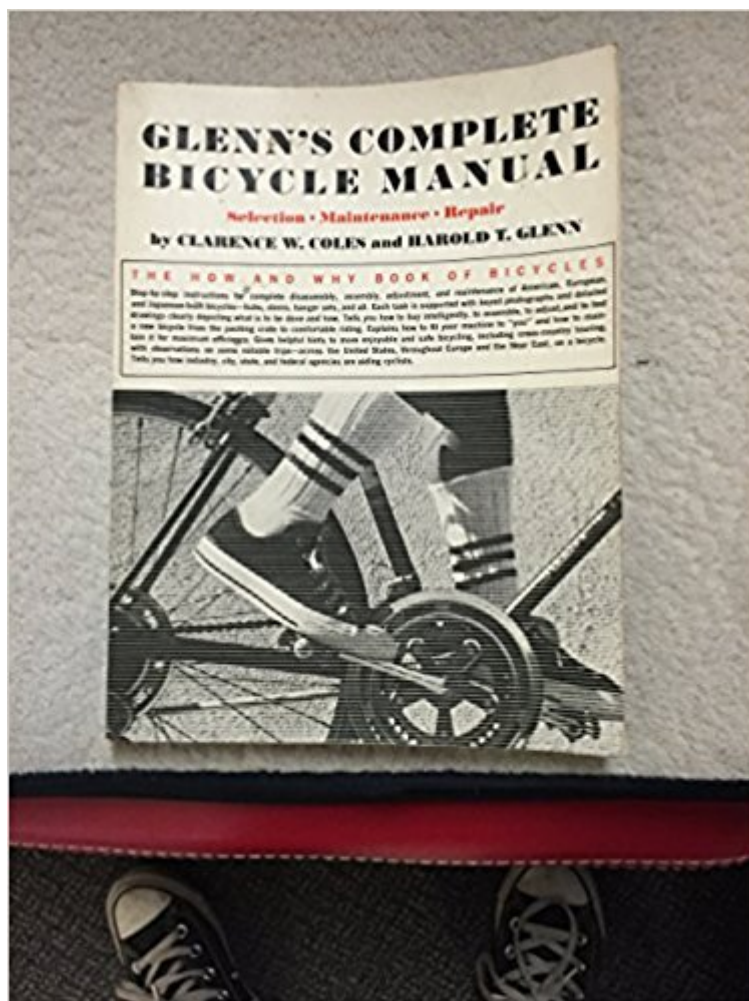


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# Glenn's Complete Bicycle Manual: Selection, Maintenance, Repair



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This is a great book if you have any interest in bicycle maintenance, with numerous illustrations throughout. As well as having a distinguished military career, Bob Whiter is an accomplished author and illustrator. Some of his best works include "The Bicycle Manual of Maintenance and Repair

I'm gonna give it 5 stars, even though I ordered the 1986 edition but received the 1973 edition. That's 13 years difference, and I wanted the 86 edition because I had hoped it would be updated to cover some of the first mountain bikes which had different shifters and brake equipment than earlier model bikes. What I can say is the book itself is excellently illustrated and informative, with a lot of detailed explanation. So if you want a book to cover older bicycle maintenance, this would be a

great choice. Incidentally, because of the mix-up, the seller refunded my money, so I am happy with the seller and with .com in general.

There are lots of resources for information on modern bicycles and components, for those of us who also enjoy antique and classic bikes, this is a treasure. There are not too many specifications, so a copy of Sutherland's manual is very handy to use in conjunction with this. I remember when the Peugeot bikes spotlighted in this were way cool in the '70s "bike boom", couldn't afford one then, now, they turn up at thrift shops and yard sales at very affordable prices. The Glenn's manual is a useful tool for the collector who likes to spin a good wrench.

I recently purchased a "buy it all" garage sale. There were 5 bikes in there, all in need of repair. This book is the most complete of 3 that I bought (2 were from elsewhere). Anyone needing help with bikes, especially older ones will find what is needed to work on them. There are lots of helpful pictures. Also in excellent shape for a used book. And the seller included an old newspaper ad for the book adding to the nostalgia.

It takes years of experience to be able to tear down a bike hub and re-assemble from memory. I do not have those years of experience, so I depend on others, thus the need for this manual. It is written in plain English that most anyone could understand, and with distinct, well defined photos are added for clarification. After reading the text, and looking at the corresponding photo, it is like...yeah, now I know! Great book! I couldn't do without it.

I purchased this manual mainly to rebuild some 70's vintage 3 speed hubs. I was particularly interested in instructions in tear down and rebuild of the Shimano 333 hub. This is the only manual that I could find that had directions for this complex task. I have taken down and rebuilt one 333 hub so far. For a person like me who likes to work on classic bicycles this manual is a must. It has a wealth of information. It is well illustrated with black and white photos and step by step instructions.

It doesn't cover the latest components. But it is very comprehensive when it comes to overhauling Sturmey-Archer or Shimano internal hubs, and several other American and foreign hubs and derailleur systems which were standard components on many bicycles of yesteryear. A bonus for the bicycle aficionado or enthusiast is that this manual offers a retrospective view into the early to mid-seventies when it was written! It has lots of (black & white) pictures and diagrams, and the

procedures are comprehensively described into the very detail. Very recommended!

If your bicycle sweet spot is to be found in the bikes of the 60's - 80's, then this is a reference book you want in your workshop. The section on rebuilding vintage internal hubs is in enough detail to encourage the most novice of home mechanics to give a rebuild a try. Highly recommended. I regret that it took me so long to find a copy.

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