

## The Mutt How To Skateboard And Not Kill Yourself Rodney Mullen

Named the "Most Influential Skateboarder of All Time" by Transworld Skateboarding, Mark Gonzales aka The Gonz is one of the most recognizable names in skateboarding, art, and street style. Born in California in 1968, Gonzales entered the skateboarding world at age 13, and by 16, was featured on the cover of Thrasher magazine. Widely revered since then as the inventor of street skating, Gonzales has remained one of the most prolific innovators in both skateboarding and contemporary art. Part skate photography, part intimate portrait, this is a bold collection of work straight from the mind of the artist, as seen through Sem Rubio's iconic photography. After working together for over a decade, Rubio and Gonzales have created an impressive archive that became the seed for this stunning monograph. Hailed for a sense of fearlessness and creativity, Gonzales has always had a way of changing the game, whether through his inventive skateboarding or his creative art and writing. His long-standing collaborations with brands including Adidas, Supreme, Thrasher, RETROSUPERFUTURE, JanSport, and E&?tudes, gathered together for the first time in this volume, showcase a rebellious vision that has cemented his place in both skateboard and pop culture history. This indispensable volume gathers new, personal insights into legendary tricks and collaborations. It is a verbal and visual testimony of

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his many worlds. Specially-commissioned interviews with Spike Jonze, Hiroshi Fujiwara, KAWS, Ed Templeton, Tommy Guerrero, Tony Hawk, Blondey McCoy, Gus Van Sant and more are peppered throughout the book, making this a truly kaleidoscopic portrait of the ever-evolving, revolutionary artist.

The world-champion freestyle skateboarder and the man who brought the ollie – the trick that revolutionised the sport by taking it from the ground to the air – to street skating shares the history of skateboarding, as he tells the dramatic story of his life. At the age of 13, Rodney took the freestyle skating world by storm. He won 35 world titles in less than five years. But through it all, his father looked down on his son's love for skating and pressured him to walk away from the sport and leave behind his fans and status as the most famous skateboarder of his era. After years of stress and conflict, Rodney gave in and promised his father he'd quit for good. But by the time he finally broke free from his suffocating and abusive home life, the popularity of freestyle had waned and given way to vert and street styles. So Rodney picked up his board and started from scratch. With the help of mentor Mike Ternansky, Rodney used his freestyle background to usher in a whole new era of street skating. Today Rodney is more popular than ever. The videos in his series Rodney Versus Daewon are among the most popular skateboard videos ever produced. He won the 2002 Transworld Skateboarding readers' choice award for favourite street skater and is the most popular character on the top-selling Tony Hawk's Pro Skater video games.

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In this young adult autobiography, Tony Hawk shares the stories from his life that have helped him become a skateboarding hero. Hawk speaks of being a super-competitive 'demon' child who found peace while on a skateboard. Classmates teased him because of his interest in an 'uncool' sport. Instead of retaliating with violence, he practiced even more. With his story, he will inspire a younger generation of fans to stand up for what they believe in and follow their dreams.

Coach Joe Friel is the most trusted name in endurance sports coaching, and his *Cyclist's Training Bible* is the most comprehensive and reliable training resource ever written for cyclists. This new edition of the bestselling book includes all of the latest advances in training and technology. Using this book, cyclists can create a comprehensive, self-coached training plan that is both scientifically proven and shaped around their personal goals. Friel empowers athletes with every detail they need to consider when planning a season, lining up a week of workouts, or preparing to race. This fourth edition includes extensive revisions on the specifics of how to train and what to eat. Friel explains how cyclists can: best gauge intensity with power meters and other new training technology to maximize form and fitness and reduce fatigue; more knowledgeably and accurately make changes to their annual training plan over the course of a season; dramatically build muscular endurance with strength training; improve body composition and recovery with smarter nutrition. With more case studies to draw from and multiple contingency plans for those times when training doesn't

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progress as planned, *The Cyclist's Training Bible* continues to be the definitive guide to optimal cycling performance.

