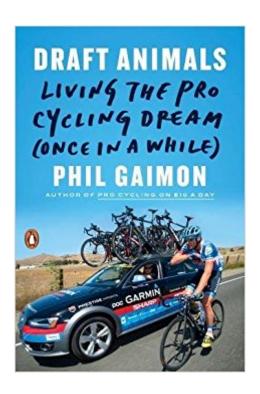


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Phil Gaimon retired from laziness and computer games in 2004 and began riding a bike to lose weight. Now, after a long career as a pro cyclist, including two years in the WorldTour, heââ ¬â,¢s

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