



Fancy Cycling

By Marks, Isabel.

Old House. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. Presented here in a handsome edition with a stamped cloth cover, this 1901 book appeared at a time when the bicycle was firmly established but the trick rider had yet to be. Foremost among its virtues is the abundance of black and white photos depicting respectably clothed Edwardian men and women mounting their machines in every manner imaginable. "It will be my humble endeavor," writes the modest author in her preface, "to give an account of the many graceful, daring, and altogether fascinating feats which may be accomplished by any rider possessed of an ordinary amount of nerve, the virtue of determination, and a few spare moments secure from the rude intrusion of unsympathizing spectators." "An extraordinary book . . . showing straight-faced paragons of Edwardian society pulling off some pretty daring (and peculiar) stunts. Marvel as these tailored tricksters demonstrate how to pick up a handkerchief without dismounting, ride backwards while seated on the handlebar, and 'tilting at the ring'." *Guardian (London)* "There's a whole chapter on Coasting techniques and one with women in full dresses wielding swords. A must have." *Pacific Northwest Book Lovers Association* 115.



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