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Editorial Review

Review

"*The Elite Bicycle* is one of the finer coffee table books we've seen in years. The book profiles some of the world's greatest (and disappearing) bike artisans with short portraits, incisive photojournalism, and keen essays." • -- *Outside magazine*

"This beautiful book is all about the bike -- in exquisite, intimate, celebratory detail. This beautiful book is all about the bike -- in exquisite, intimate, celebratory detail." • -- *Experience Life magazine*

"While the only way to truly experience the quality and craftsmanship of these components is to ride them, the book gives an effective introduction to many of the brands we often hear about without ever fully appreciating why. After spending a few hours with *The Elite Bicycle*, you'll no longer be a just a name-dropper." • -- *Bicycling magazine*

"What makes *The Elite Bicycle* so fantastic is not so much what is said about the people and companies themselves, but the insightful, lesser-known tidbits that provide a greater depth of understanding" "It's little gems that are peppered throughout the already rich descriptions of people and place that make the profiles spring to life." • -- *RoadBikeReview.com*

"An eccentric and entertaining book, beautifully produced with top-quality photos and amusing but informative text and a foreword by cycling-mad British fashion designer Sir Paul Smith, *The Elite Bicycle* deserves to find a place on many a cyclist's bookshelf this holiday season." • -- *PezCyclingNews.com*

"*The Elite Bicycle* delivers something quite different...it's the sense that you've spent an afternoon at the builder or company's work space, that you've seen the work being done and then been left to wander on your own. You could unleash a dozen cycling photographers on the same set of subjects and very few would come up with anything so evocative." • -- *Red Kite Prayer*

From the Back Cover

On a modern bicycle, carbon fiber, titanium, and ceramics are combined with hand-worked steel, CNC aluminum, and finely tooled leather. There's also a deep and rich tradition of engineering excellence allied to artisan eccentricity in all parts of the bicycle industry. Some manufacturers are still using processes that have changed little over 50 years, while others revel in the challenge of marrying the latest materials with innovative design to create the ultimate riding experience.

"The Elite Bicycle" offers

- Unique behind-the-scenes access gives a revealing insight into the skills and techniques that go into making superlative bicycles.
- Explores aspects of the manufacturing process from handcrafting and finishing to the most technical industrial process.
- Includes photographs of the industrial process, portraits of the craftsmen and women and photographs of the finished components and bicycles.

About the Author

Gerard Brown is a professional cycling photographer and an amateur racer. He contributes regularly to cycling and automotive magazines, including *Privateer*, *Rouleur*, and *Octane*.

Graeme Fife has written for a wide range of publications including *The Guardian*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, *Rouleur*, *Cycling Weekly*, and *Cycle Sport*. His books on cycling include *Tour de France: Tour de Suffrance* and *Inside the Peloton*.

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