At age six, Rodney Mullen was the family misfit who had to wear braces to straighten out his pigeon-toed feet. But by age fourteen, he was a world-champion skateboarder -- and for the next decade lost only one contest. Now, for the first time, Rodney tells the incredible story of his ascent to fame as the number one nerd in a sport where anarchy is often encouraged. Rodney learned to skate by himself on the family farm, his only company the wandering cows. As a teenager he traveled the world for demonstrations, invented the flatground ollie -- a trick that laid the foundation for modern street skating -- and in ten years garnered thirty-five world skating titles. While acing skateboard contests Rodney also earned straight A's in school, but his father forced him to abandon his fame and the fortune he could make from the sport he loved. Rodney was unable to stop for very long though, even after freestyle skating went out of fashion and the skateboarding world abandoned him. He adapted to street skating and eventually became one of the most innovative and influential skaters of all time. It's all here: everything from his eating and sleeping disorders to his comical experiences with loan sharks, occult-obsessed relatives, and the FBI. *The Mutt* is a look at Rodney's strange journey from penniless skateboarder to millionaire.

Skateboarding Tricks: Step By Step Instructions & Videos To Help You Land Your Next Trick! Do you like riding your skateboard? Have you tried doing some tricks, but no

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matter how hard you try, you always fail? If you want to learn dozens of incredible skateboard tricks, then this book will show you the easiest way to do so. From flip tricks and grab tricks, to air tricks and slide tricks - learning all of them will be a piece of cake. The only thing you will have to do after that is to impress your friends with your new skills. This book of skateboarding tricks for kids ages 8-12 is perfect for every kid that dreams of becoming the next Tony Hawk - who knows, maybe you will even surpass him. Are you that kid? With this book, you will learn dozens of old school and modern tricks with an accent on originality and creativity - but in the end, the most important thing is, you will have lots of fun. This instructional skateboarding guide contains step-by-step instructions and explanatory shots of every move you need to make to re-create all of these skateboarding tricks successfully. Here is what this guide to skateboarding for kids can offer you: Step-by-step instructions and explanatory shots of basic and advanced skateboarding tricks Guides to easily learn awesome flip tricks and grab tricks Guides to quickly learn incredible air tricks, slide tricks, and ramp tricks Few guidelines on skateboard safety Lots of fun and excitement And much more! If you want to quickly and easily learn dozens of skateboarding tricks and impress your friends with them, all you have to do is follow the step-by-step instructions found in this skateboarding guide for kids. It's that easy. Scroll up, click on "Buy Now with 1-Click", and Get Your Copy Now!

A stunningly photographed tribute to female skaters of all ages and backgrounds, from

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novice to pro--plus an illustrated history of the skateboard, skating tips and tricks, and more. In celebration of the rad, undying spirit of skateboarding, Shredders features gorgeous photography and stories of today's most awesome female skaters. The women and girls profiled range from rising young riders like eight-year-old Ariel Cai--who shreds at the largest indoor skate park in China--to old-school pros like Laura Thornhill Caswell--the first woman to get a signature model board--and today's star shredders like X Games gold winner and Tony Hawk protégé Lizzie Armanto. From street and slalom skaters to park queens and long-distance pushers, Shredders features athletes and hobbyists of all skate styles, ages, backgrounds, and skill levels, showing that skateboarding has something for everyone. For aspiring skaters, Shredders is the perfect entryway into the world of skateboarding, with tips for setting up and maintaining your board as well as overviews of skate styles, history, and slang. And Shredders also invites experienced riders to fall back in love with the sport that embodies freedom, individuality, and active self-expression. Skaters of every stripe are sure to find their inspiration to shred within these pages.

Skateboarding is incredibly popular, and the streets are filled with children and teenagers trying to impress their friends with their skateboarding skills. Freestyle Skateboarding Tricks is illustrated with hundreds of colour photos of skateboarders demonstrating their amazing moves. From youngsters trying out skateboarding for the first time to keen amateurs looking to master the techniques (or just wanting to show

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off) Freestyle Skateboarding Tricks shows you how to perform the skills and tricks that every keen skateboarder wants to master. Aimed at children from 8-16 years.

