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#### *Journey to 100* Rodale

117 marathons, 52 days, 32 pairs of shoes, 57 years old: A fascinating glimpse inside the mind of an ultramarathon runner and the inspirational saga of his phenomenal journey running across America. The ultimate endurance athlete, Marshall Ulrich has run more than 100 foot races averaging over 100 miles each, completed 12 expedition-length adventure races, and ascended the Seven Summits - including Mount Everest - all on his first attempt. Yet his run from California to New York- the equivalent of running two marathons and a 10K every day for nearly two months straight - proved to be his most challenging effort yet. Featured in the recent documentary film, *Running America*, Ulrich clocked the 3rd fastest transcontinental crossing to date and set new records in multiple divisions. In *Running on Empty*, he shares the gritty backstory, including brushes with death, run-ins with the police, and the excruciating punishments he endured at the mercy of his maxed-out body. Ulrich also reached back nearly 30 years to when the death of the woman he loved drove him to begin running - and his dawning realization that he felt truly alive only when pushed to the limits. Filled with mind-blowing stories from the road and his sensational career, Ulrich's memoir imbues an incredible read with a universal message for athletes and nonathletes alike: face the toughest challenges, overcome debilitating

setbacks, and find deep fulfillment in something greater than achievement  
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#### The Rise of the Ultra Runners Rodale

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO RUN FOR 30, 50, OR 100 MILES? This book is a great inspiration not only to current ultrarunners, and to marathoners looking for the next challenge—but also to runners of all abilities, who will see that there is nothing you can't do if you have the desire. What makes ultrarunners tick? What goes through their minds at mile 93? How can you train for such a colossal undertaking? These questions and many more are answered in this inspiring collection of 39 personal stories from ultramarathoners.

Ultramarathoning is the logical next step for those who burn with a desire to explore their limits, and beyond. It is impossible to run ultra distances without coming away with at least one fascinating story. This book is full of them. There are stories of fatigue, blisters, nausea, and despair. But the ultrarunner prevails to find hope, love, healing, self-discovery, friendship, selflessness, and in the end, for most, triumph. Learn what it feels like to run an ultra from the champions, the newcomers, and the veterans of the sport. A few brief excerpts: "I left Edinburg witnessing my second sunrise on this run. Most ultrarunners dread dawn—the hours from 4:00 to 6:00 a.m.—primarily because this is when fatigue sets in." —Keith Knipling "It would be hours before we'd see the first aid station, and probably close to two days before we'd have dry feet again!" —Deb Pero "I'm 95 miles into a 100-miler, it's over 100 degrees out, my legs are shot, I'm a few scant minutes ahead

of Ann and Gabriel, and my pacer is stopped dead in the trail for fear of a skunk?" —Tim Twietmeyer "Ultrarunning is without question the most feared aspect of adventure racing." —Ian Adamson "The urge to quit right there was overwhelming, but I was still in the race. Perhaps a miracle would happen and I could get in under the four hours it would take to make the next cutoff. I thanked the aid station captain and plunged into the darkness." —Will Brown "It was time to put all the viable excuses aside and look inside." —Tracy Baldyga "I think I quit about 20 times during the race, mostly between the time the sun went down and the time that I finally walked away. Reality sets in when it gets dark. The trail gets lonely." —Jason Hodde "During every race you are faced with a moment of truth, a point in the race when you either quit or persevere to the end. Every person who finishes an ultramarathon has accomplished a great feat, simply because they finished." —Bethany Hunter

#### Running on Empty Page Street Publishing

"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.

#### **Running Through the Night** Random House

Ultrarunning legend Dean Karnazes has run 262 miles - the equivalent of ten marathons - without rest. He has run over mountains, across Death Valley, to the South Pole, and is probably the first person to eat an entire pizza while running. With an insight, candour and humour rarely seen in sports memoirs, *Ultramarathon Man* has inspired tens of thousands of people - nonrunners and runners alike - to push themselves beyond their comfort zones and simply get out there and run. *Ultramarathon Man* answers the questions Karnazes is continually asked: - Why do you do it? - How do you do it? - Are you insane? and the follow-up queries: - What, exactly, do you eat? - How do you train to stay in such good shape?

*Running Beyond Limits* Allen & Unwin 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 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 his life, a physical and emotional reckoning and a battle to stay true to one's purpose. Confronting his age, wearying body, career path and life choices, we see Karnazes as we never have before, raw and exposed. *A Runner's High* is both an endorphin-fuelled page-turner and a love letter to the sport from one of its most celebrated ambassadors.

