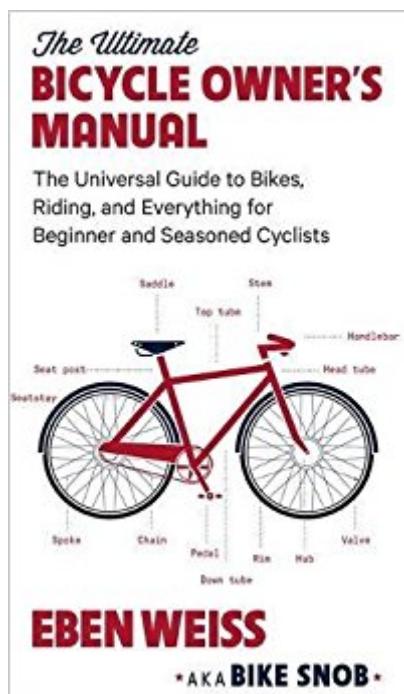


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# The Ultimate Bicycle Owner's Manual: The Universal Guide To Bikes, Riding, And Everything For Beginner And Seasoned Cyclists



## Synopsis

Everything you need to know to purchase, maintain, and ride a bike for recreation, commuting, competition, travel, and beyond! From the bike world's most beloved and trusted advocate. Eben Weiss, aka Bike Snob NYC, is the voice of cyclists everywhere. Through his popular blog he has been informing, entertaining, and critiquing the bike-riding community since 2007. With his latest book, *The Ultimate Bicycle Owner's Manual*, Weiss makes his vast experience and practical advice available to bike "newbies" and veterans alike. Chapters cover Obtaining a Bike, Understanding Your Bike, Maintaining Your Bike, Operating Your Bike, Off-Road Riding, Coexisting with Drivers, Competitive Cycling, Bike Travel, Cycling with Kids, and What the Future Holds for Bikes in our Communities. Weiss's humorous, down-to-earth style takes all the mystery and intimidation out of cycling and will inspire even the most hesitant couch potato to get out and ride! Eben Weiss is the blogger behind Bike Snob NYC. He is the author of *Bike Snob*, *Bike Snob Abroad*, and *The Enlightened Cyclist*. He lives in New York City with his family.

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I am a huge fan of Bike Snob, and have read all four of his books and all of his many blog posts. I purchased this book sight unseen, pre-publication, and am not at all sorry that I did. That said, I

would warn the potential purchaser that this is not primarily a manual but more of an extended essay by an extremely talented and entertaining writer. I had many questions about the modern cycling world when I restarted cycling after a 30 year pause, and had I read this book then, I would have learned a lot, not so much in terms of details or how-tos, but more in terms of putting things into perspective and providing the big picture. Reading it today, 8 years later, I derived other benefits. Besides being entertained by the quality of the writing, I felt like I was having a conversation with a cycling buddy, someone with whom I agreed about some things, not about others. It is not so much that the conversation gave me new, objective information, but rather that it challenged my assumptions causing me to rethink my positions. So why only four stars? Firstly, I am a hard grader, I do not engage in grade inflation. Four stars is good. This book is good. Secondly, as I debated between four and five stars, I wondered about what this book is supposed to be. I know what I think it is, but I wonder if the author would agree with me, and I wonder how many people will purchase it, expecting one thing (a manual) and getting another (an essay.) I took the title of this book as more of the author's humor, self-aggrandizing (literally) and charmingly self-deprecating (ironically). The ULTIMATE manual? The UNIVERSAL GUIDE? EVERYTHING for the Beginner and Seasoned Cyclists? Bike Snob, you make me laugh! But will everyone get the joke? Finally, I would like to place this book in the context of the author's other three books: "Bike Snob", "The Enlightened Cyclist", and "Bike Snob Abroad". In my opinion, this book ("Bicycle Owner's Manual") is tied for second with "Bike Snob Abroad". Bike Snob's is first book ("Bike Snob") is my clear favorite among the four. One of the things I loved about the first three books was their similar bindings which I found to be charming and stylistically complementary to their message and tone. Thus, I was disappointed with the very different binding this book had; I would have loved to have a fourth member of the set on my bookshelf. Yes, I get the reference, the oversized vinyl binding is supposed to make it look like a manual. I still would have preferred the old binding. In summary, congratulations on another great book, Bike Snob! I can't wait for your next one.

Eben makes it simpler for the beginning cyclist to do basic maintenance and troubleshooting for their bike.

I sought this book out for its entertainment value, unfortunately in trying to appeal to a broader audience the "bike snob" has left behind a lot of what is humorous in his other writing. Aside from that, it is an OK book best suited for folks with little experience on the roads. There are points that betray a limited scope of riding on the part of the author and give the book a somewhat dated feel.

As a newbie bike commuter, I wanted to familiarize myself with the theory as much as possible before I just got on the damn bike already. This book is clever, funny, smart, well written and useful. I have referred back to it several times since actually getting on the road, and I am very happy to have it as a resource.

A funny an informative introduction to the history of and how bicycles work.

I don't hardly ever review books but I really enjoyed this one. Humorous, wise, practical and helpful in developing a good outlook as a cyclist. Buy it!

Lots of stuff that should have been included is left out. An OK book.

Not as good as his others. We have enough books on the market like this.

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