'I can't think of a finer chef to have written a book on nutrition and diet for athletes' Tom Kerridge A must-have recipe book designed for cyclists of all levels, written by Alan Murchison - a Michelin-starred chef and champion athlete who now cooks for British Cycling's elite athletes. His easy-to-make and nutritionally balanced meals will help cyclists reach their cycling performance goals - this is flavoursome food to make you go faster. The Cycling Chef features more than 65 mouth-watering recipes - including breakfasts, salads, main meals, desserts and snacks, as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes - each designed with busy cyclists in mind. They are all quick and easy to prepare, and are made from ingredients that are readily available in any local supermarket. A good diet won't make a sub-standard cyclist into a world beater, but a poor diet can certainly make a world class or any ambitious cyclist sub-standard. However, an optimised diet, whatever your potential, will help you reach your own personal performance goals.

A straight-talking guide to the way business experience and success are attained in the real world profiles the "adversity paradox" through which professionals rise to even greater heights after seemingly career-breaking setbacks, in a reference

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that cites the examples of such individuals as Harvey Mackay, Doris Christopher, and Pete Dawkins.

In 'Power of the Pedal', read about cycling in Australia from the penny farthing to 21st-century commuters and Olympic stars. Bicycles changed our lives! They meant a new and faster way to get around and gave rise to ways of exploring, socialising and competing. In the nineteenth century cycling encouraged 'overlanders', adventurers who explored new routes through rugged terrain; cycling clubs that gave women a new kind of freedom to mix socially with men; and novel kinds of racing. In this book, cycling journalist Rupert Guinness reveals 200 years of the bike in Australian everyday life and the world of competition. Explains the fundamentals of skateboarding, from putting a board together to how to do thirty-three basic tricks.

An instructional guide for serious skaters looking for unusual and innovative tricks.

Summer days drift by slowly in Meadville, South Carolina--that is, until Sherman the one-legged pigeon flies into town and causes a ruckus. First Stella, who's been begging for a dog, spots him on top of a garage roof and decides she wants him for a pet. Then there's Ethel and Amos, an old couple who sees the pigeon in their barn keeping company with a little brown dog that barks all night. The



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pigeon lands smack in the middle of Mutt Raynard's head, but he's the town liar, so no one believes him. And when Stella's brother Levi and his scabby-kneed, germ-infested friends notice the pigeon, they join the chase, too. Meanwhile, across town, Mr. Mineo has one less homing pigeon than he used to... Barbara O'Connor has delivered another ingeniously crafted story full of southern charm, kid-sized adventures, and quirky, unforgettable characters. This title has Common Core connections.

'A must-read book to make you faster on the bike' – Cycling Weekly The Cycling Mind gives you the essential tools to ride – and live life – at your personal best. Foreword by Joanna Rowsell Shand, double Olympic gold medallist and world champion cyclist. The top of the podium is reserved for those athletes who train their bodies and minds to perform at their very best. One of the most important yet overlooked areas to master is an athlete's psychological skills. The Cycling Mind is an expert guide to developing the elite mindset needed for peak performance – both on and off the bike. Written by leading sports psychologist Ruth Anderson, who has worked with globally renowned Olympic and World champion cyclists, this book will teach you everything about the psychology strategies used in elite competition. You'll discover the techniques top athletes use to excel: from race preparation to harnessing performance anxiety, and from

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how to recover from a win (as well as a loss!), to how to build an effective support team. The Cycling Mind gives you the essential tools to ride – and live life – at your personal best. Foreword by Joanna Rowsell Shand MBE, double Olympic gold medallist, winner of multiple world cycling championships and BBC commentator on major cycling competitions.