#### Into the Furnace Profile Books

Ultramarathons don't leave much room for mistakes. Don't learn the hard way: get a jump on training for an ultramarathon with Hal Koerner's *Field Guide to Ultrarunning*, a comprehensive handbook to running 30 to 100 miles and beyond, written by one of the most experienced and recognized athletes in the sport. Hal Koerner is among America's best ultrarunners with podium results in more than 90 ultramarathons. In his smart, down-to-earth handbook, Koerner shares hard-earned wisdom, field-tested habits, and insider tips to help you prepare for your ultra. You'll find guidance on exactly what you need to know to prepare for ultramarathon, including: best gear for ultrarunning fueling and hydration guidelines choosing an ultra trail-running technique first-aid advice beating altitude, storms, and heat race-day game plans crew and pacer tips mental strategies to get you

to the finish line The guide offers three detailed training plans to prepare for 50K, 50-mile to 100K, and 100-mile ultramarathons. Start your ultra with confidence and finish it strong with Hal Koerner's *Field Guide to Ultrarunning! Running Through the Wall* Random House

The story of Scotsman Andrew Murray's attempt to run from Scotland to the Sahara without a break. It is 2,659 miles from John O'Groats at the northern tip of mainland Britain to Merzouga in Morocco and Andrew planned to complete the distance in 85 days. That's the equivalent of 100 marathons run end to end--and not a single day off to recover. Attempting to cram in a staggering 8,000 calories every day is extremely difficult and doesn't stop the body from beginning to break down. This book is the story of that run, interwoven between tales of extraordinary endurance events in some of the most extreme locations in the world. It answers the question, 'why do it?', and offers a gripping insight into what drives an extreme athlete to break new ground. Murray's epic journey was the subject of a BBC documentary.

#### *Running to Extremes* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Have you ever wanted to run a 100km ultra marathon? And not just run it, but enjoy it and make it to the finish? But what will it take to improve your ultra running and achieve the results you want? The biggest challenge ultra runners face is not their lack of motivation or determination. The biggest challenge ultra runners face is their lack of preparation and training. *Journey to 100* will teach you how to prepare and train for your next ultra marathon, including: How to successfully train as an ultra runner. How to implement specific

ultra running principles. How the different elements of ultra running - training, pacing, nutrition, tapering, and more - apply to you. How to invest your training time well and get the best training results. How to have more fun on the trails. By the end of *Journey to 100*, you will have unlocked an unwavering belief in yourself, and will know at the start line that you will cross the finish line.

**Stronger Than the Dark** Simon and Schuster

In the tradition of *Wild* and *H Is for Hawk*, an *Outside* magazine writer tells her story—of fathers and daughters, grief and renewal, adventure and obsession, and the power of running to change your life. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY REAL SIMPLE I'm running to forget, and to remember. For more than a decade, Katie Arnold chased adventure around the world, reporting on extreme athletes who performed outlandish feats—walking high lines a thousand feet off the ground without a harness, or running one hundred miles through the night. She wrote her stories by living them, until eventually life on the thin edge of risk began to seem normal. After she married, Katie and her husband vowed to raise their daughters to be adventurous, too, in the mountains and canyons of New Mexico. But when her father died of cancer, she was forced to confront her own mortality. His death was cataclysmic, unleashing a perfect storm of grief and anxiety. She and her father, an enigmatic photographer for *National Geographic*, had always been kindred spirits. He introduced her to the outdoors and took her camping and on bicycle trips and down rivers, and taught her to find solace and courage in the natural world. And it was he who encouraged her to run her first race

when she was seven years old. Now nearly paralyzed by fear and terrified she was dying, too, she turned to the thing that had always made her feel most alive: running. Over the course of three tumultuous years, she ran alone through the wilderness, logging longer and longer distances, first a 50-kilometer ultramarathon, then 50 miles, then 100 kilometers. She ran to heal her grief, to outpace her worry that she wouldn't live to raise her own daughters. She ran to find strength in her weakness. She ran to remember and to forget. She ran to live. Ultrarunning tests the limits of human endurance over seemingly inhuman distances, and as she clocked miles across mesas and mountains, Katie learned to tolerate pain and discomfort, and face her fears of uncertainty, vulnerability, and even death itself. As she ran, she found herself peeling back the layers of her relationship with her father, discovering that much of what she thought she knew about him, and her own past, was wrong. *Running Home* is a memoir about the stories we tell ourselves to make sense of our world—the stories that hold us back, and the ones that set us free. Mesmerizing, transcendent, and deeply exhilarating, it is a book for anyone who has been knocked over by life, or feels the pull of something bigger and wilder within themselves. "A beautiful work of searching remembrance and searing honesty . . . Katie Arnold is as gifted on the page as she is on the trail. *Running Home* will soon join such classics as *Born to Run* and *Ultramarathon Man* as quintessential reading of the genre."—Hampton Sides, author of *On Desperate Ground* and *Ghost Soldiers*  
[Never Wipe Your Ass with a Squirrel!](#)  
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2,200 miles. 47 days. One remarkable

