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Stumpjumper: 25 Years Of Mountain Biking



Synopsis

The Stumpjumper was the first commercially made mountain bike, and in the twenty-five years since its appearance, the bicycling world has been revolutionized. A whole new culture has sprung upâ€”the fat-tire, dirt-loving mountain bike adventurers, rejecting the orthodoxy of the road, bringing their countercultural attitude and look to the American masses. This full-color history of the mountain bike celebrates all aspects of off-road cycling, from the early experimental "clunkers" to the first Stumpjumper to the modern technological marvels replete with carbon-fiber frames, front and rear shock absorbers, and twenty-one (or more) speeds; from the scruffy daredevil pioneers of the sport to today's well-sponsored professional riders. Nowadays every kid rides a mountain bike. And there's a Stumpjumper on display at the Smithsonian. It is all here in this well-researched, smartly written, photo-rich coffee table book.

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Customer Reviews

As one of the very first dealers (way back when many bike shops dismissed the concept of the "mtn bike" to the absurd point of not allowing them in their shops) I found this book completely wonderful. A disclaimer, in that I'm the tallest rider in any of the pictures (and the inestimable Rick V. is standing next to me). Forget the creepos whose reviews complain that this book is just an oversize brochure for the big red S, OF COURSE IT IS! This ain't the history of the mountainbike, it's the story of how the Stump came to be. Change your Bongwater, pop a cool one, and kick back with this book

This book is nothing more than a boring 100 page advertisement for a bloodless bicycle company. It was a "prize" for winning a race back in 2006. There's loads of proud corporate drivel. I bet any constructive criticism was drown out by the tootin' of their own Specialized horn. The writing is substandard at best. For heaven's sake, they spelled Jacquie Phelan's name wrong! They also misspelled Kyle Strait (spelled Straight in the book), Kirt Voreis (Vories), Sid Taberlay (Tabarlay), and Kelli Emmett (Emmit in the book). And that was just one page. Who wrote this crap? Specialized obviously didn't think it was good enough to read if they didn't bother to correct spelling mistakes in the names of the world's best cyclists. You'd think the writers would know something about bike racing, but no, they don't. The pictures aren't great either. The cover would be cool if it didn't have a Specialized logo. What a waste of paper, ink and space. Don't buy it. After letting it sit around and collect dust for the last five years, I finally sent this book to its rightful place - the recycle can. I only hope it will be reincarnated as something useful, like a grocery list.

More Specialized ad copy than history, Riedy's book is still a valuable addition to your bicycling library. The photos of MTB pioneers are especially interesting. I was disappointed in the comparatively scanty details regarding the evolution of the Stumpjumper--very incomplete documentation and too few photos of the bicycle's development from year to year and model to model!

A good all around coffee table book. A little thinner than I thought it would be. The old pictures are small in that there is a lot of dead space around them. Can't complain when proceeds go to NORBA.

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