

Ultramarathon Man Confessions Of An All Night Runner

Despite believing he was bionic as a child, Ira Rainey was far from an elite athlete with superhuman running abilities like the ones he read about in books. He was in fact an overweight and unfit slacker who felt a bit sorry for himself because he had sore feet. Sure he ran a bit, but he also sat around a lot and ate and drank too much. Why? Because he could, and because he was a delusional optimist who thought everything would always be just fine. That was until a friend was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given months to live. It was an event that would push Ira to tackle his apathy towards life and take on the challenge of becoming an ultramarathon runner, pushing himself to go further than he had ever gone before. Award winning, *Fat Man to Green Man: From Unfit to Ultramarathon* is a warm and humorous account of one man's quest to uncover his true super powers as he journeys from fat to fit, and taking in everything that came between the two. It is a story of fields and friendships; mud and maps; but more importantly learning how to push yourself to achieve what you would never believe you could – and how to deal with the consequences. *Fat Man to Green Man* won the silver award for running books in The 2014 Running Awards, an award voted for by runners. Ira Rainey, with *Fat Man to Green Man*, was also a shortlisted finalist for New Writer of the Year in The British Sports Book Awards 2014. "Ira Rainey's lifestyle transformation is an extraordinary example of what can be accomplished with passion and conviction. *Fat Man to Green Man* is an inspirational story of how the seemingly impossible can come true. A must-read for anyone looking to make a positive change." - Dean Karnazes – World-renowned endurance athlete and NY Times bestselling author "Rainey is proof that ultradistance races can be completed by middle-aged mortals and not just extreme endurance athletes with a penchant for pain." - Men's Fitness Magazine "The ending? It's not what you will expect, but it will see you re-appraise everything in life you thought was certain. We think you will be inspired and, like us, are certain you may lose a few tears before you reach it." - Running Fitness Magazine "It's an inspirational tale of Ira's battle with inner demons and ill health...I felt as if I was right beside him..." - Trail Running Magazine "So many things are covered here, the back to back training runs, the speed work (I was actually a bit intimidated by how fast he can knock out a 5K), the nutrition and weight loss and dealing with injury and recovery. He discovered that he was not bionic but overall he was very capable of running long distances and recalling the tales very vividly."- James Adams – Ultramarathon runner and author of *Running and Stuff* "At times laugh out loud funny, at others quite poignant (the parts where Ira faces the impending loss of a dear friend are especially touching) this book is a fun take on one man's journey to becoming an ultra runner, and finding himself in the process." - UltrarunnerPodcast "Dean Karnazes taught us about what it takes to be at the very top of ultra running, wowing us in the process while Ira, inspired by Dean, gives us an insight of ultra running that the rest of us could aspire to." - The Running Stories

Ready to Run an Ultramarathon? When you consider marathons, do you think, "been there, done that"? Like so many others, do you believe that humans were born to run? Do you seek a new challenge that tests your mental and physical limits? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then it's time to read "Relentless Forward Progress" and give ultramarathons a try! Veteran ultramarathoner and coach Bryon Powell shares insider know-ledge about training, racing, fueling, hydration, and much more. In this guide, you'll find: --Daily training plans for races from 50k to 100 miles --A crash course in how to trail run --Advice from some of the world's top ultrarunners --Proven strategies for race day success --Useful approaches for running uphill and downhill --What to look for in ultramarathon gear --Practical wisdom on speed work --Cross training ideas for running fitness and recovery --Tips on running barefoot

