



# Critical Mass East Coast Book and Video tour

with editor Chris Carlsson and other contributors

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, College Park, Washington, Richmond July 24-30

A **BOOK READING AND FILM SCREENING** to celebrate Critical Mass bike rides. Critical Mass is a noncommercial, noncompetitive monthly bike ride held in hundreds of cities in dozens of countries.

The Book:

***Critical Mass: Bicycling's Defiant Celebration*** (Chris Carlsson, ed. 2002 AK Press) 256 pgs. Essays, personal anecdotes, photos and flyers by dozens of activists and theorists from San Francisco, Montreal, Stuttgart, Milan, Sydney, and seven other cities. This leaderless, grassroots social movement cuts through the noise and inertia of car-clogged urban transportation and teaches us to carve a wedge of our city for our dreams. So says essayist Anna Sojourner in this pushy and irreverent collection of inkworthy social critique and optimistic celebration. Four dozen contributors document, define and drive home the beauty of a quiet ride with a thousand friends, the anarchy of grassroots inspiration, the melodrama of media coverage and the fight for the survival of our cities.

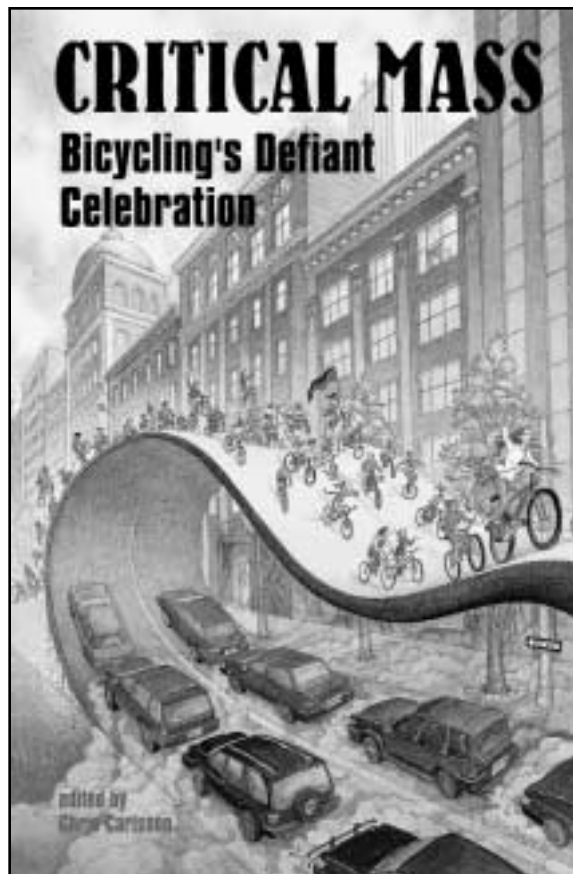
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The Film:

***(We aren't blocking traffic,) We Are Traffic!*** (Ted White, 1999)  
Documentary 50'

Interviewees include many of the contributors to the newly released book. *WE ARE TRAFFIC!* chronicles Critical Mass, a movement of thousands (and twice as many wheels) as they reclaim public space and put bicycling and transit smack-dab in the middle of contemporary politics. The film explores the fun, complexity and struggle involved in social change.

**Website:** [www.tedwhitegreenlight.com](http://www.tedwhitegreenlight.com)



**Thur July 24th Manhattan**  
Bluestockings Women's Bookstore  
172 Allen Street • New York, NY, 10002  
• (212) 777-6028  
<http://www.bluestockings.com>

**Sat July 26 Brooklyn**  
Clovis Press Books and Zines  
229 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11211  
• (718) 302-3751 • no website

**Sun July 27 Philadelphia**  
Woodenshoe Bookstore  
(event may be offsite)  
508 S. 5th Street • Philadelphia, PA  
19147 • (215) 413-0999  
<http://www.woodenshoebooks.com/>

**Mon July 28 Baltimore**  
Black Planet Bookstore  
1621 Fleet Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231 • (410) 537-5005  
• [bp@mobtown.org](mailto:bp@mobtown.org)

**Tue July 29 College Pk MD**  
Vertigo Books  
College Park Shopping Center  
7346 Baltimore Ave • College Park MD  
20740 • (301) 779-9300  
no website

**Wed July 30 Washington DC**  
Brian Mackenzie Infoshop  
1426 9th St NW • Washington, DC 20001  
<http://www.dcinfoshop.org/index.html> • no phone yet

**Thurs July 31 Richmond VA**  
Location TBA