

## 1: Tour de France winner Geraint Thomas at book signing in Chepstow | South Wales Argus

*of over 1, results for "tour de france book" Le Tour de France: The Official History May 1, by Serge Laget and Luke Edwardes-Evans. Hardcover.*

And some of them have been real crackers. There should be something for everyone on this list of books about the Tour de France, its history and its riders. If you like this, you might also like *The Discovery of France* by Graham Robb, a cultural history of France researched almost entirely on two wheels. We have five extracts from the book on the site, starting with the first Tour de France. *The Tour is Won on the Alpe: With 21 hairpins over Coffee table Tours Argyle Armada: Following the Tour Tour Climbs: It profiles every mountain climb ever included in the Tour, complete with maps, mountain stats, and a list of the riders to have won each mountain stage.* He may not have had a team of support riders, mechanics and technical advisers, but he did have an enthusiastic dad and a group of friends as cheer-leaders as he tackled each stage hours before the pros set off. Part memoir, part travelogue, part Tour history, it takes in everyday life on the road with the Tour de France, capturing its nuances, as well as some of the characters who have become regulars on the Tour merry-go-round. It tracks his climb back from, through the disappointments of to the podium in Also new for Merckx fans is *Eddy Merckx: Close to Flying* is the Cadel Evans backstory. As with Cavendish, below, there will inevitably be a follow-up. This one is his account of how he made it to the top of world cycling: *McEwen*, who three times claimed the green points jersey in Paris and won 12 Tour stages, is arguably the best sprinter of his generation and the finest sprint cyclist to come out of Australia. Watch this space for the complete autobiography. *Racing Through the Dark: And to a British rider of a previous generation. Pioneer* charts the life of the first Briton to complete the Tour de France, and the first to claim a stage victory. *The Flying Scotsman*, meanwhile, is by and about one of the most accomplished British riders never to compete in the Tour de France. The book has since been made into a film. *Louison* went on to win the Tour three times, his brother offering loyal support as a team rider and confidante. In he lost out to Greg LeMond by just eight seconds on the final day in Paris in one of the most fiercely contested Tours of all time. But he died hated and heartbroken after an adulterous affair led to a scandalous divorce and his ex-communication from the church in Catholic Italy. *Mystery and rumour* surrounded his death, which was variously reported as a result of malaria or drugs. The book is based on interviews with Bahamontes, who first rode the Tour in *The Death of Marco Pantani: In Search of Robert Millar: My Life as a Professional Cyclist*, which is largely based on his cycling diaries that were originally published as columns in the Irish press. Riis, now boss of Team Saxo Bank, later admitted the ride "like most of his career" was powered by drugs. The book is a candid and sometimes bewildering account of cycling in the s. Without all the important bits. Wait for the blockbuster tell-all book that takes in everything he left out first time round His sense of adventure eventually led him to Colombia, where he was meant to open a velodrome as part of a publicity stunt. But he never returned home from South America, turning instead to a new life as "depending on who you believe" an athlete, coach, emerald-trader and smuggler. He ended up giving up disillusioned, largely as a result of the systematic doping. It charts the background of the broader doping story and lays out the evidence against Armstrong. From Lance to Landis: In a similar vein is *Bad Blood: A shocking "horrifying, even " account of how such an open secret was allowed to carry on unchallenged for so long.*

**2: Bicycle books: a tour of the best | Books | The Guardian**

*Books shelved as tour-de-france: It's Not about the Bike: My Journey Back to Life by Lance Armstrong, The Secret Race: Inside the Hidden World of the Tou.*