--Inspiration to go farther than you've ever gone before

"This is a story you'll love and never forget."—Christopher McDougall, author, *Born to Run* and *Natural Born Heroes* Aside from her rock star looks, Catra Corbett is a standout in the running world on her accomplishments alone. Catra is the first American woman to run over one hundred miles or more on more than one hundred occasions and the first to run one hundred and two hundred miles in the Ohlone Wilderness, and she holds the fastest known double time for the 425-miles long John Muir Trail, completing it in twelve days, four hours, and fifty-seven minutes. And, unbelievably, she's also a former meth addict. After two years of addiction, Catra is busted while selling, and a night in jail is enough to set her straight. She gives up drugs and moves back home with her mother, abandoning her friends, her boyfriend, and the lifestyle that she came to depend on. Her only clean friend pushes her to train for a 10K with him, and surprisingly, she likes it—and decides to run her first marathon after that. In *Reborn on the Run*, the reader keeps pace with Catra as she runs through difficult terrain and extreme weather, is stalked by animals in the wilderness, and nearly dies on a training run but continues on, smashing running records and becoming one of the world's best ultrarunners. Along the way she attempts suicide, loses loved ones, falls in love, has her heartbroken, meets lifelong friends including her running partner and dachshund TruMan, and finally faces the past that led to her addiction.

[Karnazes'] spirited memoir . . . can help mere mortals who want to push past their perceived limits or simply jump-start their sedentary lives.' - Chicago Tribune WHY DO YOU DO IT? HOW DO YOU DO IT? ARE YOU INSANE? Dean Karnazes is an internationally recognised endurance athlete who has pushed his body and mind to inconceivable limits. In this remarkable memoir, he recounts the personal events that have led to him becoming an extraordinary athlete. The seeds of his talents were seen early - at the age of nine he rode his bike alone over fifty miles to his grandmother's house. As an adult, he's taken part in a marathon across Death Valley, a 200 mile, twelve-person relay race (which he ran solo, of course) and one of the biggest and most controversial challenges of all - the first marathon ever run to the South Pole. In *Ultramarathon Man*, Dean recounts all these races and other unbelievable achievements. He introduces us to the sometimes bizarre emotional and psychological make-up of endurance runners, as well as the peculiar mores surrounding the subculture of ultra-endurance athleticism. The book is filled with fascinating characters and situations from the touching (how his running helped to pull his family back together) to the absurd (organising to meet the pizza delivery man on the highway during his run!). Dean's story will amaze, fascinate and inspire even the most comfortable couch potatoes. And in a new epilogue, Karnazes answers the two questions he's most often asked: What, exactly, do you eat and how do you train to stay in such good shape?

The competitive sport of skyrunning is spreading throughout the world as new competitions and events are announced in countries across the globe. Emelie Forsberg, one of the most successful trail/sky runners in the world, shares her passion for running and how to get the most out of her body. Each chapter in the book, looks at ways to develop your skills, as well as immerse yourself in the moment. Emelie shares stories, recipes, yoga, techniques and strength training exercises as she shares her experiences from her career and from life. *Sky Runner* is about much more than running in the mountains, it's about living an outdoors lifestyle and enjoying the thrill of running in nature. Most importantly Emelie shares how to listen to your body and build both your mental and physical strength sustainably. Regardless of whether you're running three kilometres or 50 kilometres, this book will help improve your attitude to running and give it deeper meaning, while motivating you to be your best self. *Sky Runner* is filled with spectacular photographs taken by one of the world's most legendary mountain athletes.

In one of his most ambitious physical efforts to date, Dean Karnazes attempted to run 50

marathons, in 50 states, in 50 days to raise awareness of youth obesity and urge Americans of all fitness levels to "take that next step." "UltraMarathon Man: 50 Marathons - 50 States - 50 Days", a Journeyfilm documentary, follows Dean's incredible step-by-step journey across the country. Ultrarunning legend Dean Karnazes has run 262 miles—the equivalent of ten marathons—without rest. He has run over mountains, across Death Valley, and to the South Pole—and is probably the first person to eat an entire pizza while running. With an insight, candor, and humor rarely seen in sports memoirs (and written without the aid of a ghostwriter or cowriter), Ultramarathon Man has inspired tens of thousands of people—nonrunners and runners alike—to push themselves beyond their comfort zones and be reminded of "what it feels like to be truly alive," says Sam Fussell, author of *Muscle*. Ultramarathon Man answers the questions Karnazes is continually asked: - Why do you do it? - How do you do it? - Are you insane? And in the new paperback edition, Karnazes answers the two questions he was most asked on his book tour: - What, exactly, do you eat? - How do you train to stay in such good shape?

