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Made For Skate: The Illustrated History Of Skateboard Footwear



Synopsis

In the skateboard universe, the evolution of riding technique, skateboard decks, graphics and art are well documented. Until now, however, skateboard shoes have received little attention. *Made for Skate* tells the story of skateboard footwear as seen through the eyes of those who lived it. Along with the classics by companies such as Vans, Airwalk, Etnies, and Duffs, it features hard-to-find and one-of-a-kind shoes that emerged throughout almost five decades of skate history, all photographed superlatively. This book provides an exhaustive overview of the history and styles of skate shoes and is based on the collection of the Skateboard Museum Stuttgart, Germany. Discover, for instance, why the legendary Bones Brigade had to scrounge for shoes at the height of their fame and how key design features such as the lace saver provided protection and functionality. Skate personalities we meet include Stacy Peralta, Lance Mountain, Tony Hawk, Rodney Mullen, Steve Caballero, and Natas Kaupas.

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Customer Reviews

For skaters who've reached an older age where their coffee table might actually be used for coffee, this book is a great addition. My skate friends love to look through it and remember the shoes and times surrounding the evolution of skate shoes and skateboarding in general. Not comprehensive, but a good selection of shoes that are either representative of an era or time, or stand out for their crazy design- every one is worth a look. Great binding, great cover material, and a lot of fun. Worth the price for those who shred.

Boyfriend loved this! He was so excited to see all of the shoes he used to wear. Definitely a great buy for someone who love skateboarding and the footwear. Great photos and great history.

Excellent

If you grew up skateboarding and love the history of skate shoes this book is a must buy for a real wood pusher

The order shipped promptly, got here a day prior, and contents were in great condition. overall a good shopping experience. This book is perfect to any footwear designer or just to learn history of skateboarding footwear.

The book *Made 4 Skate* is an absolute must-have for every skater. It systematically breaks down the history of skateboard shoes and takes the reader to a ride from the roots of skateboarding in the early 1950s when it was still just "the little brother of surfing" up to the eighties, nineties and the "new century" when skating became a popular kind of sports. Furthermore, it takes a very fascinating look into the future and shows how new technologies are tested to optimize the grip and "skatability" of sneakers. Who can't remember his or her first skating shoes? They are a very important aspect of our sport because they "form the most crucial interface between skaters and their boards", as author Dirk Vogel writes. On 400 pages, "*Made 4 Skate*" offers a detailed and impressive view on the development of skateboard sneakers - on how companies such as Nike, Vans, Etnies or Converse got into producing special shoes "for skateboard use only", and how they created new designs to match the needs of cracks like Tony Hawk or Paul Rodriguez. Just like many others, these two skaters also lend their stories and commentaries throughout the book. The design of the pages is made with love for the detail. Pics of frazzled, patched and all-over "used" Chuck's remind every skater of his or her first own skating experiences. These pics are supplemented by very interesting, short and informative paragraphs about the technical design, the art or materials of skateboard shoes. Moreover, the book offers many details about the history of skating, about the experiences of skaters, about the different eras and many more. It deals with short stories about pro surfers like Joey Cabell, who used the little skateboards to fine-tune his balance or a 15-year-old teenager from Florida, named "Ollie" Gelfand, whose popular move in the late 1970s coined a whole era. This book "*Made 4 Skate*" is definitely a good read because it

underlines the incomparable and unique character of our sport. It is like a printed museum of the history of skating with a special focus on the things that come next to our boards - the shoes.

I almost cried. More than 15 years of my life were there without me knowing it. Airwalk era was there. Etnics turned into Etnies at that time. I worked in a skateshop at the time and I was selling those shoes. That's the ultimate resource for skate kicks. Definitive book.

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