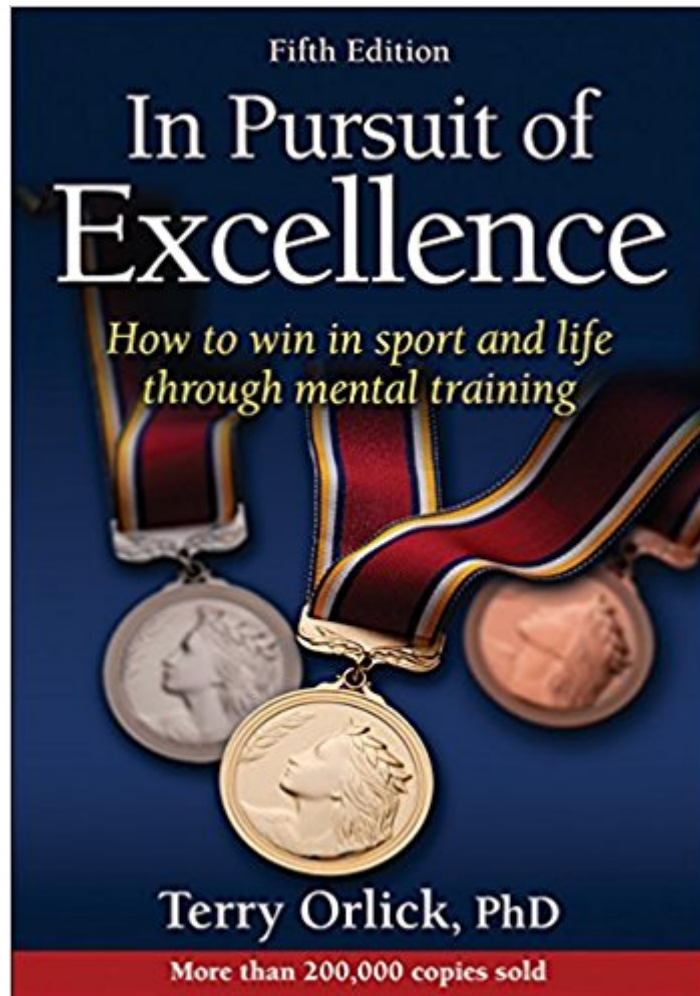




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Excellent book, I learned so much about myself

Very detailed and informative

a very interesting read and highly applicable!

Terry Orlick's advice for winning and having a positive outlook reminds me of my running coach back in high school. I think *In Pursuit of Excellence* could've been his bible. Naturally, as a 17-year-old I didn't appreciate the lessons nearly enough. We spent what seemed like an unnecessary amount of time drawing up race plans and actually writing them down in a notebook and doing visualization drills. I now see the value, but back then all I wanted to do was run. In this book, the author has a tried-and-true formula for success, but since most of us have never competed on the level of the audience he's speaking to, I'm guessing all the planning, visualizing, self-evaluations and pep talks he preaches won't make much sense to the

casual reader. Terry Orlick is straightforward and completely un-cynical with his methods. I admire him for that. And he gets results. That's what matters most.

In this recent edition of "In Pursuit of Excellence", Dr. Terry Orlick presents his formula for just that - pursuit of excellence. He relies heavily on his experience with world class athletic achievers, but more importantly extrapolates a guide for all seeking their apex. I found myself many times in this reading reflecting on my own life parallels of focusing on goals, positive reinforcement, controlling distractions etc, to achieve what at some times seemed unachievable life goals. This is however, not a book to be taken lightly. Orlick guides you through others challenges, demonstrates how focus and re-focusing when coupled with well applied action leads to success. You have to dot yourself. In a world of distractions, Orlick's guide is a much needed resource. Executives, athletes, leaders of all sorts and the great doers of our modern world could all benefit from reading this guidebook to achieve their greatest success. A must read.

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