More women than ever are discovering the unique benefits of running -- for stress relief, weight management, endurance, and self-esteem. Women's bodies are not the same as men's, and though we can train just as hard and with the same passion for excellence, we have certain special concerns. Finally, there is a comprehensive guide exclusively for women who experience the pure joy of running, or want to. It's the simplest, fastest, most accessible way to fitness and good health known to woman. You don't need a partner, equipment, or even much time. Now, Claire Kowalchik, former managing editor of *Runner's World* magazine, answers every question about the overwhelmingly popular activity that builds endurance, melts fat, and even prevents illness. In this total running book for women, you'll learn: How to get started and stay motivated What to eat for optimal nutrition How to run during pregnancy and after menopause Why running is the most effective form of exercise How to prevent and treat injury What to wear -- from sports bras to running shoes How to prepare for everything from a 5K to a marathon Authoritative and friendly, *The Complete Book of Running for Women* is a sourcebook for both beginners and long-time runners. Along with wisdom drawn from the author's personal experience, you'll find advice from the experts: coaches, exercise physiologists, nutritionists, doctors, and other women runners. Including question-and-answer sections and a complete list of resources, *The Complete Book of Running for Women* tells you everything you need to know to be off and running toward better health and richer living.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Deena Kastor was a star youth runner with tremendous promise, yet her career almost ended after college, when her competitive method—run as hard as possible, for fear of losing—fostered a frustration and negativity and brought her to the brink of burnout. On the verge of quitting, she took a chance and moved to the high altitudes of Alamosa, Colorado, where legendary coach Joe Vigil had started the first professional distance-running team. There she encountered the idea that would transform her running career: the notion that changing her thinking—shaping her mind to be more encouraging, kind, and resilient—could make her faster than she'd ever imagined possible. Building a mind so strong would take years of effort and discipline, but it would propel Kastor to the pinnacle of running—to American records in every distance from the 5K to the marathon—and to the accomplishment of earning America's first Olympic medal in the marathon in twenty years. *Let Your Mind Run* is a fascinating intimate look inside the mind of an elite athlete, a remarkable story of achievement, and an insightful primer on how the small steps of cultivating positivity can give anyone a competitive edge.

"A Runner's High wakes up the appetite to run long distances. Dean takes us on a lifelong journey of ultramarathons, through the ups and downs, the friendships and lonely moments, and the struggles and rewards of each race. Dean writes in a direct and intimate way that keeps us reading like he runs—without stopping."—Kilian Jornet, author of *Above the Clouds*

and world champion ultramarathoner “A Runner's High is a powerful narrative on life, running and finding meaning through perseverance. Every runner should read this book.”— Jason Koop, Coach and bestselling author New York Times bestselling author and ultramarathoning legend Dean Karnazes has pushed his body and mind to inconceivable limits, from running in the shoe melting heat of Death Valley to the lung freezing cold of the South Pole. He's raced and competed across the globe and once ran 50 marathons, in 50 states, in 50 consecutive days. In A Runner's High, Karnazes chronicles his extraordinary adventures leading up to his return to the Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run in his mid-fifties after first completing the race decades ago. The Western States, infamous for its rugged terrain and extreme temperatures, becomes the most demanding competition of Karnazes's life, a physical and emotional reckoning and a battle to stay true to one's purpose. Confronting his age, his career path, and his life choices, we see Karnazes as we never have before. For Karnazes, the running experience is about the runner and the trail. It is not the sum of achievements but a story that continues to be told each day, with each step. A Runner's High is at once an endorphin-fueled adventure and a love letter to the sport from one of its most celebrated ambassadors that will leave both casual and serious runners cheering.