For Tony Hawk, it wasn't enough to skate for two decades, to invent more than eighty tricks, and to win more than twice as many professional contests as any other skater. It wasn't enough to knock himself unconscious more than ten times, fracture several ribs, break his elbow, knock out his teeth twice, compress the vertebrae in his back, pop his bursa sack, get more than fifty stitches laced into his shins, rip apart the cartilage in his knee, bruise his tailbone, sprain his ankles, and tear his ligaments too many times to count. No. He had to land the 900. And after thirteen years of failed attempts, he nailed it. It had never been done before. Growing up in Sierra Mesa, California, Tony was a hyperactive demon child with an I44 IQ. He threw tantrums, terrorized the nanny until she quit, exploded with rage whenever he lost a game; this was a kid who was expelled from preschool. When his brother, Steve, gave him a blue plastic hand-me-down skateboard and his father built a skate ramp in the driveway, Tony finally found his outlet--while skating, he could be as hard on himself as he was on everyone around him. But it

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wasn't an easy ride to the top of the skating game. Fellow skaters mocked his skating style and dubbed him a circus skater. He was so skinny he had to wear elbow pads on his knees, and so light he had to ollie just to catch air off a ramp. He was so desperate to be accepted by young skating legends like Steve Caballero, Mike McGill, and Christian Hosoi that he ate gum from between Steve's toes. But a few years of determination and hard work paid off in multiple professional wins, and the skaters who once had mocked him were now trying to learn his tricks. Tony had created a new style of skating. In Hawk Tony goes behind the scenes of competitions, demos, and movies and shares the less glamorous demands of being a skateboarder--from skating on Italian TV wearing see-through plastic shorts to doing a demo in Brazil after throwing up for five days straight from food poisoning. He's dealt with teammates who lit themselves and other subjects on fire, driving down a freeway as the dashboard of their van burned. He's gone through the unpredictable ride of the skateboard industry during which, in the span of a few years, his annual income shrank to what he had made in a single month and then rebounded into seven figures. But Tony's greatest difficulty was dealing with the loss of his number one fan and supporter--his dad, Frank Hawk. With brutal honesty, Tony recalls the stories of love, loss, bad hairdos, embarrassing '80s clothes, and his determination that

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had shaped his life. As he takes a look back at his experiences with the skateboarding legends of the '70s, '80s, and '90s, including Stacy Peralta, Eddie Elguera, Lance Mountain, Mark Gonzalez, Bob Burnquist, and Colin McKay, he tells the real history of skateboarding--and also what the future has in store for the sport and for him.

Thank You Skateboarding by Ricky Roberts III highlights many benefits of skateboarding and the positive impact it has on the people's lives that do it. Touching on the unwavering amounts of determination skateboarding fosters, describing how it becomes a source of life-long friendships, and much more, this book pays tribute to the different ways skateboarding contributes to the overall well-being of peoples' lives. Whether you currently skateboard, once did, or have a skateboarder in your life, this book is written for you.

This sketchbook is perfect for the creative, artistic skateboarder, any age, boy or girl. Total of 48 templates, including 12 for each of the four main board shapes: Cruiser, Popsicle, Old School, and Longboard. Each template has a facing page with space to name the designs, and make note of details and inspiration. Use pen, pencil, crayon, stickers, or any art medium. Book measures 8.5" wide by 11" high. 100 total interior pages are white paper with black print. Glossy cover.

X Games skateboarder, pro mixed martial arts fighter, and outspoken SiriusXM

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satellite radio host Jason Ellis shares his jaw-dropping and inspirational life story, from the depths of addiction to the glory of victory to the joys and ordeals of fatherhood. Fans of The Jason Ellis Show and the MMA-meets-music festival "Ellismania" know Ellis as a fearless daredevil—and as the new voice of action sports in America. Now, fans can learn how he got to be the man he is: the struggles, the setbacks, and the fight he put up to make it through to something better. Fans of Griffin Forrest's Got Fight and Tony Hawk's Hawk won't want to miss this unbelievable tell-all from a larger-than-life icon, and a fighter through and through.

Skateboarder Josh Lowman wrestles with deciding whether to turn in a bully and fellow skateboarder who he saw commit a crime.

Varrock is the greatest human city in the world, yet it is filled with dangerous secrets. People are being taken by an inhuman abductor. Its victims are murdered... or worse, spirited away to Morytania, where vampires rule. As unrest against the crown grows, the King chooses to send the now-famous Kara-Meir and her friends across the holy river into Morytania, the land of the dead.

