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Eliud Kipchoge is the first man to ever run a marathon in under 2 hrs.

That's roughly 4 mins 34 sec per mile—for 26.2 miles straight!

Kipchoge (@EliudKipchoge) recommends two books for peak performance:



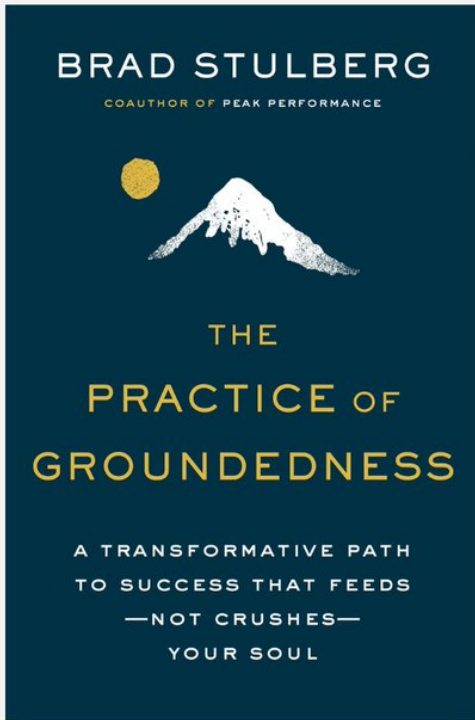
The Practice of Groundedness

by [@BStulberg](#)

Lessons:

- Learn the 6 principles of sustainable excellence
- How to perform at a high-level w/o burning out
- How to be consistent

In the words of Kipchoge, "It molds you as a human being."



“Consistency over intensity. You don't need to feel good to get going; you need to get going to give yourself a chance at feeling good.”

9 key themes Groundedness will teach you:

1. Outcomes matter but you've got to enjoy the process if you are to have longevity.
2. Consistency is way more valuable than intensity
3. How you perform on your average days is more important than how you perform on your great ones.
4. After big wins or devastating defeats, the medicine is the same—getting back to doing the work itself.
5. Become a master of showing up.
6. You don't have to like failure, but you've got to be okay with it.
7. Take the work extremely seriously, but yourself not so much.
8. Community is everything. Nobody reaches the top alone. The people around you shape you. Surround yourself wisely.
9. Stress + rest = growth. Figuring out the appropriate dose of each is key, and a moving target.

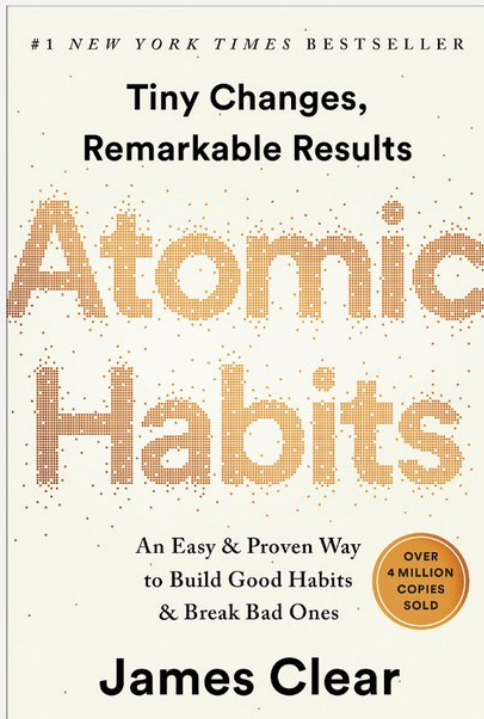
Atomic Habits

by [@JamesClear](#)

Lessons:

- Small behavioral changes compound into big results
- 1% better daily = 37x improvement yearly
- 4 Laws to build a habit:

- 1) Make it obvious
- 2) Make it attractive
- 3) Make it easy
- 4) Make it satisfying



“You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems.”

Many of you have already read Atomic Habits.

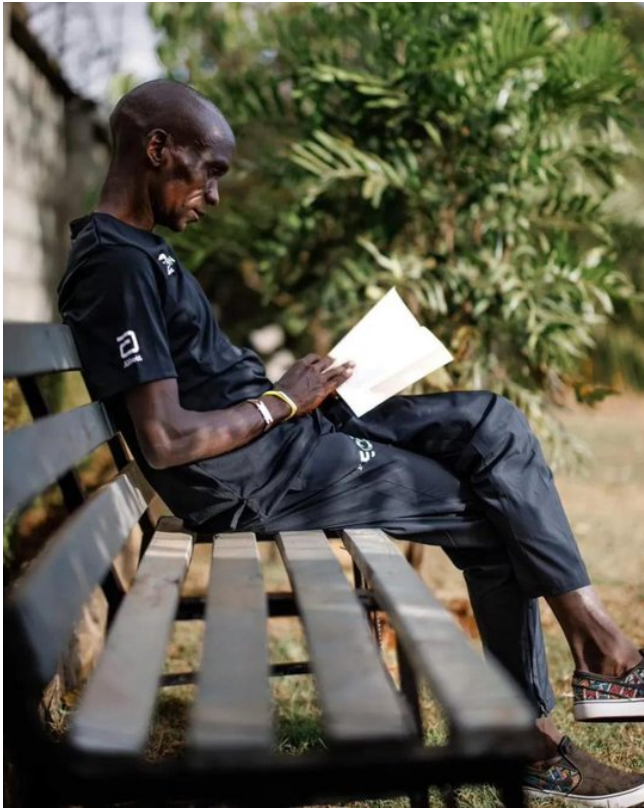
It's not surprising Kipchoge loves both books.

The Practice of Groundedness teaches the evidence-based principles of excellence.

Atomic Habits helps you build systems to apply them.

“Eliud Kipchoge always has a book headlining his preparation towards a big race, to put him in the right frame of mind and have him motivated to achieve great things.”

—Timothy Olobulu



2 noteworthy races <> books:

Ineos (2019)
First Marathon Under 2 hrs
■ ***Atomic Habits***

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Berlin (2022)
Official World Record
■ ***The Practice of Groundedness***

That's a wrap—2 powerful books for peak performance!

The Practice of Groundedness. Atomic Habits.

Pick up one of these books,

And you might just catch some of Kipchoge's magic.

<https://t.co/BevAh1WyNt>

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Every Sunday I feature the best systems for high-performance living.

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