Take Your Training to New Heights with This One-Stop Manual on Ultras With fifteen years running and competing around the world under her belt, Krissy Moehl is a top female ultramarathon runner, respected by her peers and an inspiration to runners everywhere. Between Moehl's positive and encouraging attitude and her deep knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport, there's no one better to prepare and train you for your first ultra and beyond! Moehl will become your guide to completing a 50K, 50-mile or 100-mile race. Her experience translates into the most effective and easy-to-follow training method, broken down into phases to help all runners take it to the next level and accomplish their goals. She shares her love of the sport by providing helpful tips, bonus content and personal stories. Her commitment to growing the sport and passion for coaching others running their first is evident in the care she's taken to create detailed plans and lifestyle adjustments. With Moehl, you will find all the resources and encouragement you need to succeed in challenging your mind and body with an ultramarathon!

Shares the uplifting tale of a record-breaking "ultra-marathon" runner, from his decision to break his own personal record and his competition in fifty marathons in fifty days throughout the country to his personal secrets for endurance training.

The first dedicated book on marathon and half marathon training from the renowned experts at Runner's World Runner's World Big Book of Marathon and Half-Marathon Training gives readers the core essentials of marathon training, nutrition, injury prevention, and more. The editors of Runner's World know marathon training better than anyone on the planet. They have spent the last few years inviting readers to share the long, sweaty journey to the starting line, putting themselves on call to personally answer readers' questions 24/7. This book includes testimonials from real runners, more than 25 training plans for every level and ability, workouts, a runner's dictionary, and sample meal plans. Runner's World Big Book of Marathon and Half-Marathon Training is a powerful and winning resource—the ultimate tool kit for anyone who wants to get from the starting line to the finish line.

Long before Cory Reese strapped on his first pair of running shoes, he learned the key to being a successful ultrarunner: He knew how to suffer. In "Nowhere Near First," Cory shares his deeply personal story about experiencing his father's suicide at a young age, and how this led to a career in endurance running and a desire to live life to the fullest. "Nowhere Near First" is a humorous, captivating, and uplifting account of Cory's memorable ultramarathon experiences. Not only does Cory's entertaining and powerful writing allow readers a unique perspective into the challenges and rewards of running, but it also inspires each of us to turn tragedy into triumph. "Cory Reese writes with humor, humbleness and honesty. His story is

both uplifting and real, and his tales of persistence and perseverance are sure to inspire, whether you're at the front of the pack or nowhere near first. Regardless of the title, this book's a winner!" ~ Dean Karnazes, author of Ultramarathon Man: Confessions of an All-Night Runner "Cory Reese's book, *Nowhere Near First*, is an immensely entertaining and profoundly educational story about overcoming challenges to forge a meaningful life. Reese's story is must-read for people looking to find meaning and purpose in modern-day society." ~ Karl Hoagland, Publisher, UltraRunning Magazine "Cory has penned a very personal account of overcoming hardship in his personal and athletic life. *Nowhere Near First* tells his story of perseverance and survival in a vivid, down and dirty way that peaks with his extraordinarily positive way of looking at life." ~ Marshall Ulrich, author of *Running On Empty: An Ultramarathoner's Story of Love, Loss, and a Record-Setting Run Across America*

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With detailed training plans for 5K, 10K, half marathon, and marathon, plus tips for goal-setting, rest, recovery, injury rehab and prevention, strength training, and nutrition, this program will change the way runners think about and train for competitive races. Amby Burfoot, *Runner's World* executive editor and Boston Marathon winner, calls the FIRST training program "the most detailed, well-organized, and scientific training program for runners that I have ever seen."

The ultrarunning legend takes on the ultimate test of endurance: running 50 marathons in 50 days.

