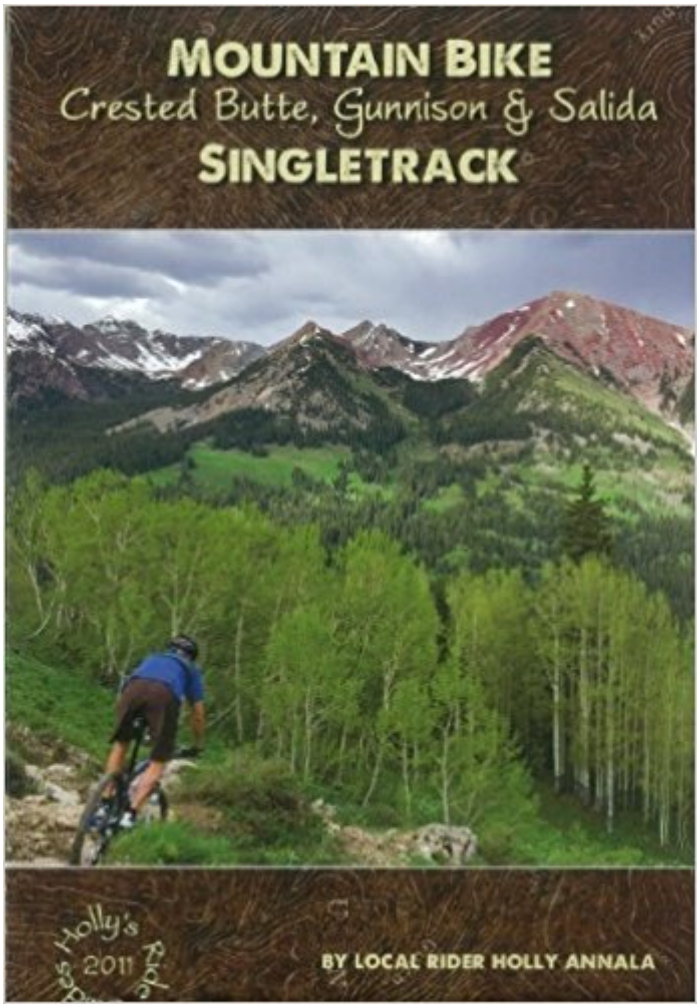
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Synopsis

FOUR NEW PULLOUT AND TAKE ALONG RIDES AND MAPS FROM SINGLETRACK MAPS ADDED IN 2015: LUPINE, POINT LOOKOUT,CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AND CAMP TRAIL (LAKE CITY) AND LOWER SPRING CREEK (MONTROSE. This is the most complete and accurate guide to riding in Crested Butte, Gunnison and Salida, Colorado. Read it around the campfire or on the trail when your phone doesn't get a signal! We have some of the best mountain biking found anywhere, and this is the locals guide to the singletracks you want to ride. From beginner rides to high altitude epic adventures, there is something for every mountain biker. Experience smooth narrow singletrack, excellent climbs, fast descents, granite slickrock and technical riding. Enjoy amazing views and wildflowers up to your handlebars on high mountain classics, and explore remote, little known singletracks. Discover new high desert rding at Hartman Rocks and Arkansas Hills. It is all here in the third edition! Includes 60 singletrack loop descriptions including all the classics and many new trails, local camping, updated topo maps, bike shops & local services to find your way around Crested Butte, Gunnison, and Salida.

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Customer Reviews

Holly Annala has been mountain biking in Colorado and the four corners area for 32 years. This is her fourth mountain bike guide. She also teaches mountain biking skills and is a board member of the Crested Butte Mountain Biking Association. She has lived in Crested Butte Colorado with her husband Rob Mahedy for 20 years. She is happiest out on the trail or camping around the west with Rob and friends.

I bought this book right as it came out and used it to get acquainted with the area.The number one problem I have with this book is its maps. She tries to group her maps into as few as possible by clustering all of the information for several trails onto a single map.The maps are hard to read and are not very detailed about certain areas. The map of Hartman's is horrible and the BLM free trailmaps at the trailhead are seldom restocked. The map of the Mt.CB trails is horrible too. I would like to see a map of each trail for each trail description, similar to other guidebooks.The second problem I have with the book is difficulties. I have used her book to take some of my beginner friends on trails that neither of us have been on and I think that she does a poor job of assessing the difficulty. For example "Jack's Trail" at Hartman Rocks is rated Intermediate and I believe it is much more technical than 401, which is rated advanced intermediate. In general, the book doesn't cater to beginners. The "beginner" trails in her book are mostly unpaved roads. Why isn't there any beginner single tracks in her book? They are out there, and people ride them.The coverage of the Signal Peak area is very poor. I have seen a maze of trails in the area and I wish that a guidebook would cover them. Especially one held in high esteem such as this one.Sure, it fits in a backpack and many locals will say it is the best book out there. If you are not a local, or if you are a beginner then I would recommend just asking folks at the local bike shop. You will gain as much information for free.

I am an avid mountain biker and would describe myself as a lover of great singletrack. I enjoy technical desert riding, swoopy intermediate singletrack with high "fun factor" and also a good solid full day ride in the high alpine environment. That said, Holly's trail book for the Crested Butte/Gunnison/Aspen area is full of great trail descriptions to help find your way to biking bliss! I love the photos in her book. Her descriptions are well written, thorough and clearly mapped. Her book makes you want to ride every trail in the area, though you would need a handful of years to get through the long list. I highly recommend her book as a "must have" resource for any trip to crested butte. The locals are also very helpful in aiding one to make a decision about where to ride, depending on your style and length preference. It seems that Holly is well known in the valley and if you ask advice of the people working in the bike shops, they will suggest Holly's book as a resource. That and the latitude 40 topographic map. Her book is the best around for sure.

This is the Must-Have guide if you are new to mountain biking in the Crested Butte, Gunnison and Salida. It is written by an experienced local rider who shares her inside knowledge on the best rides

in the region. It’s an easy to use guide that I’ve scene many riders carrying around in their hydration packs.

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