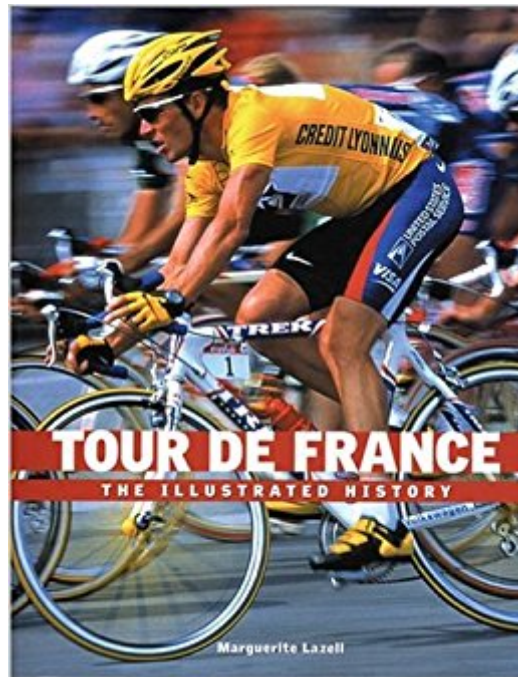




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Marguerite Lazell writes for *Cycling Weekly* and *Cycle* sport magazines. She has covered four Tour de Frances, the Olympics, and numerous World Championship and World Cup events.

Small, but exceptionally well constructed and with a great depth of interesting and entertaining

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