Kilian Jornet has conquered some of the toughest physical tests on the planet. He has run up and down Mt. Kilimanjaro faster than any other human being, and struck down world records in every challenge that has been proposed - all before the age of 25. Dominating ultra marathons and races at altitude, he has redefined what is possible in running, astonishing competitors with his near-superhuman fitness and ability. Jornet adores the mountains as fiercely as he runs them. In *Run or Die* he shares that passion, inviting readers into a fascinating world rich with the beauty of rugged trails and sweeping high-altitude vistas, the pulse-pounding drama of racing, and a consuming desire to tackle tests that push him to the very brink. In turns inspiring, insightful, candid, and deeply personal, this is a book written from the heart of the world's greatest endurance runner, for whom life presents one simple choice: Run or Die. Trail running's first true breakout star

. . . [Jornet] has yet to find a record he can't shatter.' Runner's World
The author of the best-selling *Born to Run* describes his investigation into ancestral training techniques that have enabled Mediterranean athletes to achieve extraordinary levels of strength and fitness.

In the fall of 2006, Dean Karnazes, known as the "Lance Armstrong of the running world," took on the ultimate challenge: running 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 consecutive days. Dean set off in a caravan packed with fellow runners, with nothing more than a roadmap and a determination that defied all physical limitations. This book goes beyond the story of those 50 marathons: it is a firsthand account of what happens when your body defies all limitations, and it is a story of what it's like to push the limits of strength under grueling conditions. This book also reveals Dean's secrets and training tips, including what to do when you hit a wall, how to adapt quickly to drastic terrain, how to get motivated after a really tough day, and diet and exercise tips to improve your own best time. Whether you want to get moving, or keep moving, you need inspiration. Novice walkers and seasoned runners alike will find that inspiration, and so much more, in these stories written by those who know that the toughest step to take in any walk or run is the first. Beginning an athletic pursuit like running or walking for fitness takes a good deal of motivation, determination, and inspiration, all of which can be found in these 101 real-life stories. Written by people who took that all-important, and elusive, first step, these stories will not only help readers get off the couch and get moving, but they'll inspire even the most seasoned of athletes to keep moving. Coauthored by the famous ultramarathoner Dean Karnazes, who brings his own advice to readers, as well as stories from some of the best-known runners in the world.

An electrifying look inside the wild world of extreme distance running. Once the reserve of only the most hardcore enthusiasts, ultra running is now a thriving global industry, with hundreds of thousands of competitors each year. But is the rise of this most brutal and challenging sport—with races that extend into hundreds of miles, often in extreme environments—an antidote to modern life, or a symptom of a modern illness? In *The Rise of the Ultra Runners*, award-winning author Adharanand Finn travels to the heart of the sport to investigate the reasons behind its rise and discover what it takes to join the ranks of these ultra athletes. Through encounters with the extreme and colorful characters of the ultramarathon world, and his own experiences of running ultras everywhere from the deserts of Oman to the Rocky Mountains, Finn offers a fascinating account of people testing the boundaries of human endeavor.

"Powerful and affecting. Hillary is an indomitable force." — Dean Karnazes
In 2017, world-class ultrarunner Hillary Allen was at the top of her sport--and it felt like she was running on top of the world as she competed in Norway's Tromsø Skyrace. Allen was nearly halfway through the 50-kilometer race when she fell 150 feet off an exposed ridge, fracturing her back and breaking multiple ribs, both feet, and both of her lower arms. Beginning with the dramatic story of her

accident and rescue, *Out and Back: A Runner's Story of Survival Against All Odds* recounts Allen's fight to return to the life she loves. With vulnerability that reveals remarkable strength and introspection that yields wisdom, Allen shares the story of her recovery both physically and mentally, and hard-earned knowledge that the path forward is not always linear, that healing takes time, and that the process of rediscovery is ongoing as she learns what it takes to survive--and thrive. *Out and Back* is an inspiration to anyone who knows what it means to reclaim and rebuild your life, one day and one step at a time. Runners will love these inspirational stories about their sport -- the camaraderie, the self-discipline, the energy and endorphins they enjoy, the self-discovery. Includes stories on swimming and cycling for triathletes too. When runners aren't running, they are talking about running, planning their next run, shopping for running... This book contains 101 stories from everyday and famous runners... telling their stories to other runners... about how running has improved their lives, recovering from injuries, challenging themselves, and includes amazing stories of marathons, camaraderie, and the natural high that comes from this popular sport. Plenty of stories for triathletes too, covering swimming and cycling.