Are you a sprinter? Why are you such a nutcase? But no, probably still: The answer is no. I am an all-rounder. However, I turned pro very young. Cycling history is littered with sprinters who had one or two stellar seasons before they seemed to lose their edge. Guys like Andre Greipel and Mark Cavendish have been among the fastest year in, year out for many seasons. They say that Mario Cipollini was like that too: Maybe the decrease in doping has changed things? It could well be that. The thing to remember is that every sprint is different: One hundred riders with one hundred different stories is one thing, but the variables in the sprint are huge. Even if a stage finishes in a town the race has visited before, there is no guarantee the line will be in the same place, or the route will cover the same corners or rises and falls. Rain is the most obvious hazard with corners offering the terrifying jolt of sketchy terrain and a slipping tire, but every sprint is also affected by wind strength and direction, something you might not be able to appreciate from the view on TV. Crashes, or just fear of crashes, play a huge part in sprinting, of course, and you have to live by your wits a little bit. Being nervous about crashing often becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, so it is key to stay relaxed. It stresses me out, which is the last thing I need. Everybody is relying on you, and you have to fight for your position on the wheel in front miles before the finish. Life is too short. If you want to win a monument like Flanders or Roubaix, for example, the last kilometers will be like the last 10 kilometers of a grand tour stage for me: Ride carefully, ride positively, keep your eyes open. With a lead-out train, you take much of your own fate out of your own hands. You lose the wheel. Another team has a faster train, and your guys get burned off early. Your last guy misjudges the distance. The likely result is yes, in theory, you may have a better chance of winning, but you also have a greater chance of going nowhere. I prefer to do my own thing, and if somebody is faster than me, then he is faster than me. One man "one good man" can get on the front and drive a group along to dissuade attacks, can drag an escapee back or give up a wheel or even his bike if I am struck by some act of God at the sharp end of a race. What do you do? You sell him something else. Sell my rivals something else. With the better communication between the team cars, riders, and race organization, people have become very experienced at knowing what is needed to bring that long escape back. Stay cool and play close attention. With meters left, I will pick the wheel of the rider who I think is most likely to give me the best route to the line. This is another moment where being a solo artiste is a big advantage. My agent, Giovanni Lombardi, was one of the lead-out men for Mario Cipollini when the Lion King was in the rainbow jersey of world champion. They claimed to have a system of whistles they could use to communicate. I find that hard to believe. It might have worked if they had some sheep to round up, perhaps. Sagan won stage 4 of the Tour Down Under. It was my first race of the year, literally the first time the rainbow jersey had been seen since the podium in Norway. I had no condition and no real expectation. I was there to get fitter in the warm weather, to chill out away from the media frenzy in Europe, and to enjoy a bit of bike racing. The real training would begin in the Sierra Nevada in Spain, a month later. None of that, thank goodness. I just enjoyed the ride in warm weather, wearing shorts and short sleeves. All of a sudden, there were two kilometers left. I got focused, and the rainbow jersey had its first win of the year. There are some basic rules to follow. That creates a bit more momentum and makes you harder to catch. Preferably, get on the wheel of the sprinter with the most powerful train, as they are likely to drop him off earlier than he would like, and you can use his speed for an ultra-late charge as he begins to die away in the wind. Uphill sprints need fewer tactics. Apart from that, I love those messy sprints when everybody is all over the road, and I can duck and dive my way to the line. They always seem to have a degree bend 50 meters from the line or something crazy like that, finishes so narrow you could reach out and touch both barriers. Plus, they tend to go through the finish line and then do a lap of the town before the end of the stage, so you can have a good look at it in advance. You have all my secrets.

## 3: Popular Tour De France Books

*The Tour is Won on the Alpe: Alpe d'Huez and the Classic Battles of the Tour de France (UK, US) is French cycling journalist Jean-Paul Vespini's history of the legendary Alpe d'Huez, a mountain rivalled only by the Ventoux for the honour of the Tour de France's most mythical climb. With 21 hairpins over km and with an average gradient.*

