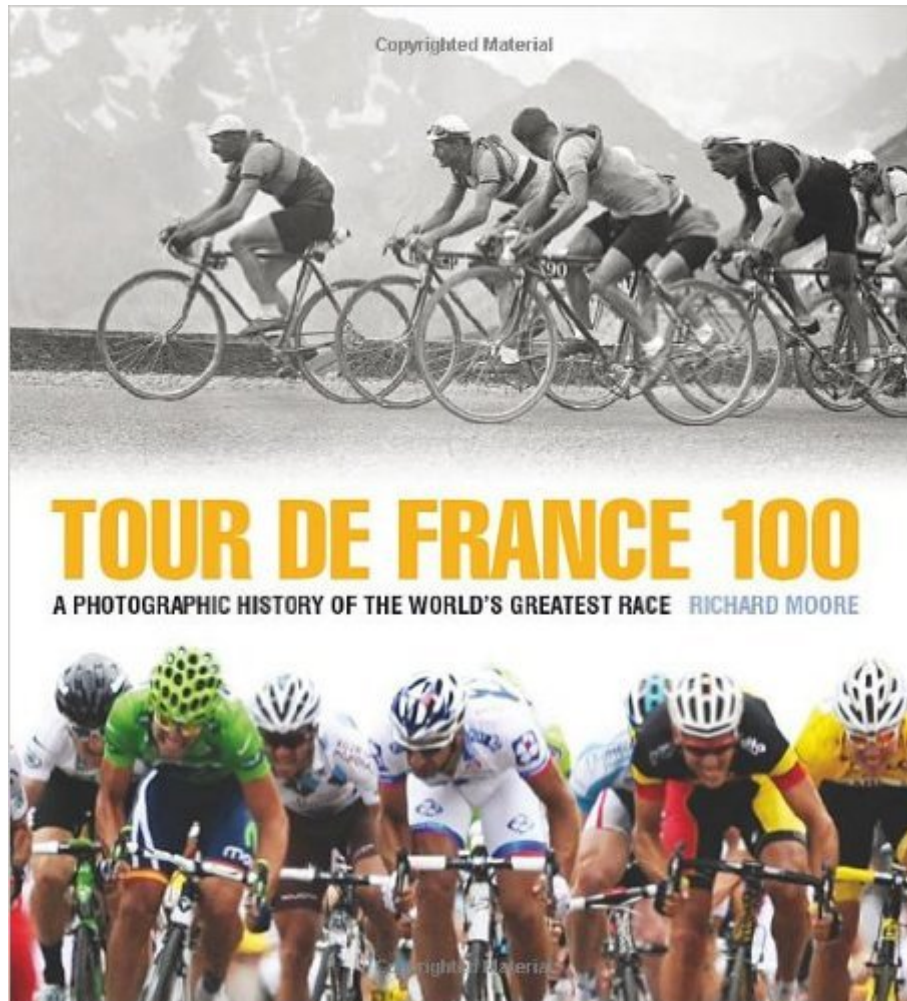


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# Tour De France 100: A Photographic History Of The World's Greatest Race



## Synopsis

The Tour de France, first staged in 1903, is the world's greatest sports spectacle, packed with heart-stopping drama, legendary rivalries, bitter tragedy, and outright farce. In its 100 runnings the race was interrupted twice by war it has cast its spotlight on some of the greatest athletes of all time, who fought their way across France's magnificent landscape in pursuit of victory and the yellow jersey worn by the Tour's overall leader. In Tour de France 100, award-winning journalist Richard Moore celebrates all that is great, fantastic, amusing, outrageous, and overwhelming in the Tour through illuminating text and a cascade of defining images from the race's extraordinary history. Vividly reproduced photos abound of heroes of the race, from pioneers like Octave Lapize and Eugène Christophe first to wear the yellow jersey to legendary warriors like Eddy Merckx and Miguel Indurain. The great battles Fausto Coppi versus Gino Bartali, Greg LeMond versus Bernard Hinault are richly told, as is the shocking death of Tom Simpson and the controversial disgrace of Lance Armstrong. And the high drama of the modern era, represented by super-sprinter Mark Cavendish and the droll Bradley Wiggins, is fully covered as well. There is nothing else that compares to the Tour, and Tour de France 100 is a superb celebration, as well as a keepsake of the Tour's 100th edition that will be treasured by all cyclists and bike racing fans.

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I'm a cyclist and a Tour de France junkie so naturally I had to order this book. This one is going to go on the coffee table for sure so that everyone can look at it. All of the eras are covered which is nice. It is also indeed up to date all the way through the 2012 tour. The book is divided by eras. Each

section has a text describing the major events that went on during that era (including the controversial ones like Tom Simpson or Lance). I haven't seen a lot of these photos before elsewhere so it does feel like I purchased something unique and new that I didn't have before. When I received it, I ended up going through the whole thing at one sitting. I find it's also been very helpful when I'm trying to answer something about the Tour to my "civilian" (read: non-cycling) friends.

This is a wonderfully produced book that provides the historical context through which we can view the modern race. The book gave me an appreciation for the challenges faced by the first tour cyclists, and how, despite advancements in equipment, nutrition, and training, fundamental aspects of endurance cycling has remained unchanged.

Stories are even better than the photos - epic suffering in the early days. Takes you thru all of the eras of the Tour.

I bought this for my brother who religiously follows the "Tour" every year on TV and can tell you more about cycling and cyclist's than I care to know but after thumbing through it I'm sure he'll enjoy for many years to come.

This book has everything from before the tour started to a year by year story with outstanding detail and illustration.

For cycling enthusiasts, this book is indispensable. Fantastic photos of the best cyclists of all time. The book is made by those who understand and have fine workmanship.

Absolutely a great book for cycling or history enthusiasts! You will enjoy looking through the pages of history and enjoying and the book was put together with the pictures.

This is a great book at a very reasonable price, the Tour de France history very well illustrated and it includes very good reading material.

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