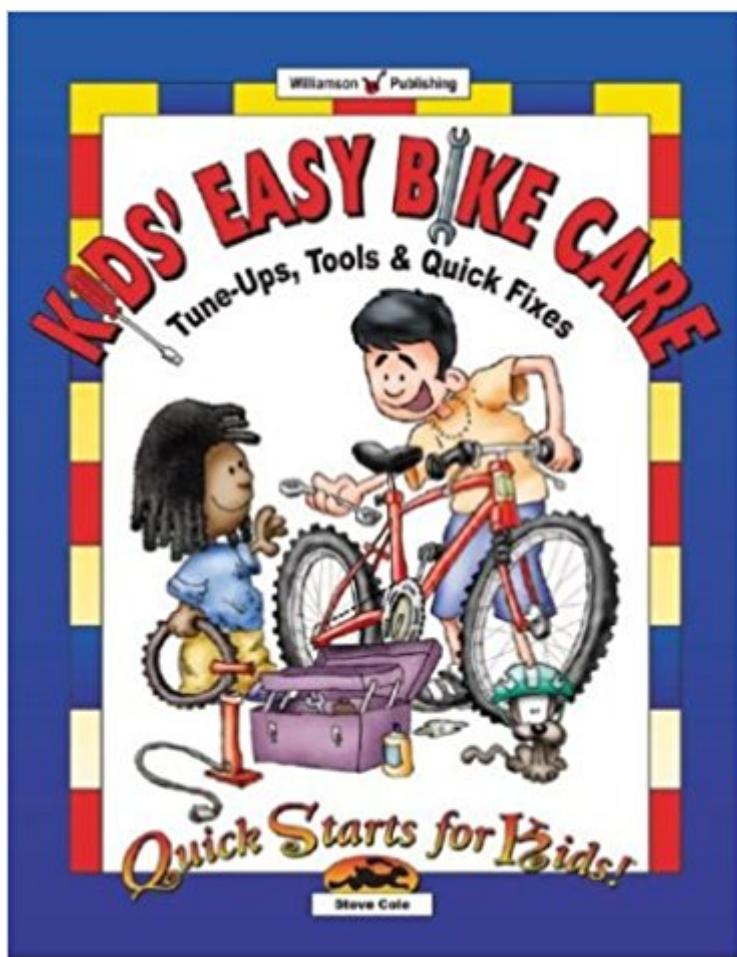


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# Kids' Easy Bike Care: Tune-Ups, Tools & Quick Fixes (Quick Starts For Kids!)



## **Synopsis**

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. A guide to maintaining a bicycle in good operating condition including step-by-step tune-up instructions, a before-every-ride safety checklist, preparing an emergency kit, and making simple roadside repairs. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 5-9-A clear and detailed guide to bike maintenance, written in an accessible, chatty style. Although the first and last chapters briefly cover road safety, helmet use, equipment, and clothing, most of the book is devoted to describing the parts of a bike, how to keep them functioning well, and how to do repairs. Covering both road and mountain bikes, Cole constantly stresses safety and attention to detail, and offers sound advice about when to rely on a bike shop and the importance of checking your work with an adult when you've adjusted crucial parts such as brakes. The page design is playful yet clean; although the simple cartoon illustrations help to clarify the text, they may not have much appeal for the intended audience. Overall, though, this is an excellent resource, and its step-by-step approach may be easier for younger teens to follow than Richard Ballantine and Richard Grant's Richards' Bicycle Repair Manual (DK, 1994; o.p.).Lauralyn Persson, Wilmette

every school should have a well-used copy, and every child should have parents interested in them and their needs. Working on a project with parent(s) makes for bonding.

I am a grandparent of an 8 and 10 year old grandsons. I use this book to teach them and refresh my memory on how to take care of their bikes. It is costly to be taking bikes into the repair shops for things one can fix at home.

"Kids' Easy Bike Care" is a wonderful, thoughtful book authored by Steve Cole. Mr. Cole addresses all of the fundamentals of bike ownership and maintenance, and has thoughtfully geared the book for the inquisitive youngster (and his or her parents) who is about to begin bicycle riding for the first time. From hand signals to the "five step tune-up", Mr. Cole covers all the bases. Moreover, Mr. Cole responsibly emphasizes the importance of "Safety First!", which is a crucial message that needs to be communicated to every child who sets upon a bike. The text of the book, coupled with clear and informative diagrams and illustrations (drawn by Sarah Rakitin), is easy to understand for kids and adults alike. I believe that "Kids' Easy Bike Care" is a perfect gift (holiday, birthday, or otherwise) for bike-riding kids -- and I would especially encourage parents to purchase this book both for the novice bicyclists within their family, as well as for their own information. While I learned a lot from reading "Kids' Easy Bike Care" as an adult, I would have found this an invaluable resource as a child still learning to ride and take care of my bike. Great work, Mr. Cole!

It is evident to me after reading this book, as a senior citizen who just bought a new bicycle, that the contents of this book are not just for kids. It was extremely helpful to both me and my husband who are SENIOR kids. This book would be a very appropriate purchase for anyone regardless of age who owns or is contemplating buying a bicycle. After reading this book, children of ALL AGES would gain the confidence to maintain and use their bicycle safely. This book should be available at all bicycle shops.

This is a creative book with delightful and practical illustrations. In an entertaining and instructive way, it teaches children responsibility to take care of their bikes. It also teaches important safety rules. Any child getting a new bicycle would benefit greatly by receiving a copy of this book. Even

parents whose child owns a bicycle would benefit from reading this book. It is a great book for parents and kids to read together.

This book could also be titled "Bicycle Repair for Dummies" and is on a par with that classic book on auto repair. The easy-to-read content includes basic information that every bicyclist (young or old) should know, but that most don't. If you ride a bike, you need this book. Also, the illustrations are superb and greatly help the reader identify parts, discover problems, and perform certain repair and maintenance techniques.

This book really tells you everything you need to know about caring for your bike including repairs, tune-ups, safety tips, etc. As other reviewers have said, it's a great resource for adults and kids alike. Sarah Rakitin's illustrations are both cute and helpful. A great addition to anyone's library!

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