Origins[ edit ] The Tour de France was created in The roots of the Tour de France trace back to the emergence of two rival sports newspapers in the country. He was a prominent cyclist and owner with Victor Goddet of the velodrome at the Parc des Princes. He handed Desgrange the keys to the company safe and said: The first Tour de France [ edit ] Main article: The plan was a five-stage race from 31 May to 5 July, starting in Paris and stopping in Lyon, Marseille, Bordeaux, and Nantes before returning to Paris. Toulouse was added later to break the long haul across southern France from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic. Stages would go through the night and finish next afternoon, with rest days before riders set off again. But this proved too daunting and the costs too great for most [22] and only 15 competitors had entered. Desgrange had never been wholly convinced and he came close to dropping the idea. The winner would thereby win six times what most workers earned in a year. It was waved away by the starter, Georges Abran, at 3: Only a mere 24 entrants remained at the end of the fourth stage. Garin dominated the race, winning the first and last two stages, at The last rider, Millocheau, finished 64h 47m 22s behind him. By the following spring he was planning another Tour, longer at 11 stages rather than 6 " and this time all in daylight to make any cheating more obvious. The record claimed by Desgrange was , during the Tour. Desgrange and his Tour invented bicycle stage racing. Initially he used total accumulated time as used in the modern Tour de France [27] but from to by points for placings each day. By time, a rider coping with a mechanical problem" which the rules insisted he repair alone" could lose so much time that it cost him the race. Equally, riders could finish so separated that time gained or lost on one or two days could decide the whole race. Judging the race by points removed over-influential time differences but discouraged competitors from riding hard. It made no difference whether they finished fast or slow or separated by seconds or hours, so they were inclined to ride together at a relaxed pace until close to the line, only then disputing the final placings that would give them points. The Tour originally ran around the perimeter of France. Cycling was an endurance sport and the organisers realised the sales they would achieve by creating supermen of the competitors. Night riding was dropped after the second Tour in , when there had been persistent cheating when judges could not see riders. Desgrange said his ideal race would be so hard that only one rider would make it to Paris. Early tours had long multi-day stages, with the format settling on 15 stages from until After this, stages were gradually shortened, such that by there were as many as three stages in a single day. The first Tours were open to whoever wanted to compete. Most riders were in teams that looked after them. Until Desgrange forbade team members from pacing each other. Until he demanded that riders mend their bicycles without help and that they use the same bicycle from start to end. Exchanging a damaged bicycle for another was allowed only in The original *touriste-routiers* mostly disappeared but some were absorbed into regional teams. In Desgrange had a prostate operation. At the time, two operations were needed; the Tour de France was due to fall between them. Desgrange persuaded his surgeon to let him follow the race. Desgrange died at home on the Mediterranean coast on 16 August Each organised a candidate race. Both were five stages, the longest the government would allow because of shortages. National teams contested the Tour until Some nations had more than one team and some were mixed in with others to make up the number. National teams caught the public imagination but had a snag: The loyalty of riders was sometimes questionable, within and between teams. Sponsors were always unhappy about releasing their riders into anonymity for the biggest race of the year, as riders in national teams wore the colours of their country and a small cloth panel on their chest that named the team for which they normally rode. The situation became critical at the start of the s. Sales of bicycles had fallen and bicycle factories were closing. The Tour returned to trade teams in The Union Cycliste Internationale introduced limits to daily and overall distances, imposed rest days and tests were introduced for riders. The Tour returned to national teams for and [62] as "an experiment". While the global awareness and popularity of the Tour grew during this time,

its finances became stretched.

### 4: Must-Read Tour de France Books - Freewheeling France

*In his latest book, award-winning sportswriter Richard Moore imagines what a Tour de France made of the 20 greatest stages in recent Tour history would look like. Using exclusive interviews and.*

Thompson, mining previously neglected sources and writing with infectious enthusiasm for his subject, tells the compelling story of the Tour de France from its creation in to the present. Weaving the words of racers, politicians, Tour organizers, and a host of other commentators together with a wide-ranging analysis of the culture surrounding the event—“including posters, songs, novels, films, and media coverage”—Thompson links the history of the Tour to key moments and themes in French history. Examining the enduring popularity of Tour racers, Thompson explores how their public images have changed over the past century. A new preface explores the long-standing problem of doping in light of recent scandals. About the Author Christopher S. There are several books to tell you who first won the yellow jersey or the identity of the youngest post-war winner of the Tour de France, the kind you might receive as a gift. Instead this book is the next level of the analysis, if not the ultimate English-language guide to the Tour de France. Thompson has made a great deal of sense out of this complicated story. Culture, sport, media, politics, wars, are all put into context with an event that has played a huge role in French identity, long before Greg LeMond or Lance Armstrong were born. This is a fascinating and exceptionally well written book. As Christopher Thompson rightly observes in his splendid study of this cultural phenomenon, the history of the Tour has always, in a way, been about the history of France. One is tempted to write that this is first-rate sports history. Plain and simple first-rate French history will, however, do. He does not offer pat answers and saccharine bromides about the inherent values in sport that will transcend current controversies and eventually win out for the good of sport and society. Rather, he takes a hard look at how sport, and specifically the Tour, has served as a means for constructing, and contesting, a wide variety of social identities. He locates the tensions that existed, and exist, between competing narratives and teases them out for us. But he has done much more than simply narrate the story of the Tour. His book sets the race—its history, its participants and its meaning—firmly in its shifting national and cultural contexts. This is the best history of the Tour that we have and are likely to have for many years, a work of scholarship that deserves to find a broad general readership. A History of Europe Since

