

LITTLE RED CYCLIST



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Introduction

As all cyclists know, nature is beautiful but not benign. She throws wind, sand and rain at us. The experience can be so intense and overpowering that, by the end of the day, we are just happy to escape into a tent that will hopefully protect us from the elements.

Yet we also realize that pedal power is an ultimate way to truly experience all the facets of nature. We feel the heat, humidity, and challenging steep hills.

These images show what it feels like to be a small and humble bicyclist pedaling through the enormous, overpowering landscapes of the world.



Background

The photographic journey began in 1981 while pedaling across the U.S.A. During that summer I not only met my future wife Grace but also fell in love with photography.

In the 1990s I began shooting bicycle touring photos for multi projector slide show presentations with the accent on spectacular downhill sequences of 20 or more images through monumental scenery.

Grace cycled with red Karrimore panniers and wore a red shirt so that she could be seen from a vast distance. After a few years I noticed some of the downhill series contained shots which were good enough to view as a standalone picture.

So I began concentrating on single shots to try and capture the 'true' experience of bicycling through immense and often threatening landscapes and the *Little Red Cyclist* images were born.





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About

Paul Jeurissen was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and grew up surrounded by two wheelers. he has specialized in bicycle imagery and his pictures have been used around the globe in cycling and travel publications.

The photographs in this book, along with even more bike culture and touring images are available from his website.

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