journey. In July 2015, ultramarathon legend Scott Jurek smashed the world record for running the Appalachian Trail, the sprawling mountain path that runs nearly the entire length of the United States. For nearly seven weeks straight, Jurek battled the elements to run, hike and stumble 50 miles every single day. A tale of mind-boggling physical exertion, pressure and endurance, North reveals the extraordinary lengths to which we can push our bodies and our minds. Instant New York Times Bestseller

\_\_\_\_\_ 'Pure suspense, adventure, and inspiration . . . His story of plunging into the wilderness in pursuit of a dream is both heartwrenching and spellbinding.' Christopher McDougall, author of *Born to Run* 'Probably America's greatest ever ultrarunner.' Guardian 'Scott Jurek's record-setting journey on the Appalachian Trail was the most punishing, most demanding, most gruelling feat I've ever personally witnessed . . . An immersive and engaging book.' Aron Ralston, author of *127 Hours* 'I'm a huge fan . . . North is tremendous.' Vassos Alexander, BBC Radio 2 'Undoubtedly the greatest ultrarunner of his generation.' Independent

*Run!* Wilderness Press

Foot pain and injuries can thwart even the most experienced athletes. Foot expert and ultra runner John Vonhof discredits the conventional wisdom of 'no pain, no gain,' teaching instead how the interplay of anatomy, biomechanics, and footwear can lead to happy or hurting feet. With a focus on individual and team care, the 6th edition of *Fixing Your Feet* covers all that any active person needs to know to find out what works now and also hundreds of miles down the road. This sixth edition has an important new chapter, Blister

Prevention - A New Paradigm. It contains new information about blister formation and introduces the concept of shear, which in turn, changes the way we look at blister prevention and treatment. This comprehensive resources covers the full gamut of footwear basics, prevention, and treatments. If it can happen to a foot, it's covered in this book.

**Running Home** Vertebrate Publishing  
A New York Times bestseller 'A sensation ... a rollicking tale well told' - The Times  
At the heart of *Born to Run* lies a mysterious tribe of Mexican Indians, the Tarahumara, who live quietly in canyons and are reputed to be the best distance runners in the world; in 1993, one of them, aged 57, came first in a prestigious 100-mile race wearing a toga and sandals. A small group of the world's top ultra-runners (and the awe-inspiring author) make the treacherous journey into the canyons to try to learn the tribe's secrets and then take them on over a course 50 miles long. With incredible energy and smart observation, McDougall tells this story while asking what the secrets are to being an incredible runner. Travelling to labs at Harvard, Nike, and elsewhere, he comes across an incredible cast of characters, including the woman who recently broke the world record for 100 miles and for her encore ran a 2:50 marathon in a bikini, pausing to down a beer at the 20 mile mark.

*Eat and Run* Rowman & Littlefield

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

The Yukon Arctic Ultra Atlantic Books  
A unique fitness program from a highly respected spiritual leader that blends physical and spiritual practice for everyone - regardless of age, spiritual background, or ability - to great benefits for both body and soul. As a Tibetan lama and leader of Shambhala (an

international community of 165 meditation centers), Sakyong Mipham has found physical activity to be essential for spiritual well-being. He's been trained in horsemanship and martial arts but has a special love for running. Here he incorporates his spiritual practice with running, presenting basic meditation instruction and fundamental principles he has developed. Even though both activities can be complicated, the lessons here are simple and designed to show how the melding of internal practice with physical movement can be used by anyone - regardless of age, spiritual background, or ability - to benefit body and soul. Running with the Mind of Meditation A&C Black