Skateboarding is both a sport and a way of life. Creative, physical, graphic, urban and controversial, it is full of contradictions – a billion-dollar global industry which still retains its vibrant, counter-cultural heart. Skateboarding and the City presents

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the only complete history of the sport, exploring the story of skate culture from the surf-beaches of '60s California to the latest developments in street-skating today. Written by a life-long skater who also happens to be an architectural historian, and packed through with full-colour images – of skaters, boards, moves, graphics, and film-stills – this passionate, readable and rigorously-researched book explores the history of skateboarding and reveals a vivid understanding of how skateboarders, through their actions, experience the city and its architecture in a unique way.

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This book tells the story of cyclists who were overcome by the need to venture into the wild on two wheels; the courageous men and women who undertook some of the most epic bicycle journeys of all time. Wild Ride reminds us of a thrilling period of exploration all but forgotten in the age of the motorcar. Daniel Oakman takes us on a rich ride through 130 years of Australian cycling; from the overlanding heroes of Arthur Richardson and Francis Birtles, to the lesser known but no less amazing feats of Jerome Murif, Ted Ryko and Joe Pearson, through to modern-day bikepacking trailblazers such as Kate Leeming, Tegan Streeter and Tom Richards. Celebrity riders are here too; from the historic icons of Hubert 'Oppy' Opperman, Wendy Duncan and Shirley Law, to the more recent triumphs

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of actor Sam Johnson and his audacious quest to ride a unicycle 15,000 kilometres around the country. You will be astounded by their journeys, retold here with sparkling clarity. Be inspired for your next pedal powered adventure. A world-champion freestyle skateboarder traces the history of skating as well as the story of his own life, describing his family of overachievers, his father's disapproval of the author's skating ambitions, the disability that challenged his career, and his successes as an extreme sportsperson and multi-million-dollar skateboard company owner.

Franny's mom says every mad scientist needs a lab assistant. So for Valentine's Day Franny gets just that—a Lab assistant. Except Igor isn't a pure Lab. He's also part poodle, part Chihuahua, part beagle, part spaniel, part shepherd—and all thumbs. Franny is fuming. She doesn't even need an assistant. What's she supposed to do with a good-for-nothing one like Igor? And things get even worse when a giant, fifty-foot, arrow-shooting cupid starts causing trouble all over town. Franny knows it's up to her—and only her— to save the day. Or could she use a little help?

It's a fun twist on the classic baseball story in this laugh-out-loud adventure from Matt Christopher. A Level 3 Passport to Reading title perfect for readers just about ready to read independently. Features:Read Aloud functionality [where available]Sight Words Book Description:Mike has a special relationship with his dog, Harry. They can read each other's minds! Harry is able to help Mike out with tips about the opposing players

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on the baseball field, but Mike's having trouble with his pitches--and the buddies need to work together to save the game!

Former pro skateboarder, Ethan Wares, has been dropped by every sponsor and has one last deal on the table: a failing TV station, but that's not all he's got to worry about:- his girlfriend is on the verge of dumping him- his friends are blanking him- his brother's medical bills are draining his bank balance, and - his boss is squeezing his balls to deliver video edits of unique and inaccessible skate spots to keep their ratings alive. All that, he can handle. The problem is he's got to film an edit on a granite ledge of a prestigious Art Exhibition, which has been flown 4000 miles around the world and placed in a Council estate nicknamed: The Bronx... and he knows everything is going to go very wrong.--The Ethan Wares Skateboard series is a fast-paced skateboard adventure written for skateboarders by a skateboarder and is guaranteed to keep you reading from beginning to end. --About the author: Mark Mapstone is from Wells, UK, has a degree from Bath Spa University for Creative Writing and is a skateboarder of 30+ years. Sign up at <https://skatefiction.co.uk> to ensure you don't miss the next release.

