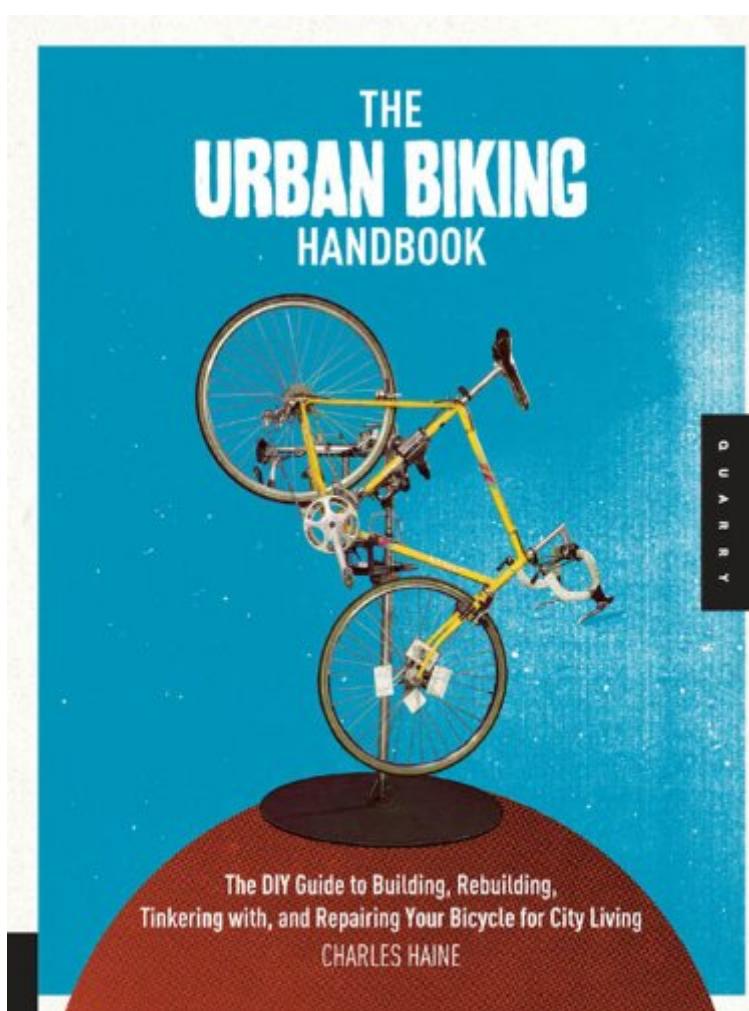


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# The Urban Biking Handbook: The DIY Guide To Building, Rebuilding, Tinkering With, And Repairing Your Bicycle For City Living



## Synopsis

Ever wanted to take a bicycle vacation? Go on a bike date? Convert your beater into a fixie? Or are you just curious about the anthropology of urban cycling culture? The Urban Biking Handbook teaches you the anatomy of your bike, how to dismantle it, how to reassemble it, how to make it pretty, how to make it uglyâ and most importantly, how to make it yours. Bike your way through car-jammed cities, under overpasses, and over the hills and far away to a cyclistâ™s paradise.- Learn to repair a flat, modify your handlebars, true your wheel, and fix your bike on the fly.- Not just for gearheads: Learn about what to wear, what to eat, how to pack, and how not to get doored.- Want to build your own bike? Get started with fully photographed tutorials and inspiration from the bike lovers profiled inside.Get your bike on with The Urban Biking Handbook!

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fun and quick book about urban biking with plenty of nice pictures as well. I've been cycling for the past 30+ years so there wasn't a lot of new info here but if you are just now becoming a cycling enthusiast this would be a valuable resource. There is a pervasive attitude throughout this

book that the most expensive gear may not always be the best choice - so get sturdy mid range bike, learn how to modify it and fix it yourself - and jam econo.

This book might get you started with your own repairing and rebuilding... but it is (and once you get past the first few pages it admits) no DIY guide. I am once again excited about bikes, and I found the book to be a breeze to read. But it is only an appetizer... not a filling meal.

This book is an excellent read to gain more knowledge about urban bicycling. In the handbook has a lot of pictures and easy to understand material to educated everyone about types of helmets to buying a bike that fits your riding style. One thing I like about this the author does not try to talk over your head. Terminology is kept very simple for easier understanding. One of the best sections is describing the different types/styles of bicycles. The author kept the explanations simple and on point. If you ever went to Bicycle shop and overwhelm by the choices this book will clean up the mess. Also, this book writes about everything you will need to know about own a bicycle responsibly, from the types of locks to what hazards may lay in wait. This book does touch on some simple repair but nothing to complex ( this is not a repair book). If you are an expert to novice urban bicycle rider this book is a nice reference book to have.

For me this was a complimentary reading to all the other books about bicycles I got. Fact is, as simple as a bike basically is as complex are the varieties of systems, types, and points of view out there, which don't fit all into one book. The more information one gets about the subject the better decisions can be made for a particular situation, and for that reason I recommend this book to all bicycle enthusiasts. For those who haven't purchased their first book, this is a good introduction to the bicycle world.

I'm not sure why I bought this book--it's a little pricey compared to some of the bike frame building books on . Maybe because I have just been getting back into tinkering with bikes after 40 years or so. It's a good overview, with clear color photos (probably explains the price diff), and has some useful task-based material in the later chapters.I liked the section on p. 107 about the difference between number of speeds and range. I think a lot of casual riders are not clear on that. More gears can mean only finer, and not really useful, gradations within the same range as a humble 3-speed.A couple of sentences on the previous page in the Drive Train section, attempt to explain front vs rear gears:"The larger the gear is in front next to the pedals, the harder it is to pedal. It may be

counterintuitive, because it's not the same for the gears attached to your pedals, but the larger the gear attached to your rear wheel, the harder it is to pedal."What? Counterintuitive indeed!

I have been living in a large city for a year now, and-after getting frustrated with gas prices and traffic- recently became interested in cycling. This book has been my guide to life, helping me choose the right bike, get the right accessories, and get the most out of every ride. This book is perfect for beginners who are looking to learn a ton of knowledge about urban cycling.

I agree with the other reviewers - this is a nicely laid out book with plenty of great photos and a lot of neat little tips, most of which could probably be gleaned from the internet, various forums, and whatever. I do love the attitude of keeping costs reasonable - that \$10,000 carbon fiber bike isn't necessarily the best bike for you - and of doing things yourself. That being said, the book doesn't go into any kind of real detail on the topics it does touch on (repair, maintenance, etc). Don't get this book expecting many step-by-step tuts - it's more of a 'tips n' tricks' book, and a very decent, very nice introduction to being an enthusiast of the urban biking subcult. I didn't mind reading it at all, and though I can't say I learned a whole lot of anything, I did learn a lot about a little. Maybe I was hoping for more detail, but it wasn't a disappointing read.

Seriously, any bike enthusiast, bike technician, or just plain bike rider should own this book. It's affordable and it covers a wide range of topics I would never have even considered researching on my own! I love it! If you want something specific to a certain field (like customizing bikes, or the different brands of frames) then get a subject specific book like that and keep this one as well. This book will give you the **BASICS** (+ a little extra) so don't expect it to contain **EVERYTHING** in the world about biking.Btw, it's so easy to read. Lol, plenty of pictures too!

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