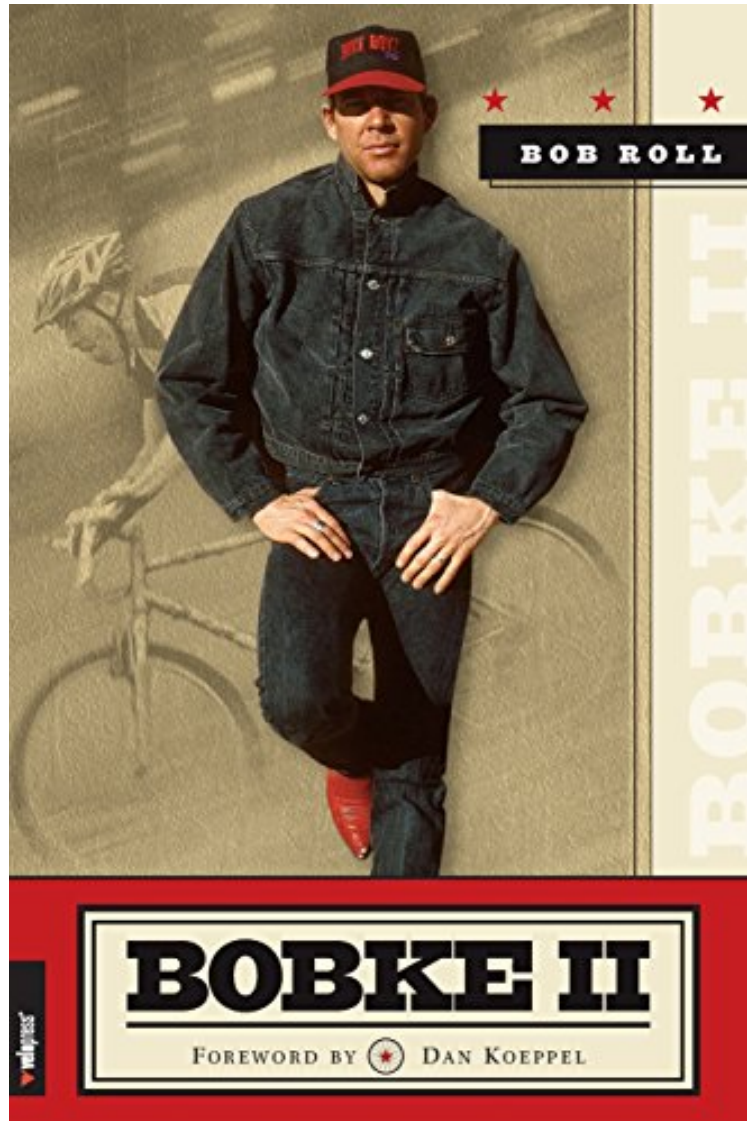


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A light look at the past of bike racing from Bob Roll By Paul I didn't expect that Bobke II was a compilation of diary entries made by Bob, during his cycling career, and a story or two that followed each. It was an entertaining book, even though the writing format was different. Reading about Bob's

adventures in traveling the world as a pro cyclist was interesting and reading about some of his interactions with the other pros he raced with and against, including Lance and Greg Lemond, was revealing. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in cycling, and the past of bike racing, and someone looking for a light read-"no worries". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bobke is one in a million By Bambino Out of all the books about professional cycling, Bobke II is probably the one I read most carefully because it contains such an onslaught of stream of consciousness writing, that I dared not skip a single word lest I miss something that actually made sense. If that seems like a criticism, it really isn't. I found that after a while, I was actually thinking the way Bob wrote. Scary. Still, the hilarity that often ensues with each new chapter makes the whole venture worth while. Read it, and you'll see. There are nuggets in here that you will be quoting to your friends on your next group ride. And, since you cannot do them justice, your friends will get very tired of hearing about them. The Bob Roll we know from race television is nothing like the Bobke who unleashes himself upon each page in this book. Good thing, too, or else the censors would be yanking their hair out in large bunches. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious but gives a real world insight to pro cycling from the guy in the middle of the pack By rideabout Bob Roll is one of the funniest ex-pro athletes I've come across. His commentary during the Tour de France is usually right on the mark and having been on several pro cycling teams, he knows his way around. This is not a prima donna cyclist writing a memoir of how wonderful he was. No, Bob Roll was one of the grunts in the pack that do the hard work day in and day out with little or no glory. This book is from a selection of magazine articles for a cycling magazine and much of the reading is laugh out loud hilarious. Bob Roll is an American cycling treasure.

Bob Roll--former Tour de France racer, well-known scribe, and race announcer--is back to cause a ruckus! Bobke II (correctly pronounced "BOOB-kuh" •) revisits all of the original journals of Roll's wild rides and crazy tales about cycling's uncensored side. When Bobke retired from competition, his pen continued the crazed poetic commentary, and Roll's newest additions cover both topics held reverent in cycling and also those that are hardly related to the sport. Bobke tips his cap to the classic riders and races, takes us on a grueling week of training with Lance Armstrong, tells the sport as he sees it, and entertains us with plenty of ditties and rants in between. It's a zany, often absurd, yet compelling commotion.

"Not a day passes in the life of Bob Roll without a little good time commotion." •--Outside magazine "Bob has a fine eye for the absurd nature of racing a bicycle for a living." •--Ned Overend, professional mountain bike racer "All things considered, Bob is a pretty damn good writer." •--Daryl Price, professional mountain bike racer "Bob Roll is the consummate team player and one of the most 'Eëgentlemanly' riders that I know of in the peloton. He has suffered through countless races helping riders such as Andy Hampsten win the Giro with nary a whimper about little exposure he gained for his toils. He follows the "Eëcode of respect' that the European "Eëprofis' demanded of their peers. Bob was always there when you needed him but never in the way! The consummate professional." •--Alex Stieda, former 7-Eleven teammate of Bob Roll From the Back Cover Bob Roll, lovingly known by his fans as Bobke (correctly pronounced "BOOB-kuh" •), is best described as the gonzo voice of professional cycling. With wry wit, Roll captures the very essence of the sport and gives us an insider's guide to what it takes to ride in the peloton. Bobke II revisits all of the original Bobke journals of Roll's wild rides and crazy tales about cycling's uncensored side as well as his crazed poetic commentary following his retirement from the peloton. His newest additions cover topics held reverent in cycling as well as those hardly related to the sport. Bobke tips his cap to the classic riders and races, takes us on a grueling week of training with Lance Armstrong, tells the sport as he sees it, and entertains us with plenty of ditties and rants in between. Hold on, because it's a zany, often absurd, yet compelling commotion. Bob Roll is a man of many pursuits: former Tour de France racer and mountain bike competitor; training partner of Lance Armstrong during his comeback from cancer; columnist in VeloNews; television commentator, interviewer, and writer for the Outdoor Life Network; and a sometime coach, TV commercial star, bit part movie actor, storyteller, and inspirational speaker. He currently resides in Durango, Colorado. About the Author Bob Roll, known to racing fans as Bobke (boob-ka), is a former Tour de France racer and member of the U.S. Cycling Hall of Fame. He is the author of two books on the wild side of racing, Bobke and Bobke II, and is a wildly popular bicycling commentator for the Outdoor Life Network.