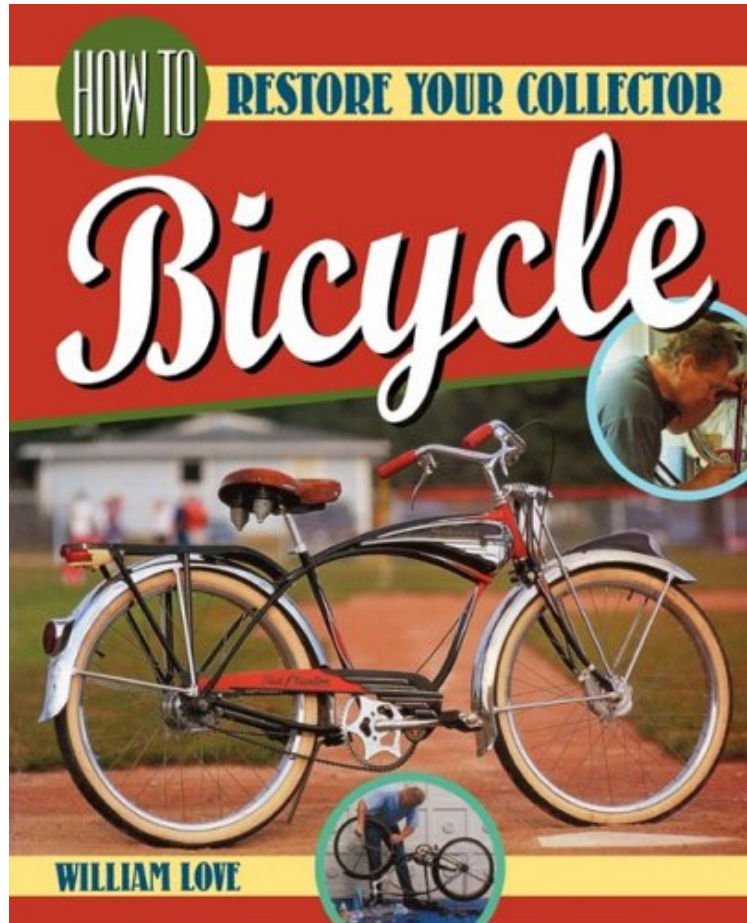


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William Love : How to Restore Your Collector Bicycle (Bicycle Books) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Restore Your Collector Bicycle (Bicycle Books):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bicycle RestorationBy AndyThis book is about a special field, and William Love knows exactly what he is talking about. He covers the two main aspects of restoration - the "museum - quality" restoration and the "functional" restoration; and also touches the "upgraded and customized" classic bike (which might lose value with this procedure, though!).The mechanical aspect covers the basics with a minimum of tools. If you are already savvy in bicycle mechanics, go ahead and develop your restoration skills with help of this book. If you are new to bike mechanics you might want to get a more comprehensive book about that subject as a complementary lecture and reference. But the part about re-finishing is very comprehensive and a must to read; also the guide to other, restoration - specific procedures and techniques.I only wish that this book had photographs in color

so we all could appreciate better the outstanding job that the author and his co-workers are doing! The grayscale photos are so-so, therefore the 4 stars. All in all however, this is a very informative work, written with lots of insight and knowledge, not too technical for the beginner, and with some useful tips for finding those rare accessories and spare parts. Very recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good info, poor on the pictures
By Steve J. Gallegos
The information is pretty good and covers the basic information you need to do repairs and customize your bike. My big gripe with the book is that the only color pictures found are on the front and back cover! Everything inside the book is black and white and most of those are pretty dark. I can understand that some of the pictures are old stock photos of way back when, but there should be color pics and the black and white photos need to be lightened up.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very Useful!
By Lynn C
This is just the book I needed to fix up an old Schwinn into ride-able condition. The detail is great for someone like me who knows absolutely zero about bike restoration. The only gripe I have is that the pictures aren't clear, but at least the words are. I can find a picture on the web if I absolutely need to see something. Great book!

All aspects of bicycle restoration are covered including finding, evaluating and choosing a bicycle. Planning the restoration project, along with disassembly, mechanical restoration, cosmetic restoration (with and without painting), and assembly are all discussed in detail. There are sections about parts, accessories and sources as well. Additionally, you will find over 250 photos of bicycles and their parts, showing off the splendor of these vintage treasures.

From the Author
How To Restore Your Collector Bicycle is a hands-on, real-world approach to the subject. It combines tips from the knowledge of many collectors and restorers of vintage bicycles. The photographed bikes are all ones that exist in the hands of collectors, as opposed to archive shots. My "how to" operations blend proven methods that have been used by the author and other hobbyists for years.
About the Author
Love was the neighborhood bicycle mechanic by age 12. A lifetime enthusiast of any wheeled conveyance, he is still collecting and restoring those human-powered two-wheelers: bicycles.