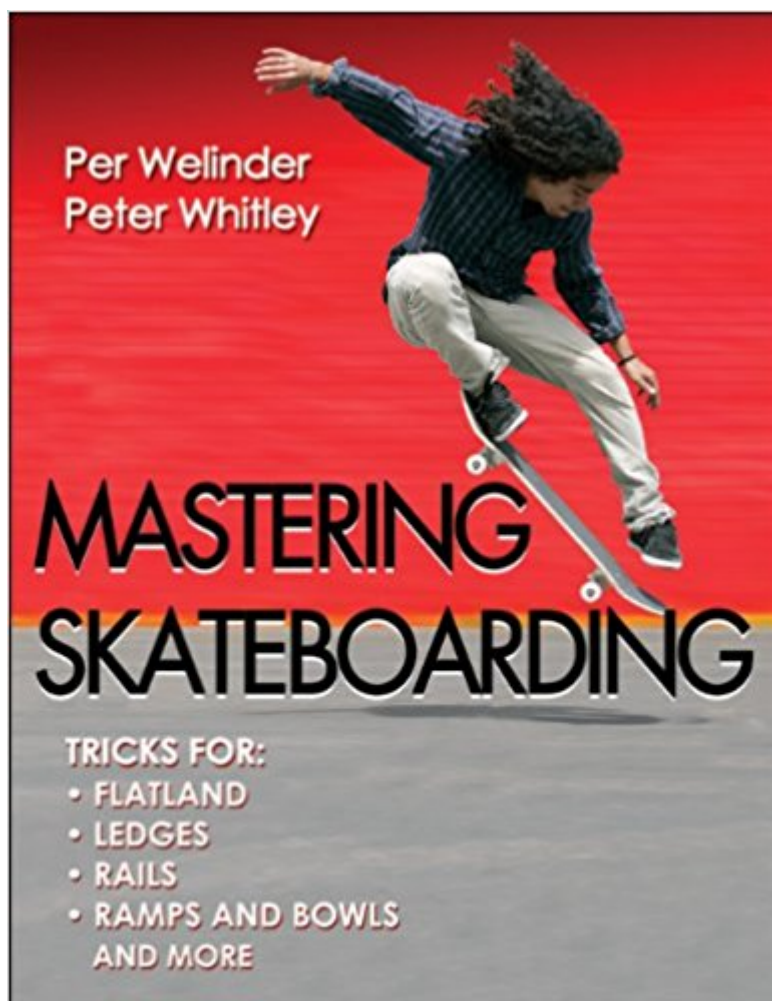


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# Mastering Skateboarding



## Synopsis

Ever watched pro skaters and wished you knew how they were able to pull off the tricks that you see? If so, then *Mastering Skateboarding* is the resource for you! Two-time world champion skateboarder Per Welinder teams up with longtime skateboard advocate Peter Whitley to bring you the techniques and tricks used by the pros. But the information doesn't stop there. Welinder and Whitley also provide in-depth coverage of skateboarding equipment, including how to select the components that work best for you and how to build and tune a board that fits your individual riding style. Packed with 88 tricks, this full-color guide is the only resource you'll need to pull off all the moves you've dreamed of doing. Whether you ride street or vert, competitive or recreational, *Mastering Skateboarding* has you covered. Add this one-of-a-kind resource to your collection and you'll soon be ready to put your new skills on display!

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## Customer Reviews

"Having come from a generation of skateboarding that was very experimental, I'm reassured to know that there are now high-quality instructions and tutorials for learning the tricks that we struggled with for so many years. -- Tony Hawk, *Legendary Skateboarder and Entrepreneur*

"All other sports have coaches and how-to books. Skating is such a different animal, but it is also a very precise and dangerous sport. Having someone give you the small insights into the techniques involved in skating is invaluable. -- Chris Cole, *Professional Skateboarder*

