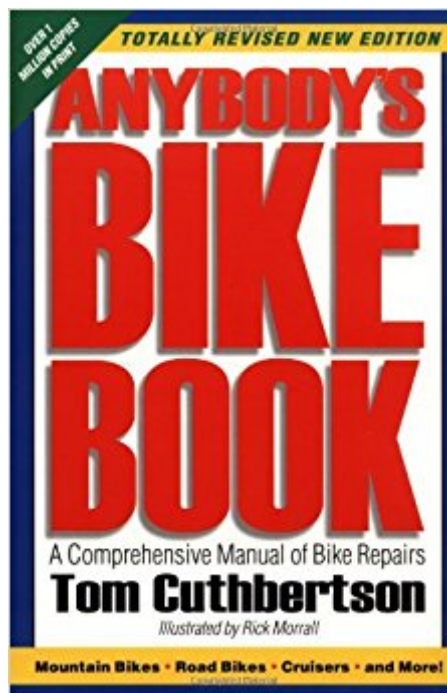




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Synopsis

Still unparalleled for its friendly tone, easy-to-follow instructions, and fun funky illustrations. A Ten Speed Classic!

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Customer Reviews

This is the how-to-fix-it manual that launched Ten Speed Press nearly 20 years ago (LJ 12/15/71). Aimed at riders who want to accomplish their own bicycle repairs rather than relying on a bikeshop, it remains quite good and fairly comprehensive. The new edition covers mountain bikes and index shifting as well as more traditional features and bikes. The main drawback is the illustrations: while clear, they aren't as good as photos. Libraries with Clarence W. Coles and Harold T. Glenn's Glenn's Complete Bicycle Manual (LJ 7/73) and/or Bicycling Magazine's Complete Guide to Bicycle Maintenance and Repair (LJ 5/1/86) might skip this, but the price makes it a real bargain.- Thomas K. Fry, UCLA Libs.Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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.

Good book!

This is my second copy of this great book.....lost the first one during moving. I am a returning cyclist (Age 79) but remembered how informative and clearly written my first copy was. Cuthbertson knows whereof he speaks and more importantly knows how to teach others. In addition the drawings clearly show what the text is discussing. Great book, glad I replaced it! Money well spent.

I've left Cuthbertson handy in my bathroom for the past 6 months. In that time, during spare moments, I've learned how almost everything on my bicycle works. It helped me immensely to break down the component groups into easily understood functions such as "drivetrain" -- and after all, why should understanding how a bicycle goes together be any more difficult than understanding how an internal combustion automobile goes together? When things get too ginchey, that seems to be the right spot for one of Morall's pen-and-ink sketches to show up. (My favorite is illustration 11-10, depicting the parts of a down-tube control lever, painstakingly sketched, and labeled as per the text as "thingamabob," "doodad," and "mounting bolt." ... Of course, the point was how fiendishly complicated such an arrangement can be.) The information is clearly presented, and differentiated among mountain, road, and "cruiser" bikes. I'll be moving the book down to my shop this week! :->

This is a great book; it was the book that got me interested in working on my bicycle way back in the 70's. I love the drawings and the verbiage. This is not the super-technical book you buy for becoming the master mechanic on your highly-tuned road racing machine; ratherly, it's the book you have around to answer simple questions or to loan to some kid on the block to help them fix their bike. For that it's the best, somewhat like Mad Magazine meets the Zen of motorcycle maintenance. Buy it, you'll like it.

This book is his revised edition. I have found it understandable and comprehensive. The author writes with humor and with a basic bike owner's ability in mind. Not too complex, but inclusive enough to repair and maintain your bike.

Used this book when I was a teen and it taught me everything I needed to know to take my bike apart and put it back together. I just bought one to give to my daughter and she thinks it's great.

very good

The best how-to bicycle maintenance manual ever written, and it's funny too!

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