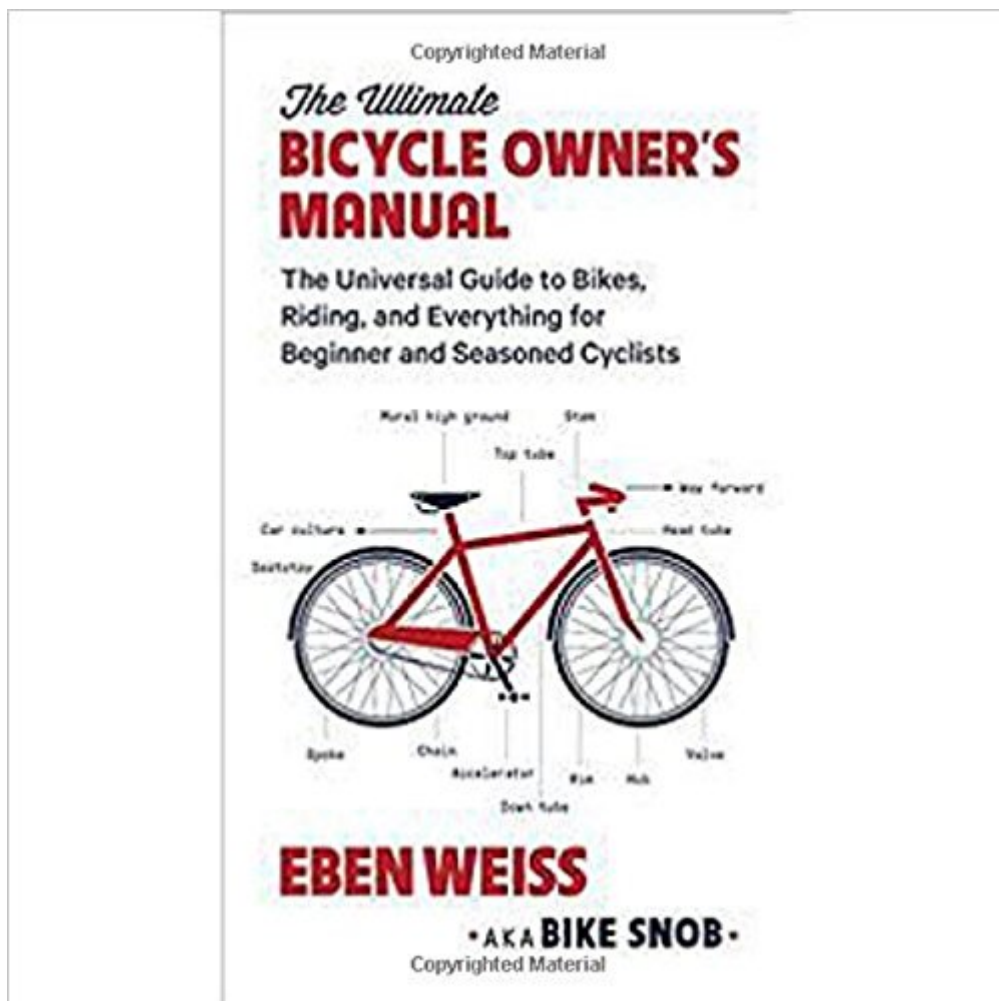


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The Ultimate Bicycle Owner's Manual: The Universal Guide To Bikes, Riding, And Everything For Beginner And Seasoned Cyclists



Synopsis

Everything you need to know to purchase, maintain, and ride a bike for recreation, commuting, competition, travel, and beyond! From the bike world's most beloved and trusted advocate. Eben Weiss, aka Bike Snob NYC, is the voice of cyclists everywhere. Through his popular blog he has been informing, entertaining, and critiquing the bike-riding community since 2007. With his latest book, *The Ultimate Bicycle Owner's Manual*, Weiss makes his vast experience and practical advice available to bike "newbies" and veterans alike. Chapters cover Obtaining a Bike, Understanding Your Bike, Maintaining Your Bike, Operating Your Bike, Off-Road Riding, Coexisting with Drivers, Competitive Cycling, Bike Travel, Cycling with Kids, and What the Future Holds for Bikes in our Communities. Weiss's humorous, down-to-earth style takes all the mystery and intimidation out of cycling and will inspire even the most hesitant couch potato to get out and ride! Eben Weiss is the blogger behind Bike Snob NYC. He is the author of *Bike Snob*, *Bike Snob Abroad*, and *The Enlightened Cyclist*. He lives in New York City with his family.

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I am a huge fan of Bike Snob, and have read all four of his books and all of his many blog posts. I purchased this book sight unseen, pre-publication, and am not at all sorry that I did. That said, I would warn the potential purchaser that this is not primarily a manual but more of an extended essay by an extremely talented and entertaining writer. I had many questions about the modern cycling world when I restarted cycling after a 30 year pause, and had I read this book then, I would have learned a lot, not so much in terms of details or how-tos, but more in terms of putting things

into perspective and providing the big picture. Reading it today, 8 years later, I derived other benefits. Besides being entertained by the quality of the writing, I felt like I was having a conversation with a cycling buddy, someone with whom I agreed about some things, not about others. It is not so much that the conversation gave me new, objective information, but rather that it challenged my assumptions causing me to rethink my positions. So why only four stars? Firstly, I am a hard grader, I do not engage in grade inflation. Four stars is good. This book is good. Secondly, as I debated between four and five stars, I wondered about what this book is supposed to be. I know what I think it is, but I wonder if the author would agree with me, and I wonder how many people will purchase it, expecting one thing (a manual) and getting another (an essay.) I took the title of this book as more of the author's humor, self-aggrandizing (literally) and charmingly self-deprecating (ironically). The ULTIMATE manual? The UNIVERSAL GUIDE? EVERYTHING for the Beginner and Seasoned Cyclists? Bike Snob, you make me laugh! But will everyone get the joke?

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