Top five Best Books About Running, *Runner's World Magazine* Top three Best Books About Running, readers of *Runner's World Magazine* (December 2009) A phenomenal portrait of courage and desire that will do for college cross-country what John Feinstein's *A Season on the Brink* did for college basketball.

Recounts how the author, after realizing the daunting state of his health at age forty, overcame physical challenges and alcoholism over the course of two years while training for Hawaii's elite Ultraman competition.

Peter Sagal, the host of NPR's *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* and a popular columnist for *Runner's World*, shares "commentary and reflection about running with a deeply felt personal story, this book is winning, smart, honest, and affecting. Whether you are a runner or not, it will move you" (Susan Orlean). On the verge of turning forty, Peter Sagal—brainiac Harvard grad, short bald Jew with a disposition towards heft, and a sedentary star of public radio—started running seriously. And much to his own surprise, he kept going, faster and further, running fourteen marathons and logging tens of thousands of miles on roads, sidewalks, paths, and trails all over the United States and the world, including the 2013 Boston Marathon, where he crossed the finish line moments before the bombings. In *The Incomplete Book of Running*, Sagal reflects on the trails, tracks, and routes he's traveled, from the humorous absurdity of running charity races in his underwear—in St. Louis, in February—or attempting to "quiet his colon" on runs around his neighborhood—to the experience of running as a guide to visually impaired runners, and the triumphant post-bombing running of the Boston Marathon in 2014. With humor and humanity, Sagal also writes about the emotional experience of running, body image, the similarities between endurance sports and sadomasochism, the legacy of running as passed down from parent to child, and the odd but extraordinary bonds created between strangers and friends. The result is "a brilliant book about running...What Peter runs toward is strength, understanding, endurance, acceptance, faith, hope, and charity" (P.J. O'Rourke).

In his follow-up to the best-selling *Ultra-Marathon Man*, world-renowned ultramarathoner Dean Karnazes chronicles his unbelievable exploits and explorations in gripping detail; Karnazes runs for days on end without rest, across some of the most exotic and inhospitable places on earth, including the Australian Outback, Antarctica, and the back alleys of New Jersey. From the downright hilarious to the truly profound, the stories in *Run!* provide readers with the ultimate escape and offer a rare glimpse into the mindset and motivation of an extreme athlete, one who has, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "Not only pushed the envelope but blasted it to bits." Karnazes addresses pain and perseverance, and he also charts the emotional as he pushes to the edges of human achievement. The tales of the friendships he's cultivated on his many adventures around the world warm the heart, and are sure to captivate and inspire readers whether they run great distances, modest distances, or not at all. The hardcover edition was met with the enthusiastic support of Karnazes's devoted fan base, and word-of-mouth excitement as well as media coverage from *LIVE!* with Regis and Kelly brought the book to the attention of scores of new readers. Karnazes's colorful tales of his extreme running adventures are as entertaining as they are innately human, giving the book potential as a perennial paperback favorite.

Karnazes is an ultramarathoner: a member of a small, elite, hard-core group of extreme athletes who race 100 miles and longer. They can run forty-eight hours and more without sleep. They can scale mountains, in brutally hot or cold weather, pushing their bodies, minds, and spirits well past what seems humanly possible. Karnazes has run 226.2 miles nonstop; he has completed the 135-mile Badwater Ultramarathon across Death Valley in 130-degree weather; and he is the only person to complete a marathon to the South Pole in running shoes. With an insight and candor rarely seen in sports memoirs, he reveals how he merges the solitary, manic, self-absorbed life of hard-core ultrarunning with a full-time job, a wife, and two children, and how running has made him who he is today.--From publisher description.