Google Per Welinder and your search will reveal the history of a pro skater – a legend who performed all the skateboarding stunt scenes for Michael J. Fox in the famous film Back to the Future, a two-time world champion freestyle skateboarder, and an iconic pioneer in the second generation of skateboarding. Today he is an entrepreneur who earned his MBA from the Anderson School of Business at UCLA. Welinder is the president and cofounder of Blitz Distribution, a major player in today's skateboarding world thanks to brands like Baker Skateboards, Hook-Ups, Sk8Mafia, Fury Trucks, and JSLV clothing. The accomplished lifelong skater brings a unique perspective to the brands he works with and believes that skateboarding serves a vital role in youth culture. Welinder has promoted the growth of skateboarding worldwide through his roles as the former chair and current board member for the International Association of Skateboard Companies. Peter Whitley is a lifelong skateboarder, artist, and advocate for skateparks. He is the former executive director of Skaters for Public Skateparks, a nonprofit organization dedicated to skatepark awareness, advancement, and advocacy. Currently he serves as the programs director for the Tony Hawk Foundation. He is also the author of the *Public Skatepark Development Guide*. When not working with communities on skatepark matters, Whitley is a graphic designer and illustrator.

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It has certain gems in it. But no Laser Flip, Varial Heel, 360 Inward Heel, Nollie Heel, or really any nollie tricks for that matter. That's why it gets 4 stars instead of 5, a lot of the tricks I really wanted to learn just wasn't there.

Entertaining read, but not much to it. Very short read for the price. But then again, it's not learning a jet fighter. He did a great job writing in an easy and informative style, but not a lot of information.

This book taught me everything I needed to know about skateboarding. Everything from the basics of pushing off, to ollies, to verry and slalom. If you need to know anything about skateboarding, this is the book for you

This is one the greatest skateboarding trick books I have read or looked into buying. My teenager son is all about the skateboarding but he is NOT a big reader. He devoured this book! The step by step pictures really helped so that he wasn't just reading the directions and tips and tricks but

actually seeing what each part should look like. The mother in me was grateful to see that the book starts off with a chapter on safety and it even emphasized that pads restricting movement is a myth. It explains everything from what to expect your first time at a skate part to how to get into skateboarding competitively. I also liked the couple of pages devoted to jobs that involve the skateboarding field but aren't 'professional' skateboarding. I want my son to enjoy skateboarding and learn and enjoy all the tricks he can but I also want him to be safe and realistic. I believe "Mastering Skateboarding" does a great job at this. I am very pleased with this one!

Per Welinder is a legend in freestyle skateboarding who now runs Blitz Distribution. He founded Birdhouse Skateboards with Tony Hawk twenty years ago. He knows his stuff inside and out and the book he offers up here is incredible. It includes everything you need to know from building a board to doing tricks. The advice given is top-notch. That he got Bryce Kanights (Thrasher/SICK BOYS) to do the full-color photography is an added bonus which helps bring the instruction to life. Great new resource for skaters to learn the ropes. As the Tony Hawk quote from the back of the book claims: "I'm reassured to know that there are now high-quality instructions and tutorials for learning the tricks that we struggled with for so many years." Great stuff. Would make a good gift and would also be a good purchase for a parent who doesn't know where to begin with their kid. You know who you are. :)

Mastering Skateboarding is a great book for anyone who wants to skate, whether you're just learning or you know how and want to learn some tricks or technique. The first part of the book is devoted to basic riding, and it explains in detail how to start riding if you are a beginner. The book gives great step-by-step guides on many tricks, starting with the basics and going to very advanced tricks. The guides are very informative; the instructions have several steps, with a color photo for every step. This makes it much easier to understand exactly what the book is talking about. The authors also added a bit about skateboarding culture, how to act and a general guide of how not to make a fool out of yourself. There is also information on different styles of skateboarding - such as street boarding and vert boarding - a guide on deciding what kind of skateboard is best for you, and information you will need to tune-up your skateboard. All-in-all, the book is a great book for beginning skateboarders, and even many people who don't skateboard could feasibly enjoy reading Mastering Skateboarding.

My copy arrived a few days ago in what seemed like the next day, maybe two. Picked it from our

mail room three floors down and started flipping through while walking upstairs. Grabbed a seat and found myself reading it for the next hour or so. Thanks a lot guys, it's not like I had work to do. Ha. This book is an attention grabber and definitely brings the art of learning tricks to date in the way we visualize information these days. The sequence photography, explanations and diagrams are all "now" generation, virtually putting you on the board. Having facilitated several youth skateboard clinics over the years, I can easily say "Mastering Skateboarding" is a practical and long awaited training manual for beginners to seasoned veteran skaters. "Mastering Skateboarding" is up to speed, best left lying around for others to read and "get some" too! Soma - Senior Writer (Focus Skate Mag) & Author of "Tough Like You" [...]

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