## 5: Lance Armstrong - Wikipedia

*As the Tour de France nears its end, here are three books that trace its history and influence, as well as one amateur bicyclist's adventurous attempt to complete the circuit on his own.*

His great-grandfather was the son of Norwegian immigrants. His parents divorced in when Lance was two. The next year, his mother married Terry Keith Armstrong, a wholesale salesman, who adopted Lance that year. Eddie Gunderson died in He stopped swimming-only races after seeing a poster for a junior triathlon , called the Iron Kids Triathlon, which he won at age At 16, Lance Armstrong became a professional triathlete and became national sprint-course triathlon champion in and at 18 and 19, respectively. In , Armstrong won 10 one-day events and stage races, but his breakthrough victory was the World Road Race Championship held in Norway. He was 97th in the general classification when he retired after stage He is alleged by another cyclist competing in the CoreStates Road Race to have bribed that cyclist so that he would not compete with Armstrong for the win. However, he was able to compete for only five days in the Tour de France. In the Olympic Games , he finished 6th in the time trial and 12th in the road race. Joining him in signing contracts with the French team were teammates Frankie Andreu and Laurent Madouas. Two months later, in October , he was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer. Cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery On October 2, , at age 25, Armstrong was diagnosed with stage three advanced testicular cancer embryonal carcinoma. But with the kind of cancer he had, with the x-rays, the blood tests, almost no hope. The first chemotherapy cycle that Armstrong underwent included BEP, but for the three remaining cycles, he was given an alternative, vinblastine etoposide , ifosfamide , and cisplatin VIP , to avoid lung toxicity associated with bleomycin. Shapiro, [39] a professor of neurosurgery at Indiana University. Shortly afterward he was told that his contract with the Cofidis team had been cancelled. By January , Armstrong was engaged in serious training for racing, moving to Europe with the team. In , he won the eighth stage and in ; he took stage 18 which he dedicated to teammate Fabio Casartelli who had crashed and died on stage Armstrong dropped out of the Tour after the fifth stage after becoming ill, a few months before his diagnosis. In he won the Tour de France, including four stages. However, the absence of Jan Ullrich injury and Marco Pantani drug allegations meant Armstrong had not yet proven himself against the biggest names in the sport. Stage wins included the prologue, stage eight, an individual time trial in Metz , an Alpine stage on stage nine, and the second individual time trial on stage The race began a six-year rivalry between Ullrich and Armstrong and ended in victory for Armstrong by 6 minutes 2 seconds over Ullrich. Armstrong took one stage in the Tour, the second individual time trial on stage In , Armstrong again took top honors, beating Ullrich by 6 minutes 44 seconds. In , Ullrich did not participate due to suspension, and Armstrong won by seven minutes over Joseba Beloki. Only a minute and a second separated the two at the end of the final day in Paris. Ullrich waited for him, which brought Ullrich fair-play honors. Ullrich was fourth, a further 2 minutes 31 seconds behind. Armstrong won a personal-best five individual stages, plus the team time trial. He became the first biker since Gino Bartali in to win three consecutive mountain stages; 15, 16, and He won the final individual time trial, stage 19, to complete his personal record of stage wins. In , Armstrong was beaten by American David Zabriskie in the stage 1 time trial by two seconds, despite having passed Ullrich on the road. His Discovery Channel team won the team time trial, while Armstrong won the final individual time trial. But still, the American champion handled them well, maintained his lead and, on some occasions, increased it. UCI rules say a cyclist has to be in an anti-doping program for six months before an event, but UCI allowed Armstrong to compete. He made his European season debut at the Vuelta a Murcia finishing in seventh place overall. However, he crashed outside Visalia early in stage 5 of the Tour of California and had to withdraw from the race. He rallied for the brutal Pyrenean stage 16, working as a key player in a successful break that included teammate Chris Horner. He finished his last tour in 23rd place, 39 minutes 20 seconds behind former winner Alberto Contador. In October, he announced the end of his international career after the Tour Down Under in January He stated that after January , he will race only in the U. History of Lance Armstrong doping allegations and Lance Armstrong doping case For much of his career, Armstrong faced persistent allegations of doping. Bassons

