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The Bike Deconstructed: A Grand Tour Of The Modern Bicycle





Synopsis

A metal frame, two wheels, pedals, a seat, and handlebarsâ "on first glance, bicycles look pretty straightforward. And yet, even today's most stripped-down bicycles can feature as many as two hundred parts, each with a critical role to play. The unbelievably efficient way they work together is what makes modern bicycles such marvels of compact engineering, and sometimes frustrating to diagnose and repair. In The Bike Deconstructed, bicycle guru Richard Hallett dismantles the modern bicycle to uncover the origin, design, and evolution of every integral part. Through stunning photography, accessible writing, and clear diagrams, Hallett examines every aspect of the bike in detailâ "from the anatomy of the drive chain to the geometry of the main frame, and from spoke weaving patterns to the effect of fork rake on steering and stability. So whether you are a leisurely cruiser or have dreams of entering the Tour de France, The Bike Deconstructed is your must-have cycle resource.

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Author Richard Hallett, former editor of RoadCyclingUK.com, is well known in the bicycle world for his knowledge of the intricacies of cycling technology

I've been getting more involved with the mechanical side of bicycling and this book was an interesting addition to my library. It gives a brief history of the components and was very easy to read and understand. The photos are excellent. The reason I give it four or of five stars is that I probably won't come back to read it or reference it. For me being a newbie in bicycling mechanics it was a nice course in getting to know the bike. The book itself isn't designed as a how-to book but rather the course of events that led to modern road bicycles and their components.

Incredible book. There are parts where a better understanding of metalurgy and/or carbon science would come in handy, and others where diagrams would be helpful, but even as it was, the book was a wonderful guide to the bike. I'd recommend it to anyone that really likes to ride and admires their bike.

Very useful overview for contemporary road bikes.

Good book; gets you to know the "misteries" of the bicycle. Well exposed.

Very good, tons of information,

The book is a wonderful read. Unbiased, up to date, helpful. A complete guide to understand this magnificent vehicle.

Very detailed and a perfect resource when I'm compelled to delve into my bicycle's deepest recesses. Goes beyond all other repair manuals attempts.

Very explanatory book. Considered buying a second one after gifting it.

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