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Drawing from Forster's three decades of training and treating Olympic athletes and more than 10,000 runners at his award-winning Santa Monica, California, physical therapy and high-performance centers, this book emphasizes that better performance is inextricably bound to injury reduction and that a comprehensive, science-based training plan with built-in anti-injury "insurance" must include these crucial elements:

Periodization training

Proper technique and footwear

Nutrition

Posture and flexibility

Strength training

This book also includes detailed, step-by-step rehabilitation matrixes for the five most common running injuries: IT band syndrome, Achilles tendonitis, shin splints, plantar fasciitis, and hamstring injuries. Using these unique matrixes as your guide, you'll recover from injuries more quickly and understand what you

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". . . presents a good, honest, common-sense plan gained from years of experience and results at the highest levels of the sport. If you're ready to end the running injury yo-yo for good, you'll be smarter and safer the second you open this book." - **Rod Dixon, three-time Olympian and New York City Marathon champion**

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About the Author

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