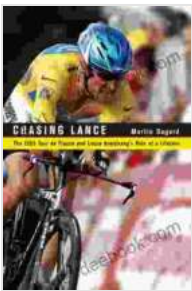


# Lance Armstrong's 2005 Tour de France Victory: A Ride of a Lifetime

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## **The 2005 Tour de France**

The 2005 Tour de France was the 92nd edition of the race. It was held from July 2 to July 24, and it covered a total distance of 3,554 kilometers (2,208 miles). The race started in Liège, Belgium, and it finished in Paris, France.

The race featured 21 stages, including nine flat stages, six mountain stages, and four time trials. The mountain stages were particularly challenging, and they included some of the most iconic climbs in cycling, such as the Col du Tourmalet and the Alpe d'Huez.

Armstrong was the favorite to win the race, and he lived up to the expectations. He won the prologue time trial, and he held the yellow jersey for the entire race. He won two of the mountain stages, and he finished in the top 10 in all but one of the other stages.

## **Armstrong's Performance**

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## **The Aftermath**

Armstrong's victory in the 2005 Tour de France was a major moment in his career. It was his seventh consecutive Tour de France victory, and it cemented his status as one of the greatest cyclists of all time. However, his victory would later be tainted by allegations of doping.

In 2012, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) released a report that accused Armstrong of using performance-enhancing drugs. Armstrong initially denied the allegations, but he later admitted that he had used doping. As a result of his admission, he was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned from cycling for life.

Armstrong's doping scandal was a major blow to the sport of cycling. It led to a loss of confidence in the sport, and it made it difficult for fans to believe that any cyclist could win the Tour de France without using performance-enhancing drugs.

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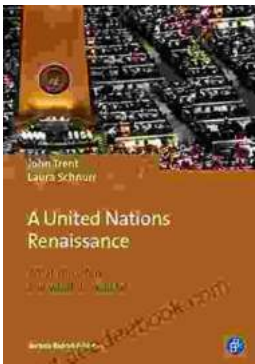
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