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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

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Editorial Review

Review

“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.” ? *VeloNews*

“Those not familiar with the legend will become fans. Those who are will explore new insights.” ? *Bicycling*

“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.” ? *Podium Café*

“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.” ? **Feargal McKay, Podium Café, The Top 10 Cycling Books of 2016**

“A gorgeous book, with good stories and great photography. I recommend it for any bicycle racing fan - whether for yourself, or for a gift.” ?**The Retrogrouch**

“Fabulous. A wonderful worthy tribute.” ? *Experience Life*

“Superb. A superlative summary of a noteworthy career in sports.” ? *PezcyclingNews*

“Andrews deserves praise... It’s the only book on LeMond we will need.” ? *Red Kite Prayer*

“A lavishly produced look back at the career of a deservedly popular and successful cyclist.” ? **Road.cc**

From the Back Cover

“It doesn’t get any easier, you just go faster.” ? Greg LeMond

Greg LeMond was the first and only American Tour de France winner, but that is only half of the story. Throughout most of his career, LeMond tried to ride a full racing season from spring to autumn?equally at home on the cobbles of the spring classics as he was on the high mountains of the grand tours.

In *Greg LeMond: Yellow Jersey Racer*, LeMond’s biggest wins are documented with unique and exclusive photography depicting the racing times of this exceptional bike rider. Providing a multifaceted perspective of the man, candid interviews with LeMond’s rivals, teammates, and friends reveal how their lives crossed and his long-lasting legacy in the sport of cycling. His incredible never-say-die racing spirit was legendary and would bring him three Tour de France wins, two World Championship gold medals, and a hatful of podiums

at the world's toughest races.

With a foreword by Greg LeMond

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Guy Andrews is the founder and former editor of the cycling magazine Rouleur. He is now a columnist and contributor to several cycling magazines including Bicycling and The Ride. He is also the author of several books on cycling, including The Custom Road Bike, Bike Mechanic: Tales From the Road and the Workshop, and Magnum Cycling.

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