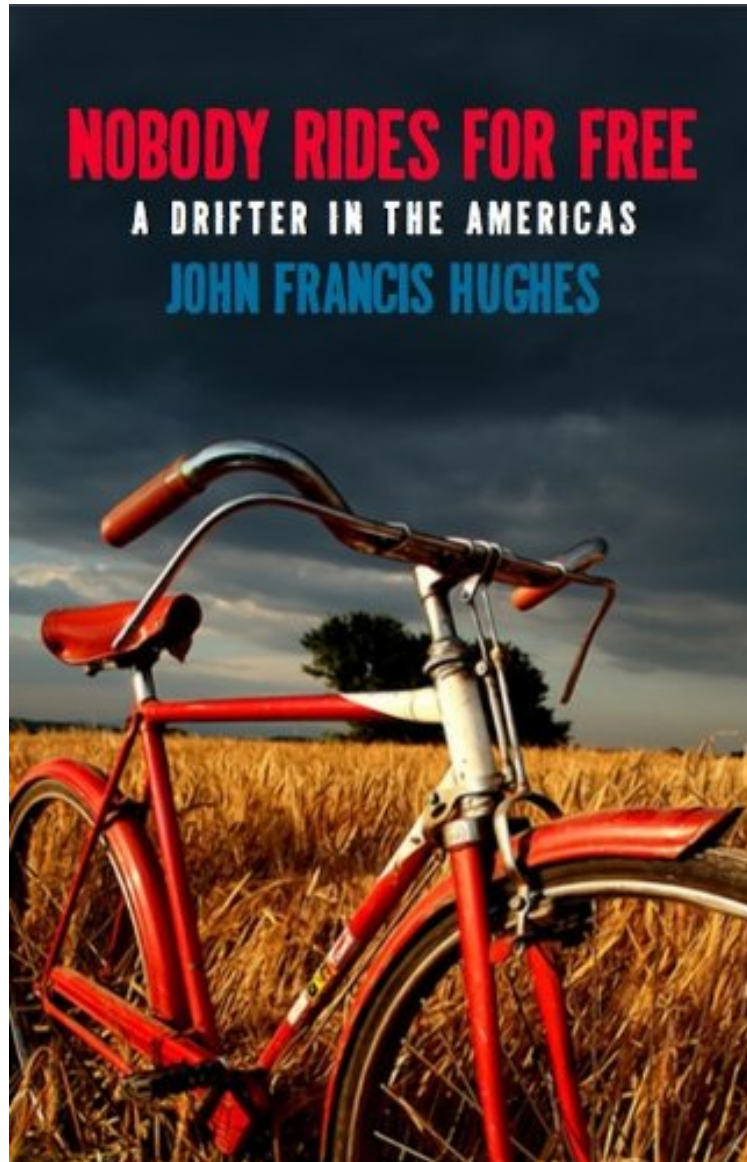


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About the Author John Hughes was born June 22, 1970. He is a longtime bike courier, reporter, adventurer, and now first time author. Reporting gigs at CBC and at Co-op Radio in Vancouver sharpened his pencil to a fine enough point that writing **NOBODY RIDES FOR FREE** became inevitable. Traveling across India, riding boxcars across the United States and working alongside the strangest people in the world have primed the powder keg for another swath of unusual chapters.