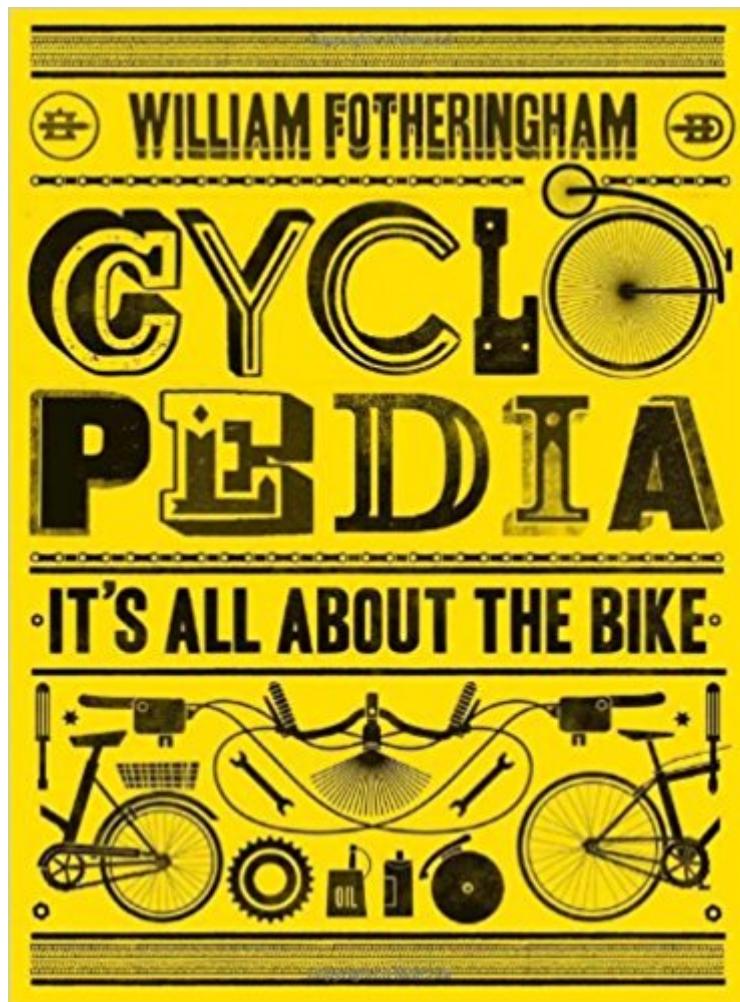


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# Cyclopedia: It's All About The Bike



## Synopsis

If it's on the bike, it's in the book. The world of cycling is one of death-defying feats and obscure mechanical oddities, heroics and geekiness in equal measure. In *Cyclopedia*, renowned two-wheel aficionado and acclaimed sportswriter William Fotheringham delves deep into this world to unearth amazing facts and enthralling anecdotes. This essential book is an A to Z compendium of everything you could ever want to know about the bicycle, from the history of the Tour de France to Chris Hoy's dominance of the Beijing velodrome, from the origins of the quick-release system to the diet that powered Graeme Obree to the world hour record, from Lance Armstrong's fabled career to the slang words used for performance-enhancing substances, from the literature of cycling to the perils of vicious dogs. *Cyclopedia* has all the equipment, the races, the chases, the faces, the places, the drugs, the sex, and the scandals to convert any amateur cyclist into a full-fledged bike expert.

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William Fotheringham has been a racing cyclist on road and track since 1981. He has been cycling correspondent at the Guardian newspaper since 1994 and, since then, has covered the Tour de France for them every year. In 1993 he was launch editor of Cycle Sport magazine, and in 1998 he launched procycling magazine and website. His biography of Tom Simpson, Put Me Back on My Bike, was acclaimed by Vélo magazine as "the best cycling biography ever written." •

I bought this for my fiance, as he is an avid cyclist, and he has been reading this ever since Christmas when I gifted it to him. He thinks this is a really cool book and will read it whenever he has a chance to. He likes to show me different things he's found or read and he truly enjoys it!

My husband is a self-pronounced 'bike nerd' and I, loving wife as I am, accept him with all his little foibles. So I knew when I purchased this he would be happy. What I didn't know is that I would get an actual squeal of excitement from him and then suffer through him completely ignoring me for 24 hours while he drooled all over this book, (not literally, but close!) In short... he LOVES it and thinks I'm awesome! He shows it to all his bike nerd friends and loudly notes that his wife bought it for him. The look of shock fading to appreciation is worth the book's weight in gold!!

Great book

Not well organized AT ALL. There is not rhyme or reason to the layout of this book. Little new information I didn't already know. Just a bore frankly. I guess if you didn't know anything about the bike you might learn something, but whatever you might find here would be of little use !

Got this as a gift for my father-in-law who loves to cycle. Thank you so much!

We gave it to my brother-in-law who is an avid cycler. He hadn't heard of it and said it was interesting and he enjoyed it.

With a title that implies exhaustive information about all things bike, I had high expectations. I advise you lower them if want to make it through. The writing is simple, it is not exhaustive, and it doesn't

provide a glossary for words that it's attempting to define - missing its own point entirely. I would say that everything in the book is about bicycling, but not everything about cycling (not even remotely) is on the book. BIKE CULT fulfilled that goal well. This is the first book I've ever owned that I stopped trying to like after 50 pages, and know that I will never pick up and try to read. Glad I bought it used, and I won't even try to sell it so I don't disappoint waste someone else's money. Another Sain Vinnie's donation.

I really enjoy this book. Its one of those books that you can pic up read a little and come back to it later, it doesnt have to be read in one sitting. I seen some people saying that it was hard to read because of the color of the font. I would have to say i dont agree with this. Anyway I say this book is a MUST for any cyclist at any level.

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