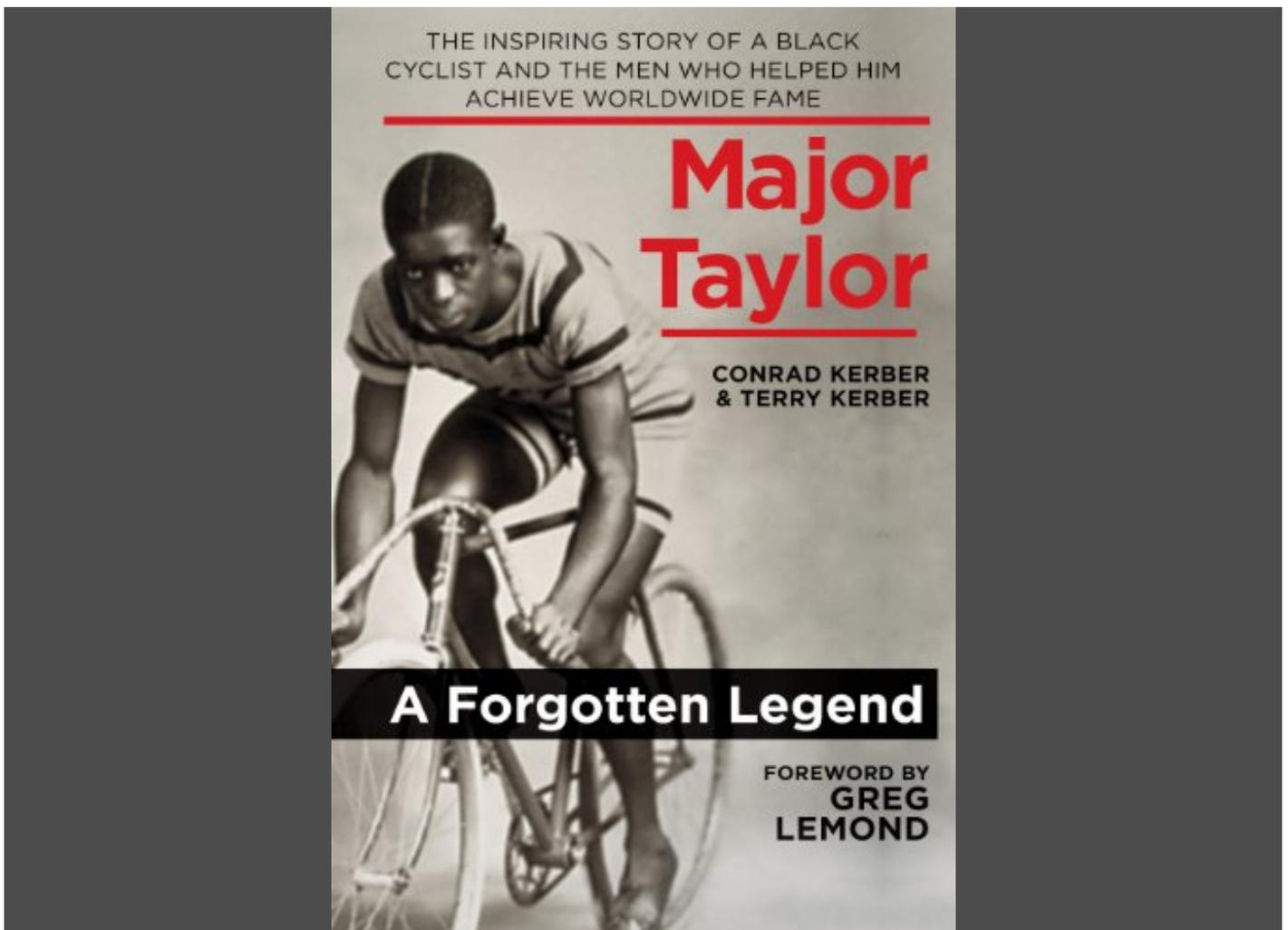


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“Before Magic, before Ali, before Jesse Owens, there was Major Taylor” (Bob Roll, NBC cycling analyst and former professional cyclist).

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