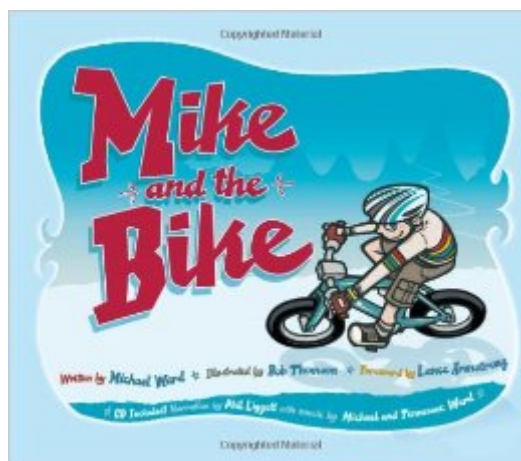


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# Mike And The Bike



## Synopsis

"This is a boy whose name is Mike. This is Mike's pride and joy; his bike;" So begins the inspiring tale of a boy, his best friend, and the adventurous relationship that many children begin when they are young and continue the rest their lives! Illustrated in a retro-contemporary style, Mike and The Bike rhymes its way through Mike's choosing of his favorite toy - his bike (of course!) - and follows him off on adventures around the world and back home, where he goes to bed wearing his helmet, ready for the next day! Mike and The Bike is the first children's book written by Grammy Award-winning guitarist and songwriter, avid cyclist and riding partner of Lance Armstrong, Michael Ward. Mike and the Bike came into being, appropriately enough, while Michael cycled near his home in Los Angeles. Includes a foreword by 6-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong and a 30-minute CD with music by Michael and his son, Tennessee Ward, plus a special musical narration of Mike and the Bike by the "Voice of Cycling," Phil Liggett.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I've been trying to build my Son's self-esteem - Ethan is seven now and I would like him to feel confident about getting along with his friends in all types of sports as he gets older. We've golfed, played soccer, baseball, tried wake-boarding, snow-boarding and now he's really beginning to enjoy his bicycle. This year Ethan followed Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France. Midway through the race I purchased Mike and the Bike from . Ethan loved it! He was able to imagine himself in Mike's place. The fun graphics and catchy audio CD had him reading and singing everyday. Mike and his

Bike, is Ethan's hero now, his training wheels are off, and he is riding strong, just like Lance! The author did a great job. Lance Armstrong's introduction made Ethan take pride in the book. Ethan got a real kick out of the fact that the same guy, Phil Liggett, who narrated the tour on OLN TV narrates the audio CD which follows the book. If you are looking for a fun book on the spirit of cycling for younger boys and girls, this book is it. Derek Pennsylvania

I bought this for my 6-year-old son who LOVES riding his bike and watched part of the Tour on TV with us this year, but he hasn't been interested in reading it again after the first time. I think the story is a bit too simple to hold his interest, and I wish it had been developed into a longer story that had more "meat" to it. It seems to me that "Mike and the Bike" is a story more geared for kids in the 3-5 age range. The CD reinforced my "younger kid" impression because the songs are sung by a child rather than an adult.

We received this book as a gift for our boy who likes it quite well. It has very colorful pages that he enjoys. The poetry is neat. All in all it is a fun book to read to a little person or to have a beginning reader read to you - maybe with a little help. Since we received the book after the Lance Armstrong disasters, we have down played his part in the book and not discussed his activities at this point. Other than that fiasco, we think it is a cute book that he enjoys quite a bit.

Our 4 year old got this book and LOVES it! Our son is almost as big a cycling fan as his dad, so it is quite exciting for him. Now when he rides he often quotes sections of the book. Warning for parents, the CD can get a little annoying after you listen to it over and over and over. I really like having the story read on the CD. I wish more books were available on CD. This book and CD have provided a lot of entertainment for our son.

As an avid Lance fan and cycling junkie I bought this book for my kids to enjoy. I have 3 boys ages 2, 4 and 6. They enjoy the book and they REALLY enjoy the CD that comes with the book. The opening with Lance is great and the music that follows even has me bobbing my head. Every bike ride since we pretend one of us is "Mike" and we sing some of the songs as we enjoy our ride together! PEDAL POWER is the best!!! If you are looking for literature to challenge your kids this is not the book for you however if you are looking for a really cool/entertaining book you will love the book and CD. I know we do... Vive le Lance!!! LIVESTRONG

Written by Grammy Award-winning guitarist, songwriter, and experienced cyclist, Mike and the Bike is a combination picturebook and audio CD with original music. Mike and the Bike tells about an ordinary boy who loves to cycle - while wearing a bicycle helmet, of course! The vivid color illustrations add a touch of surrealism to his cycling adventures, and the audio CD allows the reader to read or listen along to Mike's crazy adventures. An entertaining picturebook excellent for motivating young people to learn how to ride a two-wheeler.

Great book! We didn't know there were more songs on the CD until we forgot to take it out. My grandson LOVES the book and songs. The only problem is your child/grandchild may want to hear it SEVERAL times!

Both my 5.5 year old and my 2.5 year old love this little book (the 5.5 year old has it pretty much memorized). The CD is a nice addition (The author is formerly of The Wallflowers, so knows music) and his daughter is the child's voice in many of the songs. Warning about the Phil Liggett narration - it is EXTREMELY slowly read. None of the usual enthusiasm and spirit that us cycling fans normally associate with Phil, he comes across as much more monotone and dry.

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