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About the Author Geoff Greene has been a professional bicycle mechanic for over fifteen years. He has been collecting vintage Schwinn bicycles for over twenty years. This is his fifth book on Schwinn bicycles.