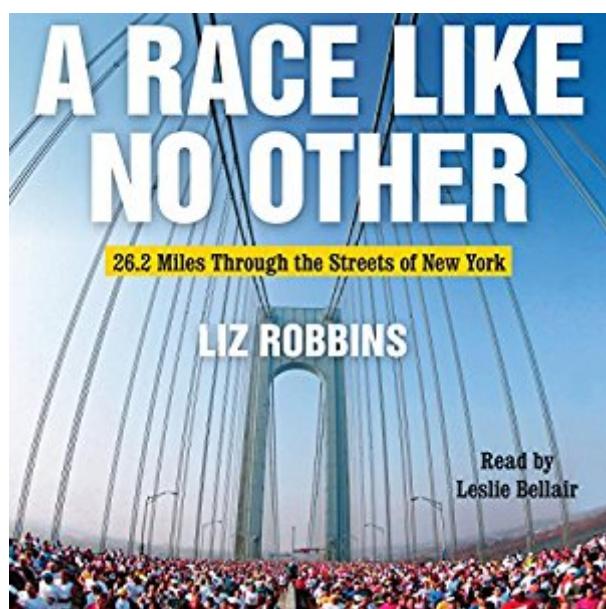


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# A Race Like No Other: 26.2 Miles Through The Streets Of New York



## **Synopsis**

The New York City Marathon: 26.2 grueling miles across five bridges and through five distinct boroughs, accompanied by the cheers of two million fans and propelled by the unique motivation that churns inside every participant. New York Times reporter Liz Robbins brings the famed New York City Marathon to life, capturing the day's festivities mile by mile. She tells the stories of the determined competitors - from their friendships and rivalries to their adversity and redemption - through the prism of the unforgettable 2007 race. Infused with rich history of the event's legends and its colorful neighborhood characters, *A Race Like No Other* provides a curbside seat to the first Sunday in November, breathlessly carrying the reader from the start on the towering Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the triumphant finish line in Central Park.

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## **Customer Reviews**

27.08.2015 I'm by preparing to NYC Marathon which I take a part on 1st November 2015. I was looking on internet to find information about this beautiful event which started in 1970 under leadership of Fred Lebov. I must say that this book is really what I was looking for. There is description of such interesting personalities from sports stars to common but extraordinary people which take a part in NYC Marathon. Personally I will be 4th time in NYC, always during NYC marathon but as marathoner first time. This book tells me how great personalities build this amazing city of such mixed cultures and ideas. I strongly recommend for each reader especially marathoner of NYC Marathon events.

Really makes you want to be a part of this magnificent and wholly unique experience - the first weekend every November.

It was entertaining and engaging with the various runner stories but I was looking for a more in depth look at the course itself so wasn't exactly what I was expecting. I purchased both the Kindle and Audible versions and it was nice to bounce back and forth as I was able to listen and keep going with the book at times I wasn't able to actually read - like when I was running :)

I ran my first NYC Marathon this past year, the first of what I hope to be many, following my dad who had done it a few times when I was a child. *A Race Like No Other* captures the experience, from Staten Island though the finish line in Central Park (right down to the frustration of trying to get OUT of the park once the race is over!). The writing moves back and forth across several stories that are being told simultaneously, keeping you interested as the miles go by. The stories cover elite pro's to recreational runners to those who are running for a higher purpose. You will find yourself caring about each of the individuals described. What came through really beautifully and what is not really appreciated by those outside the sport, is the spirit of sportsmanship and sportswomanship that is so central to the sport. Particularly compelling as regards the elite athletes is the description of the battle between Paula and Wami for the woman's win, but it is framed against Paula's baby daughter being held by Wami's husband before the race, and being held by Wami herself after the race. This conjured up images of the great Grete Waitz, who lost first place in the olympic marathon, only to become Godmother to the son of her rival. In what other sport will you see this kind of class, honor, and mutual respect, particularly when prize money and endorsement deals etc. are on the line? *A Race Like No Other* set out to capture the spirit of the NYC Marathon, and succeeds.

The book is well written but somewhat too ambitious. It tried to capture the stories of too many people, leaving too big a gap in between each story. I found myself flipping forward just to see what happened to Paula.

was expecting more from this book but its ok. learned some things which i didnt know about nyc marathon. overall good book to read before NYC marathon. useful info inside.

She captures the spirit of the NYC marathon, perfectly! I ran it in 2015, and this book is helping to

keep everything fresh in my mind.

If I wasn't planning on running the NYC Marathon, this book would be pretty boring. It's Okay, and gives you a tiny glimpse into what each mile will entail. Some of the history included is interesting.

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