A New York Times bestseller for 14 weeks in 1978, *Running & Being* became known as the philosophical bible for runners around the world. More than thirty years after its initial publication, it remains every bit as relevant today. Written by the late, beloved Dr. George Sheehan, *Running & Being* tells of the author's midlife return to the world of exercise, play and competition, in which he found "a world beyond sweat" that proved to be a source of great revelation and personal growth. But *Running & Being* focuses more on life than it does, specifically, on running. It provides an outline for a lifetime program of fitness and joy, showing how the body helps determine our mental and spiritual energies. Drawing from the words and actions of the great athletes and thinkers throughout history, Sheehan ties it all together with his own philosophy on the importance of fitness and sport, as well as his knowledge of training, injury prevention, and race competition. Above all, Sheehan describes what it means to experience the oneness of body and mind, of self and the universe. In this, Sheehan argues, we have the power to discover "the truth that makes men free."

Traces the author's remarkable career while revealing the influence of his vegan lifestyle, describing his transition from a Midwestern hunter to a record-breaking athlete. Join 300,000 other runners in using the bestselling training diary from the world's leading running magazine. *Runner's World* provides the outline, with a useful format and generous space for charting an entire year's running. You fill in the facts about

each day's run, such as your pace, the distance you ran, your pulse rate, and weather conditions. You'll also find charts to record racing results, best times, and a year's running at a glance, plus valuable running hints and more.

Running Up That Hill is a celebration of endurance running. Of running ridiculous distances – through cities, over mountains and across countries. Distances most people couldn't even imagine. But sports presenter Vassos Alexander is hooked! Why else would he run an ultra in Paris, backwards, having missed the start? Why head to Wales for the world's hardest mountain race with a badly sprained ankle? And why follow in some unforgiving, ancient footsteps and attempt the oldest and toughest footrace on earth, the 153-mile Spartathlon? There's joy to be found here. Really there is. Vassos recalls his own assaults on these gruelling races, along with ultra-running legends including Scott Jurek, Jasmin Paris, Kilian Jornet, Mimi Anderson and Dean Karnazes. They all testify to the transformative power of endurance running. It's about the astonishing highs that come from pushing your body to the limit. The confidence and peace when you challenge yourself and succeed. All told, this is a cracking tale of what keeps ultra-distance runners running, mile after mile after mile.

The story of America's greatest running legend. For five years, no American runner could beat him at any distance over a mile. But at the age of 24, with his best years still ahead, long-distance runner Steve Prefontaine finally lost. Driving alone at night after a party, Prefontaine crashed his sports car, putting a tragic, shocking end to the life and career of one of the most influential, accomplished runners of our time. More than 20 years later, Pre continues to influence the running world. From his humble origins in Coos Bay, Oregon, Pre became the first person to win four NCAA titles in one event. Year after year, he was virtually unbeatable. Instead of becoming one of the new breed of professional track athletes, Pre chose to stay amateur and fight for the adequate funding he felt American amateur athletes deserved. A man of incredible desire and energy, Pre trained relentlessly. In his drive to be the best, he spurred others to do their best. As one racer said, "He ran every race as if it were his last." But Pre not only touched runners; his exciting technique as well as his maverick lifestyle made him a favorite of the fans. A race with Prefontaine in it was automatically an event. His brief but brilliant life—documented by author Tom Jordan—is the tale of a true American hero. This is his story. "Some people create with words or with music or with a brush and paints. I like to make something beautiful when I run. I like to make people stop and say, 'I've never seen anyone run like that before.' It's more than just a race, it's style. It's doing something better than anyone else. It's being creative." —Steve Prefontaine *The e-book edition does not include photos