Skateboarding is currently enjoying a resurgence in popularity, and stickers remain at the heart of its vibrant – and often anarchic – culture. Stick and Grind is an irresistible collection of artwork and fully peelable stickers from iconic brands including Chocolate, Almost, and HUF. Featuring interviews, photographs, and both new and highly



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collectable classic stickers, this book is a must-have for skate fans of all ages. Ever watched pro skaters and wished you knew how they were able to pull off the tricks that you see? If so, then *Mastering Skateboarding* is the resource for you! Two-time world champion skateboarder Per Welinder teams up with longtime skateboard advocate Peter Whitley to bring you the techniques and tricks used by the pros. But the information doesn't stop there. Welinder and Whitley also provide in-depth coverage of skateboarding equipment, including how to select the components that work best for you and how to build and tune a board that fits your individual riding style. Packed with XX tricks, this full-color guide is the only resource you'll ever need to pull off the moves you've dreamed of performing. Whether you ride street or vert, competitive or recreational, *Mastering Skateboarding* has you covered. Add this one-of-a-kind resource to your collection and you'll soon be ready to put your new skills on display!

The intimate biography of the charismatic Tour de France winner Marco Pantani, now updated to include the 2014 and 2015 investigation into Pantani's death. National Sporting Club Book of the Year Shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award 'An exhaustively detailed and beautiful book . . . a fitting, ambivalent tribute - to the man, and to the dark heart of the sport he loved' Independent On Valentine's day 2004, Marco Pantani was found dead in a cheap hotel. It defied belief: Pantani, having won the rare double of the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France in 1998, was regarded as the only cyclist capable of challenging Lance Armstrong's dominance. Only later did

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it emerge that Pantani had been addicted to cocaine since 1999. Drawing on his personal encounters with Pantani, as well as exclusive access to his psychoanalysts, and interviews with his family and friends, Matt Rendell has produced the definitive account of an iconic sporting figure.

Compiling more legendary skateboarding figures and their pioneering tricks, this comprehensive resource details dozens of spectacular stunts—combining invaluable technical information with insightful historical perspectives. Each feat is captured in action sequence and captioned allowing aspiring riders to learn how to perform them. A history of the tricks, featuring their legendary inventors, is also included. Blending background and how-to, this copiously illustrated reference explains amazing maneuvers that changed the sport and encourages a deep respect for the legends that made skateboarding the worldwide passion it is today.

A skating journalist traces the history of skateboarding from its origins in Southern California's beach towns forty years ago, describing his personal experiences of the sport in different cultures throughout the world, its influence on major trends, and its top pioneers. Original.

A mix of Tony Hawk and Brian Welch comes together in skateboarding legend Christian Hosoi, who reveals everything about his rise, fall, and redemption, in this amazing tell-all—from being named the greatest skater of all time to bottoming

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out on drugs to finally finding redemption through God. Fans of Slater Kelly's Pipe Dreams and Brian Welch's Save Me From Myself, and followers of Tony Alva, Jay Adams, and Steve Caballero, will be captivated by this extraordinary, star-studded story, a gripping read that ranges from the heart of the 1980s skateboarding scene to the inside of a prison, from Hollywood parties to intense prayer sessions. Hosoi: My Life as a Skateboarder Junkie Inmate Pastor takes readers to the heart of one little-known world after another—and he portrays them in all their gore and glory for all the world to see.

Skateboarding: the background, technicality, culture, rebellion, marketing, conflict, and future of the global sport as seen through two of its most influential geniuses Since it all began half a century ago, skateboarding has come to mystify some and to mesmerize many, including its tens of millions of adherents throughout America and the world. And yet, as ubiquitous as it is today, its origins, manners, and methods are little understood. The Impossible aims to get skateboarding right. Journalist Cole Louison gets inside the history, culture, and major personalities of skating. He does so largely by recounting the careers of the sport's Yoda—Rodney Mullen, who, in his mid-forties, remains the greatest skateboarder in the world, the godfather of all modern skateboarding tricks—and its Luke Skywalker—Ryan Sheckler, who became its youngest pro athlete and a