'A masterpiece' The Sunday Times 'The pure essence of trail running, infectious and captivating' Scott Jurek, bestselling author of Eat and Run 'One of the best books about the extremes of sporting endeavour that you will ever read' Independent on Sunday Twenty years since it was first published, Feet in the Clouds by Richard Askwith remains the definitive story of fell-running and a modern sports classic. Richard Askwith's journey takes him into a world of forbidding rocky hills, horizontal rain, fear, exhaustion and stunning natural beauty, as well as one of the sport's purest and toughest challenges: the Bob Graham Round, running 42 Lake District peaks in 24 hours. Along the way, he encounters some of the most prodigious - and unsung - athletes that Britain has produced, such as Joss Naylor, who covered the equivalent of four Everests in a single run. Gripping, funny and moving, Feet in the Clouds is a story that any aspiring runner, endurance athlete or mountain-lover will understand well: of extremity, heroism and the

experience of a lifetime. With a fully revised epilogue and an introduction from bestselling author Robert Macfarlane, this is a complete portrait of one of the few sports to have remained utterly true to its roots – in which the point is not fame or fortune but to run the ancient, wild landscape, and to be a hero, if at all, within one's own valley.

*In It for the Long Run* Aurum

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.

**Reborn on the Run** Simon and Schuster

'Filled to the brim with advice, tips and inspiration to enable you to achieve your dreams over whatever distance you want your legs to carry you' Chrissie Wellington, OBE, four-time Ironman Triathlon World Champion From complete beginners to seasoned off-road runners, *The Ultimate Trail Running Handbook* has all the training and nutrition advice, skills, gear and motivation you need to become a fit and confident trail runner. There are training plans that take newcomers from 5k parkrun to first trail marathon, while for experienced runners there are sections on strength work, injury prevention and advanced training plans to boost performance up to 50k (30 miles). To

keep you enjoying every step, you'll find advice on how to choose the right gear; over 20 easy, healthy recipes; inspiring stories from real trail runners; and advice from top athletes and coaches. And if you want to explore new trails, you can use the navigation and route planning section to create your own exciting off-road adventure. If you're a trail runner or would like to become one, this book is your new best friend.

[The Road to Sparta](#) Independently Published

Ultra-marathons are not the preserve of the fitness elite – with hard work and solid training ordinary people can take part. At first 100k and 5000m ascent/descent may seem intimidating but, as experience grows, this turns in to an achievable adventure in the Alps.

Starting with the flagship UTMB

'Courmayeur Champex Chamonix' (CCC) race this book traces a journey across Europe ending back in Chamonix with the 'Sur les Traces des Ducs de Savoie' (TDS)'. The races on this journey include UTMR, Ut4M, Transylvania 50 and 80, South de France 100, Arctic Ultra, Lakeland 100 and Ecotrail events in Oslo and Paris. Each event is covered in detail so you know what to expect should you decide to enter. Written from the back half of the pack, the steps to success are unpicked and laid out (including how to deal with a 'Did Not Finish') showing what is possible with planning, training, self-belief and a touch of luck. Come with me on a journey in to the night.

[Running The World](#) Harmony

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

### **Broken Open: Mountains, Demons, Treadmills and a Search for Nirvana**

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'Superb - a great book to fuel your wanderlust.' Mark Beaumont 'The ultimate running book, showcasing the ultimate running adventure.' Sean Conway --- In 2019, Nick Butter became the first person to run a marathon in every country on Earth. This is Nick's story of his world record-breaking adventure and the extraordinary people who joined him along the way. On

January 6th 2018, Nick Butter tied his laces and stepped out on to an icy pavement in Toronto, where he began to take the first steps of an epic journey that would see him run 196 marathons in every one of the world's 196 countries. Spending almost two years on the road and relying on the kindness of strangers to keep him moving, Nick's odyssey allowed him to travel slowly, on foot, immersing himself in the diverse cultures and customs of his host nations. Running through capital cities and deserts, around islands and through spectacular landscapes, Nick dodges bullets in Guinea-Bissau, crosses battlefields in Syria, survives a wild dog

attack in Tunisia and runs around an erupting volcano in Guatemala. Along the way, he is often joined by local supporters and fellow runners, curious children and bemused passers-by. Telling their stories alongside his own, Nick captures the unique spirit of each place he visits and forges a new relationship with the world around him. Running the World captures Nick's journey as he sets three world records and covers over five thousand miles. As he recounts his adventures, he shares his unique perspective on our glorious planet, celebrates the diversity of human experience, and reflects on the overwhelming power of running.