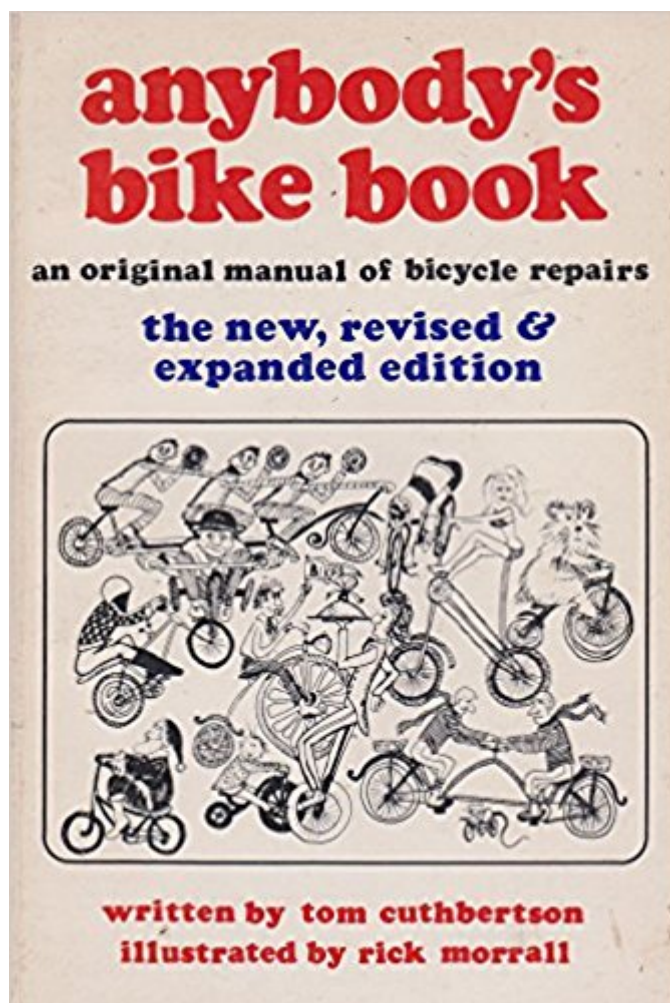


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Tom Cuthbertson was Ten Speed Press's first author, and his friendly bicycle repair manual not only inspired the name of our company, it made bicycle repair accessible for the casual and serious cyclist. As the technology of bicycles has evolved, so has his classic book. From the Hardcover edition.

seems like a good enough book. I also have the ZINN book art of bicycle maintenance. I bought this one because it is small for my first bike tour.

great help

I have the edition from 1979 and it's beat all to hell from years of use. ABB has helped me do my own repairs, saved hundreds of \$ from bike shops and I still refer to it when I need reminders. However, the author Tom Cuthbertson, as friendly as his tone is in most of the book cannot help but put in some of his angry bias towards certain things and suggestions which, if followed, can turn out to be big mistakes later on which could hurt instead of help you. For example: It is suggested that you remove and throw away the horizontal brake levers which is found on most

10 speed style drop down handlebars. Don't follow that advice if you like to ride with your hands on the horizontal part of those handlebars like I do 99.9% of the time. Those levers are crucial to making a quick yield. I followed this idiot's advice and got rid of those brake levers and one time almost got into an accident because I couldn't brake in time. (I have put them back on and they have helped me every time.)TC is also against you having a bike lock and suggests that you just use your eye to watch your bike for security. Yeah. Like my eye is going to stop a thief as I watch him ride away. Get a lock. Use it all the time even if you go into a store for a minute. The plastic or metal chain guard on the rear wheel. Leave it on. It is not dead weight as the moron TC writes. I was naive enough to take it off as suggested but then more than once the chain jumped my large rear sprocket and damaged the spokes to the point where they got weak and later on broke. (It is a pain in the buttinsky to change a spoke. Prevention is the best cure.) Lesson learned and now I have one on all my bikes where they will now stay. If you don't want a stupid, biased attitude with bogus and bad advice to go along with help for bike repairs, get another book. If you must buy this book for yourself or someone else, proceed with caution.

The classic manual for owners and buyers of one-speed, three-speed, and ten speed bikes. Immensely readable and clearly illustrated, it guides the do it yourselfer in finding the problem and fixing it. Covers tools needed, brakes, handlebars, stem, headset, powertrain, wheels, seat, fork and frames.

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