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**Changes for the *Second Edition*:** Several key sections have been revised. A good deal of attention is now paid to the technical details of working sets, all the way down to the character of individual reps. There should now be little doubt about what an ideal workout should look like. The chapters dealing with intensity, duration, and specificity received an overhaul. Several other chapters, including *Working sets*, *Volume and injury*, *Free weights vs. machines*, *Range of motion*, *Nutrition*, and the conclusion have been rewritten and/or expanded. Almost every part of the book was changed at least somewhat. There are also some new appendices covering controversial topics, including a section on steroids. The new version also has 35% more content overall than the original. Beyond that, it's the same basic book: It emphasizes the use of logic in determining training routines and methods, with advice based on a combination of rational consideration and real-world experience. Like the first edition, it's full of unusual insight and instances of dry humor. It's like no other training book on the market.

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