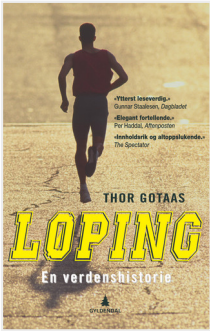


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## Running -- a world history

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A funny, almost improbable world story about a basic human skill; putting one foot in front of the other, and continuing like that. In ancient Egypt, the pharaoh ran to prove his vitality and maintain power. In ancient Greece, virgins ran naked across cultivated fields to become fertile. Norwegian Vikings trained by racing horses, and to fight old age. The Incas in Peru had a stable of runners who brought fresh fish from the coast to the supreme Inca of the kingdom. Thor Gotaas shows us a fantastic diversity of what running is and has been.

This unique classic history of running has sold to many languages, such as: Arabic, Chinese, English, German, Swedish, Finnish, Japanese, Dutch, Russian, Turkish, Portuguese, Slovakian, Ethiopian.

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