explores the relationship between the newspaper organisers of the races, industry which sponsors the teams, and the riders themselves. They have always needed each other but, because their interests are different, they have continually been in conflict.

**The Wind At My Back** Aug 17 2021 A beautifully written exploration of the links between cycling, creativity and the landscape. In this deeply personal and lyrical exploration of what it means to ride a bicycle, Paul Maunder explores how our memories have a dialogue with landscape and how cycling and creativity are connected. Taking a journey through the places that have shaped him, we ride across wild moorland, through suburbia and city streets, into quintessentially English pastoral scenes. We see too some of the darker parts of the British countryside, sites of great secrecy that intrigue the imagination. This is a book about how landscape can sustain us, and how even an hour's escape can inspire our creative sides. The bicycle allows us to explore and dream, and return in time for dinner.

**The Escape Artist** Feb 08 2021 For a time there were four bikes in Matt Seaton's life, a training bike, a track bike, a mountain bike and a racing bike. His evenings were spent doing the miles on the roads between South London and the North Downs. Weekends were taken up with Club meetings, road races and time trials - rides that took him to cold village halls at dawn and out onto the empty bypasses of Southern England.

**The Rider** Aug 29 2022 Originally published in Holland in 1978, *The Rider* became an instant cult classic, selling over 100,000 copies. Brilliantly conceived and written at a break-neck pace, it is a loving, imaginative, and, above all, passionate tribute to the art of bicycle road racing. Not a dry history of the sport, *The Rider* is beloved as a bicycle odyssey, a literary masterpiece that describes in painstaking detail one 150-kilometer race in a mere 150 pages. *The Rider* is the ultimate book for bike lovers as well as the arm-chair sports enthusiast.

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