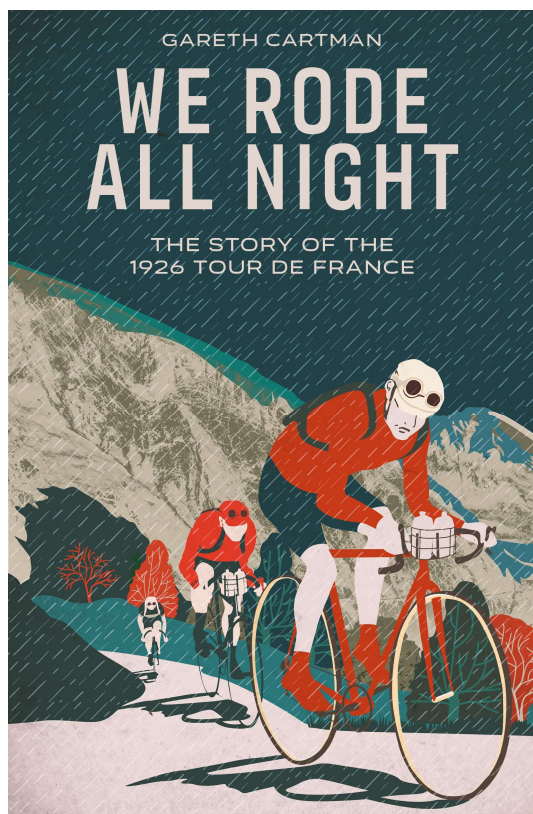




Title information



We Rode All Night

The Story of the 1926 Tour de France

By Gareth Cartman

Key features

- Real-life story of the 1926 Tour de France, told through the voices of those who rode and reported on the race
- Long-awaited sequel to the novel *We Rode All Day* (the story of the 1919 Tour de France)
- Fascinating tale of human endurance as riders tackle over 5,745km of racing
- The truth about the hardest stage ever ridden, from Bayonne to Luchon
- Pieced together from historical archives, interviews and autobiographies of the riders
- Gareth has featured as an essayist in *The Road Book* cycling almanac
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

June 1926: the 20th Tour de France. A brutal 5,745km race from Evian to Paris, a Tour that will test the limits of human endurance. Thunder and rain are lashing the Pyrenees. Riders – muddied, bloodied and beaten – start to drop out of the race. Men are found shivering in cabins as night falls, and race organiser Henri Desgrange has to make a call. Does he leave them to their fate, turn a blind eye or mount a rescue operation? *We Rode All Night* is the story of those who took part in that fateful Tour – told in their own voices. We ride with Lucien Buisse, grieving father and erstwhile domestique as well as with two-time champion Ottavio Bottecchia. Andre Drobecq, the lanterne rouge of the Tour, riding to save his bike shop while his pregnant wife wires him funds to survive. Tactician and future national team manager Marcel Bidot, riding his first Tour. And Desgrange himself, losing control over the Tour he created. This is a story of fathers and daughters, of sacrifice and salvation – of riding through the darkness until you find the light.

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