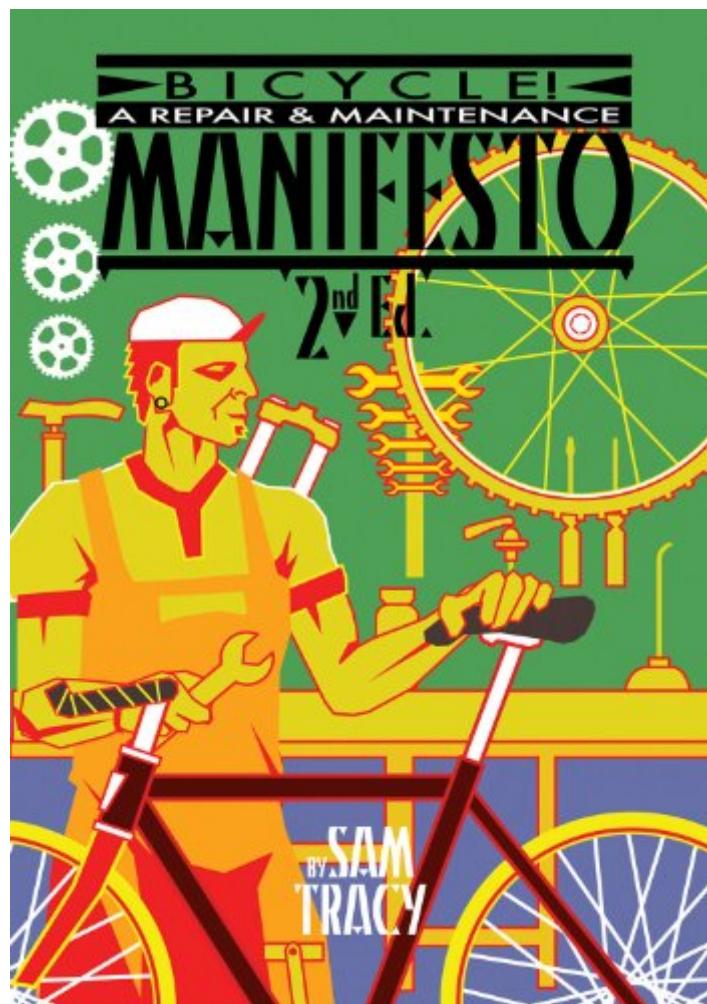


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Bicycle!: A Repair & Maintenance Manifesto



Synopsis

Providing cyclists the know-how to take bicycle repair into their own hands, this manual covers bike care without technical terms. Written by a bicycle mechanic and laden with photographs and drawings, this guide is a valuable resource for professional bicycle workers and commuters. This updated edition includes an expanded index and a revised resource section. Topics include essential tools, bicycle components, on-the-road repairs, scavenging, locks, preventing rust, and more.

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Customer Reviews

Maybe it's not obvious, but bike repair is part of social activism. It's a message that hasn't been made lately in manuals. It's nice to see it again here, updated to the era of carbon, suspension and brifters. In the '70s (era of Whole Earth Review) bike repair was seen this way, but with the Yuppie Takeover in the '80s the radical nobility of wrenching was lost except as inside lore. Well, the bike is a tool for liberation -- but only when you understand it and can care for at least the basics yourself, and when you can set it up in the first place so it doesn't let you down. Sam Tracy's "manifesto" covers bike care in a neighborhood style, without jargon. He's a San Francisco urban mechanic and

his goal here is saving you \$ and frustration. Older bikes are still mostly on the road and are still giving great service -- but they need care! Today's bike is often so complex that it's tempting to just bring it to the shop any time something goes wrong. This can impair your self-sufficiency. Now, good relations with a local shop is part of the Good Life, but you gotta take care of yourself where possible. Self-supported riding is key to today's bike boom. (And the coolest new events, like Gravel Grinders, require it.) (I like the 1st ed cover better than the 2nd, but I suppose the 2nd is nicer -- fixed typos, added features, etc.)

While this book is interesting it is much more for the seasoned bike mechanic. Sometimes the many asides about his experiences or tricks he has learned can detract from what he is trying to impart about how to deal with various parts of the bike.

I used to repair bikes 30 years ago and wanted to get back into my own work since things have changed. This book does not come up to the standards of other book on the market.

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