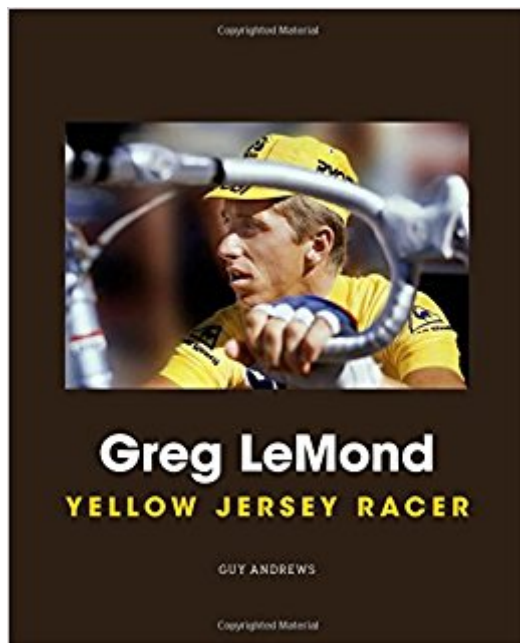


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# Greg LeMond: Yellow Jersey Racer



## Synopsis

Greg LeMond is America's only recognized Tour de France winner, yet his three Tour victories tell only part of his story. LeMond changed cycling more than any other rider in the history of the sport. LeMond was a talented all-rounder, with a reputation as one of the canniest racers of his generation. As adept at racing on the cobbles of the spring classics as he was on the mountains of the grand tours, LeMond rode a full racing season from spring to autumn. His never-say-die spirit also bagged him two World Championship titles and a hatful of podiums at the world's toughest bike races. He was admired by his peers and respected by his rivals. Yet Greg LeMond's influence on cycling extended off the bike as well. He was the first cyclist to command a \$1 million salary, raising the stakes for all other teams and riders and pushing the Tour organization to reach more spectators through expanded TV coverage. LeMond was the first cyclist to focus almost exclusively on winning the Tour de France and the World Championship, knowing they were most valuable to his fans and sponsors. His superstar talent and charisma broke cycling into the mainstream media with multiple turns as Sports Illustrated Athlete of the Year. Greg LeMond raised cycling from its provincial roots into a professional sport with global reach. But LeMond's story took a tragic turn in 1987: While out hunting, he was accidentally shot and lost so much blood that his life hung in the balance. His eventual recovery was as miraculous as what happened next: he came back to the world of bicycle racing to claim victory in the Tour de France in the closest finish in the history of the race. Greg LeMond: Yellow Jersey Racer documents LeMond's legendary career year by year. LeMond's early promise as a young rider of limitless talent, his raw battle to take victory in the 1986 Tour, his unbelievable comeback from near death, the resurgence of his career as he faced a new generation of supercharged EPO athletes—this celebration of LeMond covers it all with incisive writing, intimate interviews with teammates and rivals, and illuminating photographs. Key moments in LeMond's career are documented with spectacular photography including the iconic pictures you remember and new images not seen outside LeMond's personal circles. Many of the famous protagonists in LeMond's world—rivals, teammates, and friends—contribute extensive interviews, speaking candidly about his incredible career and his continuing legacy in the sport of cycling. Greg LeMond is known best for winning the Tour de France in amazing fashion, but Greg LeMond: Yellow Jersey Racer celebrates the entire fascinating career of the rider known as "the American". Includes extensive contributions from LeMond and interviews with Jeff Bradley, Kent Gordis, Phil Anderson, Sean Kelly, Ron Kiefel, Stephen Roche, Robert Millar, Shelley Verses, Andy Hampsten, Johan Lammerts, Ronan Pensec, Otto Jacome, and

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“Greg LeMond’s career was defined by Tour de France success, but there was much more beneath the surface, from world championship titles to a hunting accident that nearly ended his life. Never-before-seen photos and extensive interviews with his contemporaries take readers through LeMond’s entire career.” | Guy Andrews documents LeMond’s entire legendary racing career and his lasting influence, one that saw him change cycling more than any other rider in the history of the sport. • “Those not familiar with the legend will become fans. Those who are will explore new insights.” • “LeMond was and remains the shiniest diamond ever pulled out of the rough of the American cycling wilderness. The story of his discovery, with family photos of young Greg as well as the still-incredible scenes of Cyrille Guimard and Bernard Hinault visiting Reno, Nevada, jump off the page of Yellow Jersey Racer.” | Beautifully comprehensive. • “A book that’s been a long time in the coming, Yellow Jersey Racer is worth the wait. All told, Andrews offers an excellent broad-brush portrait of a rider and his era, of America’s first Tour champion and, today, its only Tour champion and the years in which cycling came of age and served up some of the strongest images and stories in its history.” | It’s a vivid picture of LeMond and the era in which he rode [and] a book all should want to own a copy of. • “A gorgeous book, with good stories and great photography. I

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Just received this wonderful new book about a legend. No one was more dedicated to his sport than this gentleman. In the end, after all of his trials with Armstrong, he rose from the ashes, revived his fitness brand, and commands more respect than that other cheater, liar, and embarrassment of the cycling community. I have great respect for LeMond whom I credit my love for the sport to. This beautiful, hard bound book sits on the coffee table with rare photographs of LeMond's early racing days as a teen, the classics, world championships and, of course, all his tour wins. I had never seen many of these. The accompanying stories from his recollection, by his loved ones, teammates, and competitors adds to the admiration of the man. The US has yet to produce another great cycling champion like LeMond whose remarkable feats are only more impressive considering he never took performance enhancing drugs.

Great book. I've been waiting for a high quality large format coffee table book on Greg LeMond. He is arguably one of the all time greats of cycling in so far as his natural talent. His wins were fewer in quantity than other great champions but the quality of his victories is of the highest caliber.

If you're a fan of Cycling and LeMond this is a wonderful book to relive his career....with all of his insights along with other top stars of the era it really takes you into the incredible world of professional cycling....it's great to relive his monumental battles with Hinault and Fignon and tremendous challenge of racing in Europe and winning the Tour de France and World Championships. Just the pictures alone make the book worthwhile. LeMond is a legend and this book pays a wonderful tribute to his career

Great photos. Greg Lemond was truly a unique talent. One photo made me wonder about use of "recovery agents." On page 62 can see what appear to be recent puncture marks in Rt antecubital

fossa. I think if you are professional the option to supplement should be available as long as you are not super physiologic and it would make things safer. Get it out of the closet. To make the long tours entertaining the fans want super human performances.

This is one of the most enjoyable cycling books I have ever read. Beautiful pictures!!! Each year in LeMond's career was written by one of his peers. What a spectacular way to tell a story. I found myself energized with every turn of the page as I remembered the riders and races that caused me to fall in love with cycling over 30 years ago.

Good, light reading

Great book!

Amazing book. Fantastic photos, and first-hand stories of Greg's bicycle racing career and rise to fame and stardom.

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