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I was never an athlete. In fact, I was the kid who always got picked last for gym class. I was overweight, out of shape, and had zero interest in running.

But then something changed. I don't know what it was, but one day I decided to go for a run. I didn't make it very far, but I kept at it. Day after day, I ran a little bit further. And slowly but surely, I started to get better.

Running wasn't easy at first, but it taught me a lot about myself. I learned that I am stronger than I thought, and that I can do anything I set my mind to. Running also helped me to lose weight and get in shape. But more importantly, it gave me a sense of accomplishment and pride that I had never felt before.

In 2016, I ran my first marathon. It was the hardest thing I have ever done, but it was also the most rewarding. Crossing that finish line was an incredible feeling. I had proven to myself that I could do anything I set my mind to.

I am not a natural runner. I am not fast, and I don't always enjoy it.

But running has changed my life in so many ways. It has made me healthier, stronger, and more confident. It has also taught me the importance of perseverance and hard work. Running is not just about crossing a finish line. It is about overcoming obstacles, achieving goals, and discovering your own potential.

Lessons I've Learned from Running

If you are thinking about starting to run, I encourage you to give it a try. It is not easy, but it is worth it. Here are a few lessons I have learned from running:

- **Anyone can run.** You don't have to be an athlete or in great shape to start running. Just start slowly and gradually increase your distance and intensity.
- **Running is a great way to get in shape.** Running is a low-impact exercise that is easy on your joints. It is also a great way to burn calories and lose weight.
- **Running can help you to relieve stress.** Running is a great way to clear your mind and de-stress.
- **Running can help you to improve your sleep.** Running can help you to fall asleep more easily and sleep more soundly.

- **Running can help you to boost your confidence.** Setting and achieving running goals can help you to feel more confident in yourself and your abilities.

Tips for Unlikely Runners

If you are new to running and have a goal in mind, here are a few tips:

1. **Start slowly and gradually increase your distance and intensity.** Don't try to do too much too soon. Start with a short distance and gradually increase your distance and intensity over time.
2. **Find a running buddy.** Having someone to run with can help you to stay motivated and make running more fun.
3. **Set realistic goals.** Don't set yourself up for failure by setting unrealistic goals. Start with a small goal and gradually increase your goals as you get stronger.
4. **Listen to your body.** If you are feeling pain, stop running and rest. Don't push yourself too hard.
5. **Have fun!** Running should be enjoyable. If you are not having fun, you are less likely to stick with it. Find a way to make running fun for yourself.

Running has changed my life in so many ways. It has made me healthier, stronger, and more confident. It has also taught me the importance of perseverance and hard work. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story with others and I hope that it inspires you to start running or to keep running.

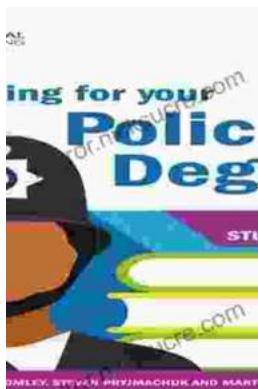
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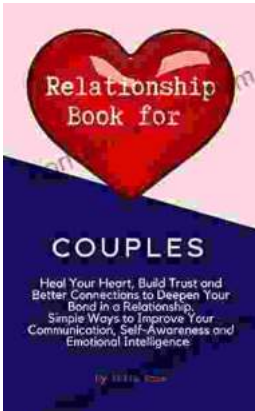
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