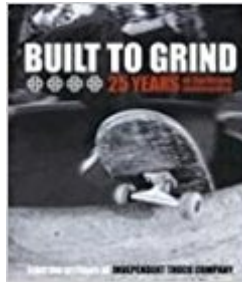




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This was a pretty neat find as it discussed the birth of the best skate truck ever designed, and redesigned, over skateboardings evolution. Spoiler alert: there is a lot of repetition regarding what the perceived image and meaning of the independent brand means to people that support it/endorse it. There is also gritty profanity that reduces the overall nostalgic quality of this otherwise great compilation of both skateboarding artistry, and industry. Last note, Independent produced the best truck ever made for skateboards. If you don't mind a little grit, get it.. There are some great pics in here also.

Way cool book love it

wow!! way better than i hoped!! amazing story and fantastic photos a must for any self respecting skater Great source of info on the many types of indy's thru the years 77 to now 4 me Love this book! ah yes book arrived in under 2weeks for me thats US TO NZ GR8 SERVICE

awesome!

This book is not for the tech kids! If you're into hip hop, Todd Falcon, and lots of non-turning type tricks don't buy this book. If you're into Transworld and all of the fashion that it contains, this book is not for you! This book is only for real skaters - those that are keeping skating punk and illegal!

The book came quickly but the binding is not good so the glue holding the first 20 or so pages has let go. The more I open it, the more pages fall out...

There are a bunch of "retrospective" skate books that have been published in the last several years (Legacy of Warren Bolster, Bulldog's Art, Dogtown & Z-Boys, Skate Legends, Concrete Wave, Insane Terrain, etc.). Most focus on one particular facet/era/person. While for the most part they are all really good, Built to Grind is one of the best...and by *far* the biggest (weighing in at nearly 5 pounds!). Of course it portrays Indy trucks as being the center of the skateboard universe from the earliest old school all the way to the present (um, like, um, wasn't there a little company called "Tracker" that made trucks that *most* of the pro's rode for like a decade? And Gullwing? And dozens of others? etc.). But aside from the blatant self-promotional "pro-Indy" propoganda, the book really is an *excellent* document of all types of skating from early roots to backyard pools to ramps to new school street/stairs/rails. TONS of killer pics, and not too many stoopid captions. Buy it now.

The photographs and rider profiles of this book are significant to skateboarding history on their own. But this book is mainly about the company Ermico and Independant truck company, so you get a very good history peppered with historical figures in skateboading giving their amuseing memeories of the the beginings of the company. I think this book helps a new skater understand the rich and legit history of our sport. This book is thouroughly interesting, and even more so if you have some familiarity of the people documneted in it. I would suggest a veiwing of Dogtown and Z-boys the documnetary, as well as the Duane Peter's story "who cares" in addition to this book. If you still want more you can rent "Stoked" the rise and fall of gator for more introspective on the waxing and waneing of skateboarding. This book is a must for any skateboarder's coffee table.

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