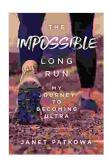
My Journey To Becoming Ultra

The Beginning

My journey to becoming an ultra marathon runner began with a simple desire to push my limits and see how far I could go. I had always been an avid runner, but I was intrigued by the idea of running distances that most people would consider extreme. I had heard stories of runners who could run for hours on end, and I wanted to see if I had what it takes to do the same.

I started by gradually increasing my running distance and duration. I also began to incorporate more hill workouts into my training, as I knew that ultra marathons often involve significant elevation gain. After a few months of consistent training, I felt confident enough to sign up for my first ultra marathon.



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My First Ultra

My first ultra marathon was a 50-mile race through the mountains of Colorado. I was nervous, but also excited to finally put my training to the test. The race started early in the morning, and the first few miles went by quickly. But as the day wore on, the miles started to take their toll. My legs began to ache, and my lungs burned. But I kept going, one step at a time.

I finally crossed the finish line after 12 hours and 30 minutes. I was exhausted, but I had also never felt so accomplished in my life. I had proven to myself that I could do anything I set my mind to.

The Road to 100 Miles

After my first ultra marathon, I was hooked. I loved the challenge of pushing my body to its limits, and I wanted to see how far I could go. I started training for a 100-mile race, the holy grail of ultra marathons. The training was grueling, but I was determined to succeed.

I ran my first 100-mile race in 2018. It was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. I spent over 24 hours on my feet, and I had to overcome both physical and mental challenges. But in the end, I crossed the finish line, and I knew that I had achieved something truly special.

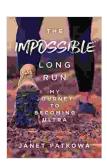
Lessons Learned

Along the way, I have learned a lot about myself and about running. Here are some of the most important lessons that I have learned:

Anything is possible if you set your mind to it. I never thought that I would be able to run an ultra marathon, but I proved myself wrong. If you have a dream, don't let anything stop you from pursuing it.

- The body is an amazing machine. The human body is capable of incredible things, even when it is pushed to its limits. I have learned that I am stronger than I ever thought I was.
- The mind is even more powerful than the body. Mental strength is just as important as physical strength when it comes to ultra running. I have learned to overcome negative thoughts and to stay focused on my goals.
- Nutrition is key. What you eat before, during, and after an ultra marathon can make a big difference in your performance. I have learned to pay attention to my body and to eat what it needs to stay fueled.
- Recovery is just as important as training. It is important to give your body time to rest and recover after an ultra marathon. I have learned to listen to my body and to take breaks when I need them.

My journey to becoming ultra has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life. I have learned a lot about myself and about running, and I have developed a deep love for this sport. I encourage anyone who is interested in pushing their limits to give ultra running a try. It is a challenging but rewarding experience that will change your life in more ways than one.



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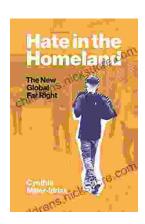
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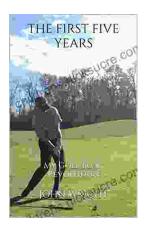
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