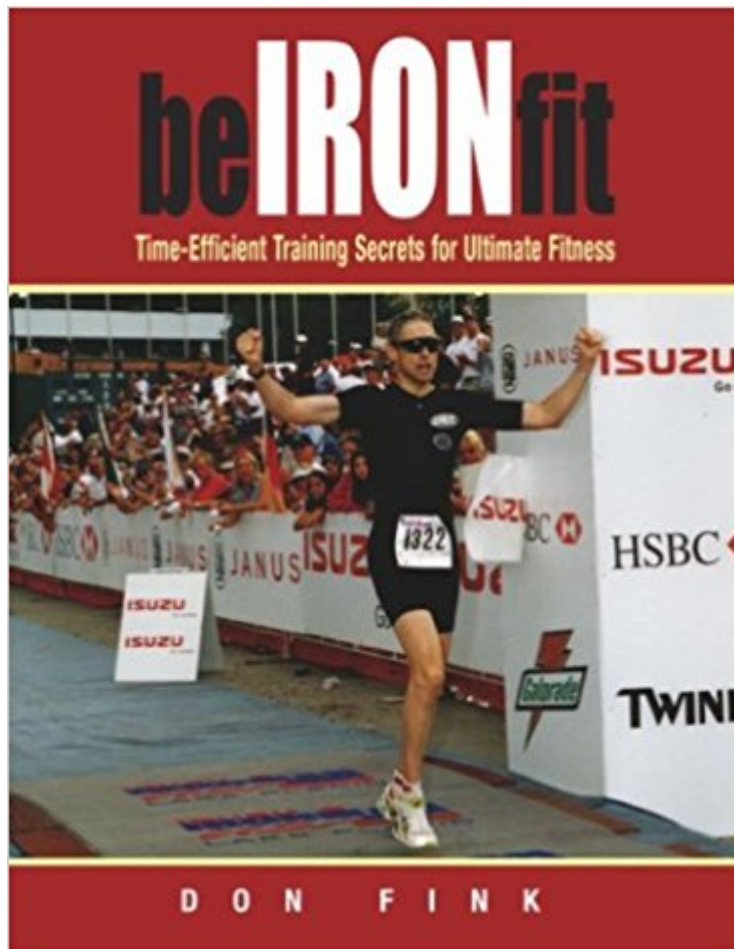




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Don Fink left his managing director position on Wall Street after twenty years to pursue his passion for Ironman. He is now one of the most successful Ironman triathletes and coaches.

I bought this book a year ago and decided to wait until after my race to see how it worked out. I by far exceeded my expectations and will without a doubt recommend this book to anyone wanting to race an Ironman. These are the reasons: 1. Time and Heart rate monitor training.. (my ironman marathon is my PR... read the book it explains the HR idea) -Easy to predict how long you will be running/biking when you go for a 90 min run vs a 9 mile run... it helped my time management especially during the week. I have a 40/hr wk job 2. 3 plans to choose from... I did mostly the competitive program minus a few things here and there due to lack of time.. and still stayed within the intermediate program. The biggest benefit were the competitive Sat/Sun workouts. 3. Lots of really good training tips if you cannot afford a coach (which I could not) 4. Forces you to think about everything leading up to the race... bike fit, shoe fit, nutrition, transition, mental training There are lots of ways to get yourself to the finish line and lots of programs to choose from... This book has loads of information and worth reading. PS I finished my first IM 12:55:42

I quit smoking two years ago and wanted to do something unique to a non-smoker. So, I signed up for an Ironman. I had never ridden a bike, hadn't swam in years, and was only a recreational runner. So, I needed something that could take me from zero to completing a race. This book was exactly what I needed! This book is packed full of relevant, useful information about how to complete a race. It not only gives you actual, detailed, day-by-day plans, but also the theory and background on building endurance to help you problem solve as you go through your training. I especially loved that the book has three plans: one for "Just Finish", one for "Competitive", and the third was somewhere in between. His advice on time management, and the real Ironman athlete profiles/advice throughout the book helped me with believing this was really possible for someone with a full-time job. My one critique is the lack of material on the level of fitness required in order to

start. This book assumes you can start out with a 45 minute run, a 30 minute bike ride, and can handle an hour in the pool. I was able to finish my Half Ironman in Kansas last year, but realized I wouldn't be in shape for the full Ironman in time. I am now doing more Half-distance races to get more experience before trying a full. The tools and plans in this book are perfect for a first-time athlete looking to finish a Half or Full distance Ironman.

This book is incredible. I have read many books in my long period on earth, but this one has possibly changed my life the most. I bought this book after slogging through Gordo's book left me overwhelmed. Don Fink lays everything out in plain language. He never makes miraculous claims, certainly there is no easy way to becoming an Ironman. However, he presents examples of folks busier than me who have done it, and done it well. He presents them, not in a glorified way, but as humans to whom we can all relate. (In fact reading his book has made me Karen Smyers fan all the way!) Equally important to Fink's training strategies, are his lifestyle suggestions. Catching quick naps, managing time, family meetings....these are all concepts we can employ on or off season. However, I found the single most brilliant feature of the book to be Don's concept of identifying life's "energy givers" versus "energy takers" and using your own power to minimize your exposure to the latter. Reading this book taught me that I have some control over what life dishes out to me, and how much I let it effect my race. I take this concept with me along my journey in life every day - as well as the confidence that came with finishing an Iron triathlon. Anyone who has ever dreamed of finishing an Ironman -- even if it is a decade away on your time plan, PLEASE read this book.

I used this book to complete my first ironman-distance triathlon a couple of years ago. I recently bought a copy for a friend of mine who will be training with me for the 2012 Texas Ironman. This book provides three training schedules (beginners, intermediates, and competitors) you can use to meet your IM goals. It also provides outstanding training and time management tips. The author is/was an Ironman and doesn't get so technical when it comes to the subject material. Get it used and it will be money well spent. Good luck. Enjoy your training. PK

I've read a dozen or so books on triathlon. Some are more informative (like Complete Triathlon Book by Matt Fitzgerald and The Triathlete's Training Bible by Joe Friel) and some are more inspiring (like Becoming an Ironman by Kara Douglas Thom), but this book strikes a nice balance between being informative and inspiring. I especially like the many tips on time management--how to work your full training program around demands of work and family. So why not 5 stars? I think the book should

have been 50 pages longer and included more depth in some of the important subjects that all triathletes need to know about.

If you are thinking about doing an Ironman triathlon, this is your book! it has 3 easy to follow plans and it works. I am doing my second IM race in 2 weeks and am following the intermediate plan again.....If you follow it, you can finish an Ironman!

super book with lots of information and valuable tips and pointers and great stuff to help with your race and prep for race

I really enjoyed this book, and used it while training for an Ironman. I am 49 years old, hadn't done any exercise since high school, and had bloated up to 250+ pounds. I took off 60lbs with Atkins, and started training for a marathon. Less than a year later I finished the Wisconsin Ironman. Don has really good advice if you are short on time and not starting in great shape. Very realistic program.

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