**Reckless: The Life and Times of Luis Ocana**

By Alasdair Fotheringham

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Reckless: The Life and Times of Luis Ocana, Alasdair Fotheringham, Luis Ocana seemed doomed to live in the shadow of cycling’s greatest ever rider, Eddy Merckx - 'The Cannibal'. Their rivalry defined Ocana's entire career, yet he was the one rider capable of beating the all-conquering Merckx in his prime. After an impoverished upbringing he flourished at the sport he loved and in 1970 secured his biggest victory on home soil, winning the Vuelta a Espana, and confirming his status as a Grand Tour challenger. But it was in the 1971 Tour de France that the battle between Merckx and Ocana reached its peak when, at the Orcieres-Merlette stage, he inflicted on Merckx the worst defeat he would suffer in a major Tour, with an astonishing 120 kilometre solo breakaway through the Alps. But then came one of most gut-wrenching crashes in Tour de France history when Ocana fell heavily on a Pyrenean descent, losing his leader’s jersey, and with it his best chance of destroying Merckx’s reputation of invincibility. In the midst of a torrential downpour, with minimal visibility, rider after rider crashed into the injured rider as he lay...

**Reviews**

*Definitely among the best book I have got possibly study. I am quite late in start reading this one, but better then never. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.*

-- Olga Ledner MD

*Complete guide for publication enthusiasts. I have read and i am sure that i will going to study again once again in the future. Your way of life period will be transform once you total looking over this publication.*

-- Shayne O’Conner