From the author of the bestseller Eat and Run, a thrilling new memoir about his grueling, exhilarating, and immensely inspiring 46-day run to break the speed record for the Appalachian Trail. Scott Jurek is one of the world's best known and most beloved ultrarunners. Renowned for his remarkable endurance and speed, accomplished on a vegan diet, he's finished first in nearly all of ultrarunning's elite events over the course of his career. But after two decades of racing, training,

speaking, and touring, Jurek felt an urgent need to discover something new about himself. He embarked on a wholly unique challenge, one that would force him to grow as a person and as an athlete: breaking the speed record for the Appalachian Trail. North is the story of the 2,189-mile journey that nearly shattered him. When he set out in the spring of 2015, Jurek anticipated punishing terrain, forbidding weather, and inevitable injuries. He would have to run nearly 50 miles a day, every day, for almost seven weeks. He knew he would be pushing himself to the limit, that comfort and rest would be in short supply -- but he couldn't have imagined the physical and emotional toll the trip would exact, nor the rewards it would offer. With his wife, Jenny, friends, and the kindness of strangers supporting him, Jurek ran, hiked, and stumbled his way north, one white blaze at a time. A stunning narrative of perseverance and personal transformation, North is a portrait of a man stripped bare on the most demanding and transcendent effort of his life. It will inspire runners and non-runners alike to keep striving for their personal best.

One year after her astonishing victory at the Badwater Ultramarathon, Pam Reed again made distance running history when she braved the hottest weather in years—135 degrees—to successfully defend her title. How does this 100-pound mother and stepmother of five muster the endurance and courage for the 28-hour climb from the hottest desert floor on Earth to the shadow of the continental United States' tallest point? In *The Extra Mile* we watch this ultramarathon champion seek balance in her life as a wife, mother, athlete, and entrepreneur. With astonishing candor she tells of her 15-year-long battle with anorexia. And she helps us to understand her passion for ultrarunning—to discover how far the human body can be pushed.

The Road to Sparta is the story of the 153-mile run from Athens to Sparta that inspired the marathon and saved democracy, as told—and experienced—by ultramarathoner and New York Times bestselling author Dean Karnazes. In 490 BCE, Pheidippides ran for 36 hours straight from Athens to Sparta to seek help in defending Athens from a Persian invasion in the Battle of Marathon. In doing so, he saved the development of Western civilization and inspired the birth of the marathon as we know it. Even now, some 2,500 years later, that run stands enduringly as one of greatest physical accomplishments in the history of mankind. Karnazes personally honors Pheidippides and his own Greek heritage by recreating this ancient journey in modern times. Karnazes even abstains from contemporary endurance nutrition like sports drinks and energy gels and only eats what was available in 490 BCE, such as figs, olives, and cured meats. Through vivid details and internal dialogs, *The Road to Sparta* offers a rare glimpse into the mindset and motivation of an extreme athlete during his most difficult and personal challenge to date. This story is sure to captivate and inspire—whether you run great distances or not at all.

This book has a single purpose - to inspire you to run! Through sharing a detailed account of my first three years of pursuing running from the middle to back of the

pack, it will hopefully show you you are capable of much more than you may think. After my father almost died of a heart attack, it was time for me to change everything. Little did I know how much I would learn after taking on some physical exercise. It's not clear to me why I chose running ultra marathons of all forms of exercise, since I was unable to run beyond one mile just a few years prior. But since that fateful day, I've never looked back.

Running is not just a sport. It reconnects us to our bodies and the places in which we live, breaking down our increasingly structured and demanding lives. It allows us to feel the world beneath our feet, lifts the spirit, lets our minds out to play, and helps us to slip away from the demands of the modern world. When Vybarr Cregan-Reid set out to discover why running means so much to so many, he began a journey which would take him out to tread London's cobbled streets, the boulevards of Paris, and down the crumbling alleyways of Ruskin's Venice. Footnotes transports you to the deserted shorelines of Seattle, the giant redwood forests of California, and to the world's most advanced running laboratories and research centers. Using debates in literature, philosophy, neuroscience, and biology, this book explores that simple human desire to run. Liberating and inspiring, Footnotes reminds us why feeling the earth beneath our feet is a necessary and healing part of our lives.

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