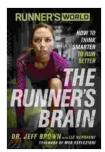
# The Runner Brain: Unlocking the Secrets of Running Performance



### Runner's World The Runner's Brain: How to Think

Smarter to Run Better by Ken Jeremiah

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For runners of all levels, the pursuit of improvement is an endless journey. We constantly seek ways to become faster, stronger, and more resilient. But what if the key to unlocking your running potential lies not in your legs, but in your mind?

In his groundbreaking book, 'The Runner Brain,' Dr. Jeff Brown reveals the latest research on the brain-body connection and its profound implications for running performance. Through engaging stories and cutting-edge neuroscience, Brown demonstrates how our minds influence every aspect of our running, from our speed and endurance to our motivation and recovery.

#### **The Mind-Body Connection**

The brain is the command center of our bodies. It controls everything from our breathing and heart rate to our thoughts and emotions. When we run, the brain sends signals to our muscles, telling them how to move. But the brain also receives signals from our bodies, which provide information about our speed, pace, and energy levels.

This two-way communication between the brain and body is essential for running performance. The brain uses the information it receives from the body to make adjustments, such as increasing our stride length or slowing down our pace. Conversely, our thoughts and emotions can also influence our body's performance. For example, if we are feeling anxious or stressed, our muscles may tense up and our running efficiency may decrease.

#### The Runner's Mindset

In addition to the physical demands of running, there is also a significant mental component. The runner's mindset is a set of attitudes and beliefs that can have a profound impact on our performance. A positive mindset can help us overcome challenges, stay motivated, and achieve our goals. Conversely, a negative mindset can lead to self-doubt, anxiety, and poor performance.

Brown identifies several key aspects of the runner's mindset, including:

- **Self-confidence:** Believing in your ability to achieve your goals is essential for success in running. When you have self-confidence, you are more likely to take on challenges and push yourself to your limits.
- Motivation: Finding the motivation to run consistently can be difficult,
   especially when you are feeling tired or discouraged. Brown provides

- strategies for staying motivated, such as setting goals, finding a running buddy, and listening to music.
- **Resilience:** Running is a challenging sport, and there will be times when you experience setbacks. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from setbacks and learn from your mistakes. Brown offers tips for developing resilience, such as accepting failure, focusing on your strengths, and staying positive.

#### **Training the Runner Brain**

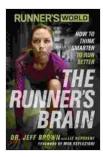
Just as we can train our bodies to become stronger and faster, we can also train our brains to think more positively and perform better. Brown provides several exercises and techniques that can help you train your runner brain, including:

- **Visualization:** Visualizing yourself performing well in a race or training run can help improve your confidence and motivation. When you visualize success, your brain actually begins to create neural pathways that support that outcome.
- Positive self-talk: The words we say to ourselves have a powerful impact on our thoughts and feelings. By practicing positive self-talk, you can improve your self-confidence and reduce anxiety.
- Meditation: Meditation can help you focus your mind, reduce stress, and improve your overall well-being. There are many different types of meditation, so find one that works for you and practice it regularly.

'The Runner Brain' is an essential read for any runner who wants to improve their performance. Through the latest research on the brain-body connection, Brown provides a comprehensive understanding of how our

minds influence our running. By training our runner brains, we can unlock our full potential and achieve our running goals.

Whether you are a beginner just starting out or a seasoned veteran looking to take your running to the next level, 'The Runner Brain' has something to offer you. So pick up a copy today and start unlocking the secrets of your running brain.



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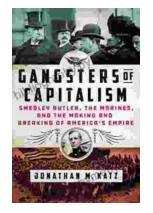
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