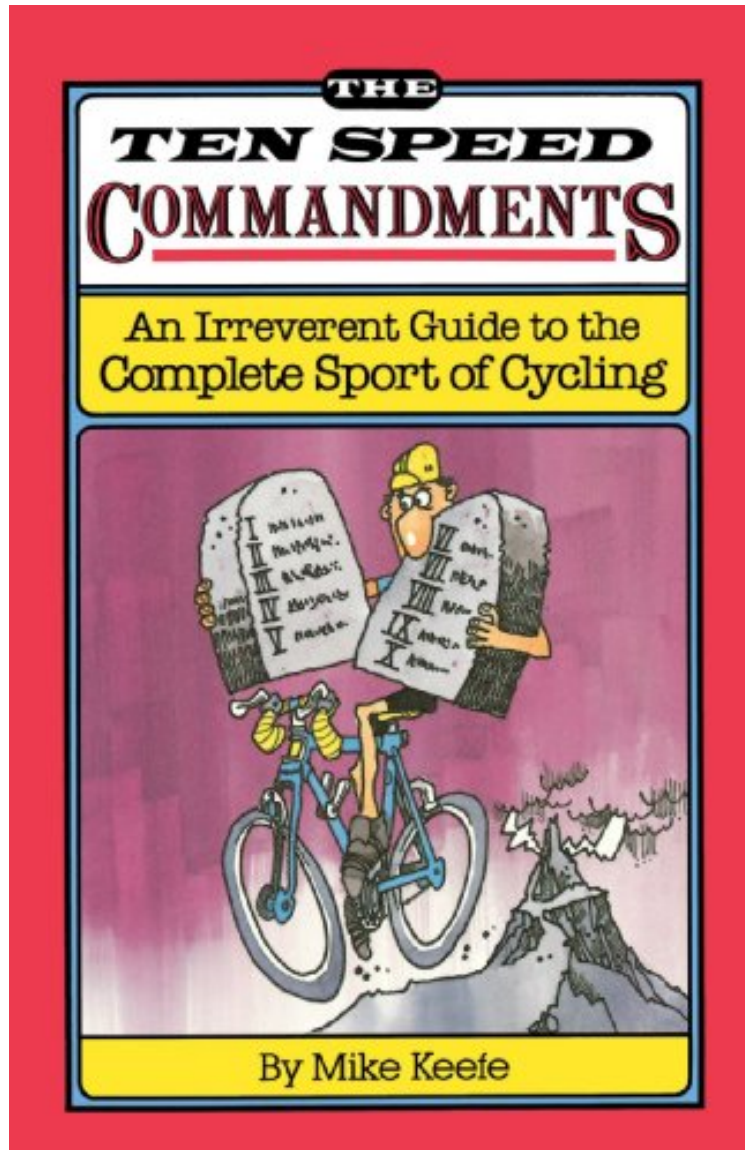


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**Mike Keefe : The Ten Speed Commandments: An Irreverent Guide to the Complete Sport of Cycling** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ten Speed Commandments: An Irreverent Guide to the Complete Sport of Cycling:

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I didn't think the book was all that funny. It's humor is outdated and pushes the limits of silliness sometimes. There was some entertainment, but all in all I would pass next time.  
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I believe I've owned this book since it came out in 1987, and I still remember bits and pieces. I decided to post a review mainly because the others were so harsh.  
Humor is, of course, subjective. I happen to enjoy the humor in this book, both in the writing and the illustrations. It may not have me in hysterics, but it definitely brightens my mood when I pick it up.  
As far as actual, practical advice, I think there's plenty of it, ranging from how to choose a bike to bicycle maintenance to improving your performance. Bikes have obviously become a lot more advanced in the 25+ years that have passed since the book was published, but the vast majority of what the author says here remains true.  
Ultimately, I think this book offers a good balance between humor and advice. If it contained nothing but jokes, it wouldn't be of much value. If it was just a straight ownership guide, most people would just keep it on a shelf and maybe occasionally consult it for answers to specific questions.  
This book manages to be entertaining enough where it's a page turner, while actually teaching you something along the way. I find that approach both rare and refreshing, and it's something I strive to do in my own writing (although not so much in this review).  
One bit of caution, though: if you have a tendency to take things too literally, or if English isn't your first language, there may be parts where you have trouble differentiating between serious advice and humor. If that's the case and you want to learn more about bicycles, go get yourself a nice "for dummies" book or find a bike shop that offers classes.

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