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Drawing on his extensive experience as a coach and world champion athlete, bestselling author Dan Millman reveals a path to success not only in sports but in any life endeavor that requires training and the integration of the body and mind — from golf and tennis to playing the piano. Body Mind Mastery is a revised and updated edition of Millman's classic *The Inner Athlete* and includes a brand new Peaceful Warrior warmup, with photos and instructions on creating a daily exercise routine from Millman's principles, as well as a new section on the aging athlete. Through personal experience, as well as anecdotes from teaching and coaching at such schools as Stanford, U.C. Berkeley, and Oberlin College, Millman directs the reader through the detailed process of attaining the optimum performance of body and mind, where "our minds are free of concern or anxiety, focused on the present moment; our bodies relaxed, sensitive, elastic, and aligned with gravity; our emotions free-flowing expression, uninhibited, spontaneous."

Body Mind Mastery includes overview chapters on developing mental, emotional, physical talent; practical chapters on training, competition, and the evolution of athletics; and Millman's exploration of natural laws that govern mental and physical training. It is a seminal book that examines the psychology behind the search for athletic excellence, and shows anyone how to improve skills, accelerate learning, and unleash athletic potential. The skills it teaches are applicable in sports and daily life — transforming training into a path of personal growth and discovery.

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Peter says

Train for life.

A master is practicing everything.

BODY MIND MASTERY

Part 1 understand the larger game.

Principle 1 -> Non resistance

Principle 2 accommodation

Principle 3 Balance . The goldie locks principle.

Principle 4 natural order

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Dvir Oren says

A book about a few fundamentals. Dan writes beautifully yet his concepts weren't new to me, they bear repeating

body mind mastery

accept failure and that it will happen. Just keep practicing

relax and focus on action, no matter what your emotions are

It's better to do few minutes a day than 2 hours once a week

Brian Johnson says

“Whether you are a world-class competitor, weekend athlete, or fitness enthusiast, this book will help you overcome self-created hurdles and reawaken the natural athlete—the body mind master—inside you. Body Mind Mastery provides a clear map to a less stressful, more meaningful approach to practicing sport and life. It’s not about dedicating your life to your training but dedicating your training to your life.”

“Allow rather than resist what arises in the present moment—inside or out. Let it be interesting rather than good or bad.”

~ Dan Millman from Body Mind Mastery

Dan Millman is a former world-champion athlete and gymnastics coach at Stanford and UC Berkeley. He's also a really cool, wise guy.

If you've read his classic, semi-autobiographical book, *Way of the Peaceful Warrior* (that was recently made into a cool movie starring Nick Nolte as Socrates), you know how Dan brilliantly weaves Western and Eastern thought into a practical philosophy for our modern lives.

This book is all about integrating our Body and Minds to create a deep sense of wholeness.

As Dan says: "You are a dynamic whole greater than the sum of your parts. By integrating your body, mind, and emotions through training, you reshape your life."

Let's take a quick look on some of the Big Ideas:

1. Vigor, Vitality & Activity - A matter of activity.
2. The Fear of Failure - A vicious circle.
3. Rockin' It - Baby-style.
4. The Moment of Truth - Is NOW!
5. Backing Up - To get a running start.

As they say, one can have no greater or smaller mastery than mastery of oneself and how you do anything is how you do everything. I say we get out there and shine!

Here's my video review:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w68LW...>

And click here to find 250+ more of my reviews:

<http://bit.ly/BrianReviews>

Brian

Sofia says

When I first started the book I thought it would be another of the boring adult "health" books but it got lively and interesting, (in my opinion) more like a story telling then a teaching. I defiantly recommend this to anyone who wants to get more into health and body control but hates all of the health books that are most commonly recommended.

Nishant says

This is a beautiful book which if you read carefully, you will remember it for lifetime. Lessons shared in this book are something which should be taught from childhood but unfortunately we are novice when it comes to something like Body mind mastery. I am glad i have read this book at the time when i have just been

blessed with a baby. I will try to pass on these teachings to my son and would love to see him taking advantage of these valuable lessons. Must read if you want to achieve peace in life !!

