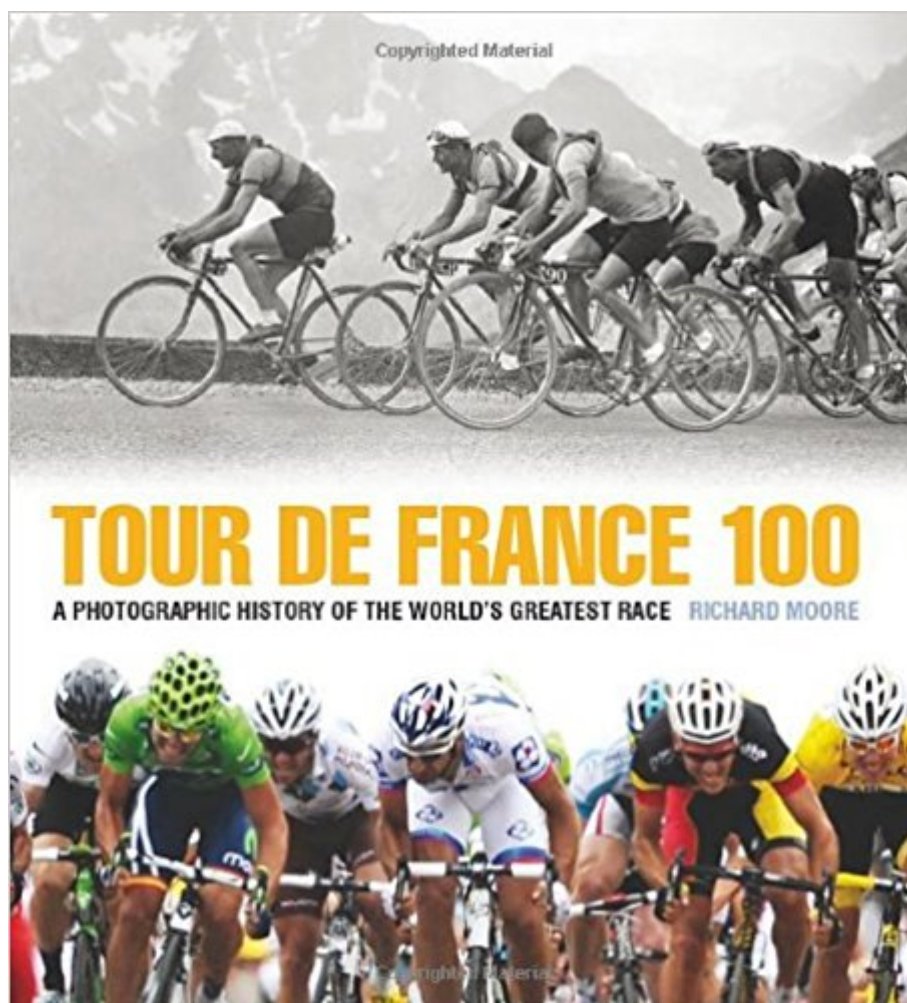


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# Tour De France 100: A Photographic History Of The World's Greatest Race



## 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 to 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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"Tour de France 100 is the most beautiful book about cycling you will ever see! The photos

are simply stunning. Even though I've read dozens of books about the Tour de France, this book has a lot of photos I've never seen published anywhere before.

• All Seasons Cyclist "Were Tour de France 100 a slide show, Moore's text would make for the perfect narration, reminding us of the storylines that dominated each year's race. He not only covers the racing action, he brings in the present.

• Red Kite Prayer "If you're looking for one on the greatest race of them all, you need look no further than Tour de France 100. The photography is stunning and leaves no stone unturned.

• Active.com "In conveying the epic scale of the Tour, Tour de France 100 is aided by its size: in a world in which so many things are being shrunk to pocket-size, [the book is] serving up the equivalent of a sixty inch plasma screen. The large format allows for the detail in the photographs to tell their own stories.

• Podium Café "A wonderful pictorial history of the race. The images are beautifully and imaginatively laid out, with a little under 250 large-scale pages that capture the race in all its guises.

• Wheelsuckers "There is such great depth in the writing that you will not simply thumb through the book and be done with it, but will instead be drawn in by the stories being well-told.

• Bike Rumor "Great pictures and great stories on the history of the Grand Boucle. Enjoying the stories and photos in Tour de France 100 can only increase your love of the sport. A must have.

• USCyclingReport.com "Super-large format, the pictures are beautifully presented. A good coffee table photo book with a good balance between action and reaction shots.

• Podium Café Praise for Richard Moore's book *Slaying the Badger* "[Slaying the Badger is] a gripping narrative of this psychological and physical three-week war."

• Wall Street Journal "Rich in drama and emotion. As racing books go, Moore's book just might be the greatest ever.

• Outside magazine

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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.

He loved the book. It was a gift

Bought this for my brother in law after we went to the Tour de France last year and he couldnt put it down. He loves it! Great history along with photos.

gave it to my husband for Christmas. He loved it. I'm a cyclist too, so, I'm looking forward to sitting down and enjoying this.

It was a gift for my son in law and he said it is beautiful!

This book definitely gets you excited about the tour de France. The photos remind you of the long history of the race. One of my favorite coffee table books!

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