

A look at how race and class affect both bicycle and car cultures in L.A.

# Bicycle / Race

Transportation, Culture, & Resistance

By Adonia Lugo

**Through the experiences of a scholar and activist, this book is a sociological and anthropological account of bicycle culture and car culture, and how race and class invariably play large roles in these interactions.**

In the tradition of *City of Quartz*, this book will forever change the way you see Los Angeles, race and class in the United States, and the streets and people around you wherever you live.

*Bicycle / Race* paints an unforgettable picture of Los Angeles—and the United States—from the perspective of two wheels. This is a book of borderlands and intersections, a cautionary tale about the dangers of putting infrastructure before culture, and a coming-of-age story about power and identity. The colonial history of southern California is interwoven through Adonia Lugo's story of growing up Chicana in Orange County, becoming a bicycle anthropologist, and co-founding Los Angeles's hallmark open streets cycling event, CicLAvia, along the way. When she takes on racism in the world of national bicycle advocacy in Washington, D.C., she finds her voice and heads back to L.A. to organize the movement for environmental justice in active transportation.

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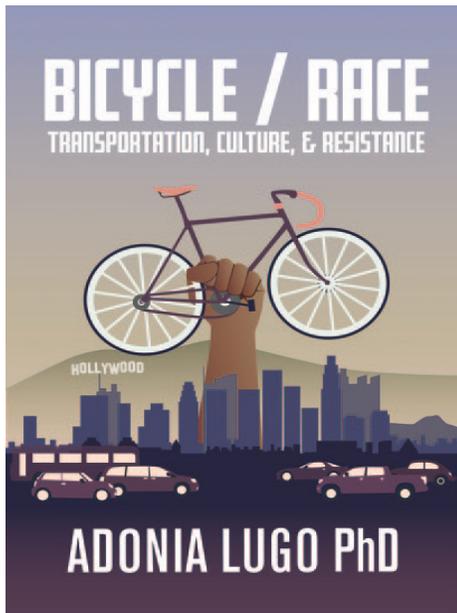
1. This book examines issues that are topical and emblematic of the current zeitgeist, and should speak to those who are social-justice and political activists
2. According to the *Bicycling and Walking Benchmark Report 2016*, bike commuting nearly doubled in the 50 largest U.S. cities from 2007 to 2016
3. In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in women's issues, feminism, gender equality, race, and class

### Comparative Titles

- *Bikenomics: How Bicycling Can Save the Economy* Elly Blue 9781621062400 (Microcosm) \$14.95, 2016
- *Pedal Revolution* Jeff Mapes 9780870714191 (OSU Press) \$19.95, 2009



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