Waseem says

I listened to the audi version of thos book and actually found it really fun and a good read, a great reminder of how success in linked between the mind and body, the author really digs deep into the theory and something ive been noticing in my own life recently - although its says 'success in sport' the truth is this can be applied to anything from financial goals, business goals and more

Waseem Mirza

<http://www.WaseemMirza.net>

Avel Rudenko says

If you are at all interested in gaining that mental edge, whether in sports or daily life this book is for you!
"Millman's work combines the best of the human potential movement with the practical tools needed to reach that goal. This work is as much about mastering life as it is about the game itself.

Karen Schneekluth says

This book was required reading by my coach. Initially I was resistant to reading it but I am soooo glad I did. Good read for athletes and the principles can be applied to every day life as well. As it turns out, Coach was right (again).

Angela Alfonso says

Apply your will no matter what your emotion
Awareness of a problem is the start of a solution.
Have the intention then be consistent and persistent
Always focus on behavior
Mental power is better than skill

A very good book !

Collin says

Body Mind Mastery: Creating Success in Sport and Life was an amazing book. It gave me insight on what it takes to be an accomplished athlete. From the physical challenges and preparations to what it takes mentally and emotionally. Dan Millman is an x athlete that knows what it takes to be great at something. He tells us

about his experiences and how we can relate to them. This book gives excellent detail on how you have to train your body and mind in order to become successful in sport life.

This book actually changed my life. It may be crazy to say. But I learned so much from reading this book i couldn't believe it. As an athlete myself I try to learn the best ways to do things. This book taught me techniques I would have never known otherwise. I learned all the different kinds of natural laws that apply to your body and your mind. I learned that you have to follow these laws which I did not know of before.

This book helped me understand the mental focus it takes and how to stay focused. Also what it takes to be and stay determined. The book explains that when you are being active and trying to focus do not bring reality into what you are doing. Separate the two worlds. Everybody has both positive and negative energy. These energy's have to be separated. The negative energy can sometimes be used to create positive energy in a sport.

Emotional problems ruin focus. When you have an emotional problem you are constantly thinking about then your concentration is narrowed or lost. Emotional problems create imbalances in life. Natural laws say an imbalance is when you have more negative energy than positive. When the negative energy overcomes the positive it then creates stress and unwillingness to be active.

I was able to apply everything I read to my own knowledge. It helped me tremendously when it came to understanding what it takes to be great or excel at a sport. I learned what it takes mentally, physically, and emotionally. I did not know how much it actually took before reading this. And after tacking what i learned and applying it to my life and in the gym it has definitely helped me become more successful. It has allowed me to raise my performance and results by an outstanding amount. I am more focused and aware of the goals i am trying to accomplish.

Austin says

Sometimes its hard to see how its all connected and Millman distills down the connections into a few gems. I'm glad I read it, and I think it will lead to actionable improvement on relaxing and how that will play into life and athletics. It can be a little too self-helpy with some cliched statements, but there are some things that are very well said. I like the idea of multi-modal athletic improvement. Would recommend, especially if I could go back ten years and hand this to my 25 year old self.

Brandon says

After reading Millman's "Way of the peaceful warrior", my sister offered to let me borrow this book. It started off a little slow and closed very strongly. I wasn't as engaged in this book as peaceful warrior, for many reasons. The primary of these reasons is that this is more of an eastern mysticism focused instructional text where the other was told through a story. I prefer stories ;)

Emily Lueck says

What a wonderful look at the approach to practice. I know that if I apply this to my dancing I will create more organic movement.

Jacob Petrossian says

Dan Millman speaks from over 25 years of Gymnastics experience and Spiritual practice. This book is a brilliant blend of the two on how to get our mind and bodies working in harmony, written in a comprehensive manner that people who are starting on their journey can understand.

John Boettcher says

One of the better sports psychology books I have read. This guy comes from a completely different perspective altogether. His methods and techniques are both down to earth and applicable.

Sometimes the answers seem so simple they are intuitive, but yet, reading them and all the information he puts together in one place makes the entire process of succeeding in sports and then how that success translates directly to your life outside of sports is fantastic.

There is a part in the book that goes a little too much into stretching and meditation for my taste. I know why he put it in there, but I think that he went a little too overboard on it. I believe that most elite coaches can take this book and apply the lessons and thoughts presented in the book to their athletes and students in a very practical way without having to go too far down the road of Eastern religion to find the answer for the problems in their game.

That was really my only qualification for the book, otherwise, it was filled with excellent advice that I give to the kids that I teach and try to relate the own advice to my daily living outside and inside of the sports arena.
