

# *RUNNING & BEING*

*THE TOTAL EXPERIENCE*

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ANNIVERSARY  
EDITION  
-of the-  
CLASSIC  
BESTSELLER*

*Dr. George Sheehan*

Running & Being: The Total Experience, George Sheehan, Rodale, 2013, 1609619307, 9781609619305, 255 pages. A New York Times bestseller for 14 weeks in 1978, Running and 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 and 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 and 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.

Run farther, run faster , Joe Henderson, 1985, Sports & Recreation, 238 pages. .

The Essential Sheehan A Lifetime of Running Wisdom from the Legendary Dr. George Sheehan, George Sheehan, Oct 29, 2013, Sports & Recreation, 336 pages. Runners and readers whose connections to the sport date back to the 1970s surely remember Dr. George Sheehan, the New Jersey cardiologist and writer whose unique approach to ....

The Runner's Handbook The Bestselling Classic Fitness Guide for Beginning Intermediate Runners 2nd rev Edition, Bob Glover, Jack Shepherd, Shelly-lynn Florence Glover, Jun 1, 1996, Sports & Recreation, 752 pages. If you're a runner, or would like to be one, The Runner's Handbook will answer all your questions. Fitness expert Bob Glover-who has trained thousands of runners-shows you how ....

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This running life , George Sheehan, Oct 13, 1980, Health & Fitness, 287 pages. This practical training guide further develops Sheehan's idea that running is a metaphor for life and a path to self-knowledge, and explains how the body's design relates to ....

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Running Through the Wall Personal Encounters With the Ultramarathon, Neal Jamison, Apr 1, 2003, Sports & Recreation, 288 pages. What it's like to run races of 30, 50, and even 100 or more miles..

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Racing Weight How to Get Lean for Peak Performance, Matt Fitzgerald, Dec 1, 2009, , 224 pages. This is the first book to explain how endurance athletes -- runners, cyclists, triathletes, cross-country skiers, rowers, swimmers -- should lose weight..

No Need for Speed A Beginner's Guide to the Joy of Running, John Bingham, Apr 20, 2002, Sports & Recreation, 240 pages. Provides practical and inspirational advice for both experienced and novice runners, covering such topics as training, injury prevention, and finding joy in running..

Runner's World Guide to Road Racing , Katie McDonald Neitz, Aug 1, 2008, Running, 272 pages. Whether you are a competitive or a recreational runner, the Runner's World Guide to Road Racing is a must-have book to help you prepare for and perform your best on race day ....

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Holding On to Reality The Nature of Information at the Turn of the Millennium, Albert Borgmann, Dec 1, 2007, Technology & Engineering, 282 pages. Holding On to Reality is a brilliant history of information, from its inception in the natural world to its role in the transformation of culture to the current Internet mania ....

The book that helped get the world running is back. This New York Times bestseller written by the late runner, doctor, philosopher, Dr. George Sheehan is a timeless classic. It tells of Dr. Sheehan's midlife return to the world of exercise, play, and competition. Focusing on the importance of "play", Sheehan describes his program for fitness and joy, sharing with the reader how the body helps open up our mental and spiritual energies.

By publishing this 20th-anniversary edition of his signature work, the Sheehan family hopes to make George Sheehan's work available to all athletes. We encourage you to read his words, and we hope you find on its pages the inspiration to lead your own athletic journey that might help you become the person you were meant to be.

For the Sheehan neophyte, let me say this, this is NOT a book to learn how run better. It IS a book to become a better person. Dr. Sheehan is simply one of us; a runner who happens to write. The beauty of this book is that Sheehan doesn't candy coat his stories. He tells running as it is, as he is. You'll read this book and continually say, "My god, that's it, that's what I feel, that's how I am too." Soon, things you'd suspected about yourself, become clearer. Questions like, "Why do you run?", begin to have meaningful answers.

I have read tons about running and if I had to rank them, all Dr. Sheehan's books would be on the top of the list (But "R&B" is the best of his stuff, so start there). If you want the definitive book on all the technical details about running, get Glover's "Competitive Runner's Handbook" (make sure "Competitive" is in the title). If you want or need helping understanding life, read all of Sheehan's stuff. Heck those two books (Sheehan & Glover) are really all you need for years of PR's and

spiritual growth.

Written both for the casual and competitive runners, *Running & Being* chronicles the middle-aged return to running of George Sheehan, the sport's medical and spiritual guru. This 35th anniversary edition (it was also updated in 1998) includes a foreword by Sheehan's son Andrew and renowned writer, runner Kenny Moore. Andrew explains how his dad came to be the first 50-year-old to run a mile in under five minutes and how he used running to simplify and embrace life. In the intro, Olympian marathoner and journalist Kenny Moore praises Sheehan as a writer and philosopher and credits him with bringing runners everywhere back to the "Tao of running."

As the bestselling author of eight books, Dr. George Sheehan is an important voice on the practice and philosophy of running. Although running is obviously very much in the physical realm, Sheehan points us to its spiritual aspects. *Running & Being* strikes a balance between practical advice and Sheehan's insights and anecdotes on the emotions running evokes. This book stresses the importance of understanding the activities we practice--in that sense, any athlete would benefit from the nuggets of wisdom from the sagely Sheehan.

Even though I am not a runner I've re-read this book over and over again. It's really that good. It's about much more than putting on running shoes and going out on the streets to pound the pavement. This book, in my opinion, touches on what it really means to be human. To be a member of the species homo-sapiens, in it's physical, mental and spiritual being. Somehow, Sheehan, while he was writing this book, reached some state of genius of insight into the meaning of human existence and managed to put it all down on paper. He tells us what it means to live in a physical body and not to ever neglect that fact in our lives if we want to live trully full existences.

I strongly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys philosophy and deep reflection on the meaning of life. I am not much of a reader but once I picked up this book I simply could not put it down. Sheehan has a way a putting together the pain and joy of sports and shows you how you cannot have one without the other. He reminds us that in order to gain the glory of sports, we must endure the pain which is sure to come every time we challenge ourselves. Every time I run, I am able to remember at least one line out of this very powerful book. This helps me to remember that I am not alone, at least not as a pain-enduring athlete.

It was years later that science charted the endomorphins that proved Sheehan's point; he already knew the effect running had on improving his life. It improved other lives also; Dr Sheehan was a regular speaker at our varsity XC banquets back in the late 60's; and he was as entertaining and motivating in person as he was 10 years later in print.

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