wrote a number of articles for a French newspaper during the Tour de France which made references to doping in the peloton. Ferrari claimed that he was introduced to Lance by Eddy Merckx in The report also includes numerous eyewitness accounts of Ferrari injecting Armstrong with EPO on a number of occasions. Confidential In , reporters Pierre Ballester and David Walsh published a book alleging Armstrong had used performance-enhancing drugs L. Another figure in the book, Steve Swart , claims he and other riders, including Armstrong, began using drugs in while members of the Motorola team, a claim denied by other team members. A urine sample at the Tour de France showed traces of corticosteroid. A medical certificate showed he used an approved cream for saddle sores which contained the substance. What are we going to do? He said she would have known if Armstrong had saddle sores as she would have administered any treatment for it. Armstrong sued for libel, and the paper settled out of court after a High Court judge in a pre-trial ruling stated that the article "meant accusation of guilt and not simply reasonable grounds to suspect. Armstrong that it never intended to accuse him of being guilty of taking any performance-enhancing drugs and sincerely apologized for any such impression. Official and Le Sale Tour The Dirty Trick , further pressing their claims that Armstrong used performance-enhancing drugs throughout his career. Anderson worked for Armstrong for two years as a personal assistant. Anderson stated in a subsequent deposition that he had no direct knowledge of Armstrong using a banned substance. Armstrong denied the claim and issued a counter-suit. The shaming of Lance Armstrong. In its suit, the paper is seeking a return of the original settlement, plus interest and the cost of defending the original case. The paper even admits in its own article that the science in question here is faulty and that I have no way to defend myself. I have never taken performance enhancing drugs. Vrijman was head of the Dutch anti-doping agency for ten years; since then he has worked as a defense attorney defending high-profile athletes against doping charges. In April , Michael Ashenden[ who? The testimony stated "And so the doctor asked him a few questions, not many, and then one of the questions he asked was And Lance said yes. And the doctor asked, what were they? And Lance said, growth hormone , cortisone , EPO , steroids and testosterone. Vaughters signed a statement disavowing the comments and stating he had: SCA knowingly and independently waived any right to make further claims to any of the money it paid. Armstrong issued a formal, public apology and agreed to pay SCA an undisclosed sum. Justice Department federal prosecutors led an investigation into possible crimes conducted by Armstrong and the U. Postal Service Cycling Team. The Food and Drug Administration and federal agent Jeff Novitzky were also involved in the investigation. When Novitzky was asked to comment on it, he declined. Further, he was accused of putting pressure on teammates to take unauthorized performance-enhancing drugs as well. It also sought to ban him from participating in sports sanctioned by WADA for life. Armstrong chose not to appeal the ban, saying it would not be worth the toll on his family. While admitting in the interview to the things he did, he also said it was "absolutely not" true that he was doping in "10, and that the last time he "crossed the line" was in The emails also claimed that other riders and cycling officials participated in doping, including Armstrong. The existence of the lawsuit, initially filed under seal, was first revealed by The Wall Street Journal in In the lawsuit, Landis alleged that Armstrong and team managers defrauded the U. In January , U. Justice Department officials recommended joining the federal lawsuit aimed at clawing back money from Armstrong. He also named people who had transported or acted as couriers, as well as people that were aware of his doping practices. The Department of Justice accused Armstrong of violating his contract with the USPS and committing fraud when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs. The suit was settled for an undisclosed sum one day before Armstrong was scheduled to give a deposition under oath.

### 6: The 10 best cycling books | Books | The Guardian

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### 7: Book excerpt: Peter Sagan on sprinting " www.enganchecubano.com

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### 8: Tour de France - Wikipedia

*Basically, I will try to ride as "normally" as possible until the last couple of kilometers. The most common shape for stages in grand tours now is that the first hour of the day is a crazy rush to get somebody in a break; then it calms down.*

### 9: Official website of Tour de France

*The Tour de France's most famous peak is the focus of this book, which includes conversations with former yellow jersey wearers Lance Armstrong and Eddy Merckx on what makes "the killer."*

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