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celebrity at thirteen. The story begins in the 1960s, when the first boards made their way to land in the form of off-season surfing in southern California. It then follows the sport's spikes, plateaus, and drops—including its billion-dollar apparel industry and its connection with art, fashion, and music. In *The Impossible*, we come to know intimately not only skateboarding, but also two very different, equally fascinating geniuses who have shaped the sport more than anyone else. Hit the streets with 200 exhilarating photographs of the world's greatest professional skateboarders in action. In this dynamic collection, award-winning photographer Jonathan Mehring takes us from New York to Hong Kong to Istanbul and beyond as he sets out to capture the heart and soul of skate culture on six continents. Featuring stars like Tony Hawk, Nyjah Huston, and Eric Koston, Mehring's images have been published in top skateboarding magazines, and ESPN named him one of the sport's ten most influential people. Now, in his first book, Mehring invites us along on his exhilarating photo adventures across six continents. By capturing these experiences on camera and including complementary images contributed by other top skate photographers, Mehring presents an exciting and artful look at skate culture around the world. With an adrenaline rush on every page, this book celebrates the joy of skateboarding and its power to inspire young people to overcome obstacles—on the board and off.

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This “marvelously absorbing” book is “a walk on the wild side of words and ventures into the zone where language and mathematics intersect” (San Jose Mercury News). A former Wall Street Journal reporter and NPR regular, Stefan Fatsis recounts his remarkable rise through the ranks of elite Scrabble players while exploring the game’s strange, potent hold over them—and him. At least thirty million American homes have a Scrabble set—but the game’s most talented competitors inhabit a sphere far removed from the masses of “living room players.” Theirs is a surprisingly diverse subculture whose stars include a vitamin-popping standup comic; a former bank teller whose intestinal troubles earned him the nickname “G.I. Joel”; a burly, unemployed African American from Baltimore’s inner city; the three-time national champion who plays according to Zen principles; and the author himself, who over the course of the book is transformed from a curious reporter to a confirmed Scrabble nut. Fatsis begins by haunting the gritty corner of a Greenwich Village park where pickup Scrabble games can be found whenever weather permits. His curiosity soon morphs into compulsion, as he sets about memorizing thousands of obscure words and fills his evenings with solo Scrabble played on his living room floor. Before long he finds himself at tournaments, socializing—and competing—with Scrabble’s elite. But this book is about more than hardcore Scrabblers, for the game yields

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insights into realms as disparate as linguistics, psychology, and mathematics. Word Freak extends its reach even farther, pondering the light Scrabble throws on such notions as brilliance, memory, competition, failure, and hope. It is a geography of obsession that celebrates the uncanny powers locked in all of us, “a can’t-put-it-down narrative that dances between memoir and reportage” (Los Angeles Times). “Funny, thoughtful, character-rich, unchallengeably winning writing.” —The Atlantic Monthly This edition includes a new afterword by the author.

'I am blown away by the level of detail Phil Cavell brings to his work.' Elinor Barker MBE, multiple world champion and Olympic gold medallist 'Phil is eminently qualified to write the Midlife Cyclist. Well, he is certainly old enough.' Fabian Cancellara, Tour de France rider and two-time Olympic champion 'An amazing accomplishment... a simple-to-understand précis of your midlife as a cyclist – you won't want to put it down.' Phil Liggett, TV cycling commentator 'I'm determined to grow old gracefully in lycra, and Phil Cavell has been helping me to do it successfully for years.' Gary Kemp Renowned cycling biomechanics pioneer, Phil Cavell, explores the growing trend of middle-aged and older cyclists seeking to achieve high-level performance. Using contributions from leading coaches, ex-professionals and pro-team doctors, he produces the ultimate

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manifesto for mature riders who want to stay healthy, avoid injury – and maximise their achievement levels. Time's arrow traditionally plots an incremental path into declining strength and speed for all of us. But we are different to every other generation of cyclists in human history. An ever-growing number of us are determined to scale the highest peaks of elite physical fitness into middle-age and beyond. Can the emerging medical and scientific research help us achieve the holy triumvirate of speed and health with age? The Midlife Cyclist offers a gold standard road-map for the mature cyclist who aims to train, perform and even race at the highest possible level.

A step-by-step instructional guide for street skateboarders on how to execute a variety of curb tricks.

Chronicles the history of skateboarding, from its creation in the 1960s to the popularization of freestyle skateboarding and its development as a professional sport.

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