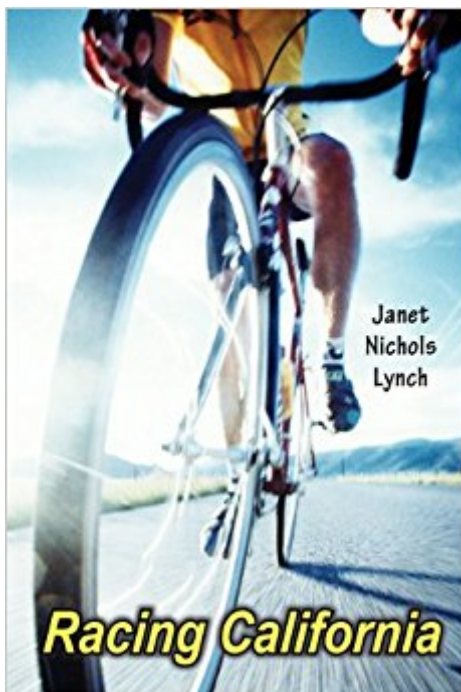


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Racing California



Synopsis

Evan is shocked when the amazing Tour de France winner Dash Shipley asks him to join his team for the Amgen Tour of California. Against his parents' and girlfriend's wishes, Evan risks missing his high school graduation to participate in the grueling eight-day bicycling race. Filled with spectacular triumphs, bitter disappointments, and allegations that Dash is using performance-enhancing drugs, Evan feels overwhelmed. There is plenty of sports action in this YA novel about a gifted athlete who surprises everyone, especially himself, in his first pro race when, as the youngest rider at age eighteen, he becomes a sensation with his astounding climbing skills and all-around stunning performance.

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Evan is in his senior year of high school and has his future all mapped out. He'll go to college with his girlfriend, become a doctor, and live happily ever after. However his love for bicycling causes his life to take new and unexpected turns. Bicycling has been in Evan's blood for years. While working for a summer bicycling tour group he meets his idol Dash Shipley, winner of the Tour de France. Impressed by his riding skills, Evan is signed on as his newest and

youngest team member to compete in the Amgen Tour of California and help Dash win. While on tour Evan carves out a place for himself among the veterans, learning about the thrill of victory as well as the agony of defeat. When Dash is accused of using performance enhancing drugs, Evan feels as if the bottom has dropped out of his life. Through sheer willpower, and growing maturity, he discovers there's more to his life than following in the footsteps he'd planned to follow after high school. Realizing it's time to carve out his own pathway, regardless of what others may think of his plans, Evan is prepared for a brand new future.

Racing California has great action sequences of the various stages in this tough race, as well as what goes on in the minds of pro bicyclists, and will be an exciting read for bicycle racing fans aged 12-16, especially boys.

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