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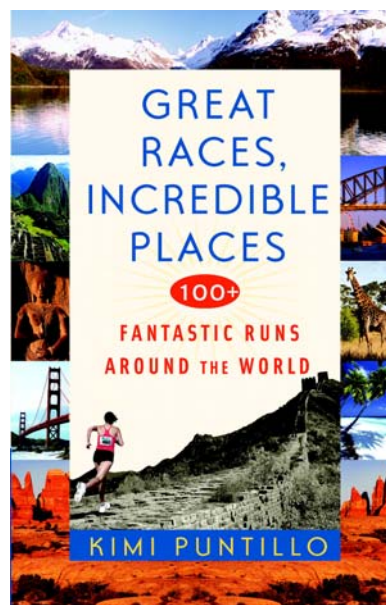
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GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES: 100+ Fantastic Runs Around the World

*By Guinness World Record holder
Kimi Puntillo*

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Kimi Puntillo became the first woman to run a marathon on every continent, earning her a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records. Now in her book **GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES: 100+ Fantastic Runs Around the World**, she shares her personal experiences and offers practical advice in this inspiring guide for runners of all levels with exotic once-in-a-lifetime races to courses right in your own backyard. From the pristine glaciers of Antarctica to fun runs in New York City which celebrate international goodwill and Rock 'n' Roll Marathons (and Half-Marathons) in ten U.S. cities, Puntillo's book is a must-have whether you're a first-time runner, accomplished athlete, or a friend or family member traveling to be a race cheerleader. **GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES** will be published as a Bantam Trade Paperback Original on March 24, 2009 and includes a full-color insert highlighting many of the amazing landscapes and races featured in the book.

GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES has practical information needed for planning plus Puntillo's first-hand recollections and engaging anecdotes about the people, history, and culture of every race locale. There's a relay race in Alaska where runners have actually been chased by bears and a race in France where wine is served every three miles! Each entry in the book includes when and where each event is set and how to register; highlights on things to do and see to fully experience each unique race—from pasta dinners with fellow participants the night before to don't-miss local attractions for post-run enjoyment; and insider tips on nutrition, training, and equipment, as well as how to get into sold-out and highly competitive races.

Some of the amazing races included in **GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES** that are sure to inspire athletes of all experience levels are:

- **The Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon and miniMarathon**, where runners do their own “race for the roses” ending with a victory lap on the infamous track.
- **The Maratona Delle Terre Verdiane** in Italy, which pays homage to the operas of Giuseppe Verdi with live music performances throughout the countryside of Parma.
- **The Denver Gorilla Run** in which participants race in full gorilla suits to raise money and awareness for the international nonprofit Mountain Gorilla Conservation Fund.

With more than 39 million runners lacing up sneakers in the U.S. alone (*American Sports Data*), the timing’s perfect for Kimi Puntillo’s **GREAT RACES, INCREDIBLE PLACES: 100+ Fantastic Runs Around the World**.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kimi Puntillo challenged herself to run her first marathon in her mid-thirties and found such an array of interesting race courses, she’s still running more than 10 years later. Her articles on running and travel have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and National Public Radio, and she was recently profiled for Forbes.com. Visit her website at www.GreatRaces-IncrediblePlaces.com.

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