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In *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In*, he offers never-before-told tales that embody his simple yet essential secrets of success: how his relationship with God, his ever-positive attitude, his constant pursuit of accomplishment - and a healthy dose of mischief - helped him lead a long and fulfilled life, which are lessons we can all use to transform our own.



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Review

"Zamperini's saga is something out of Greek mythology." --*New York Times Book Review*

"[A] complex and utterly human hero." --*Men's Journal*

"Louis Zamperini is a modern miracle. His life reads like something out of a storybook." --Billy Graham

"He was my friend, my mentor, my hero. We are all so grateful for how enriched our lives are for having known him." -- Angelina Jolie, director of *Unbroken*

"One of the most incredible American lives of the past century." --*People*

"The grandest, most buoyant, most generous soul I ever knew." --Laura Hillenbrand, author of *Unbroken*

"Louis Zamperini's life is a story that befits the greatness of the country he served." --John McCain)

"When it comes to courage, charisma, and impossible adventure, few will ever match [Zamperini]." -- Christopher McDougall, author of *Born to Run*

"His tale is remarkable and his resilience inspiring." --Ben Macintyre, *The Times* (London))

"An extraordinary hero." --*Publishers Weekly*

From the Back Cover

Champion.

Survivor.

Hero.

Legend.

Completed just two days before Louis Zamperini's death at age 97, *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* shares a lifetime of wisdom, insight, and humor from one of America's most inspiring lives. Zamperini's story has touched millions through Laura Hillenbrand's biography *Unbroken*, soon to be a major motion picture directed by Angelina Jolie. Now, in his own words, Louis Zamperini reveals, with warmth and great charm, the essential values and lessons that sustained him throughout his remarkable journey.

He was a youthful troublemaker from California who turned his life around to become a 1936 Olympian and a world-class miler at the University of Southern California. Putting aside his superstar track career, Louis Zamperini volunteered for the army before Pearl Harbor and was thrust into the violent combat of World War II as a B-24 bombardier. While on a rescue mission, his plane went down in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where he survived, against all odds, drifting two thousand miles in a small raft for forty-seven days. His struggle was only beginning: Zamperini was captured by the Japanese and, for more than two years, he courageously endured torture and psychological abuse in a series of prisoner-of-war camps. He returned home to face more dark hours, but in 1949 Zamperini's life was transformed by a spiritual rebirth that would

guide him through the next sixty-five years of his long and happy life.

Cowritten with longtime collaborator David Rensin, Louis Zamperini's *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* is an extraordinary last testament that captures the wisdom of a life lived to the fullest.

A son of Italian immigrants, Louis Zamperini (1917–2014) was a U.S. Olympic runner, World War II bombardier, and POW survivor. After the war, he returned to the United States to found the Victory Boys Camp for at-risk youth and became an inspirational speaker. Zamperini's story was told in his 2003 autobiography *Devil at My Heels*, as well as in Laura Hillenbrand's 2010 biography *Unbroken*.

David Rensin worked closely with Louis Zamperini for many years and cowrote *Devil at My Heels*, as well as fifteen other books, including five New York Times bestsellers.

About the Author

Louis Zamperini, a son of Italian immigrants, was a world-class runner and an Olympic athlete, competing at the 1936 Games in Berlin. At the peak of his career, he left sports to fight for his country as a bombardier in the U.S. Army Air Forces. When his B-24 crashed over the Pacific Ocean in 1943, he was stranded at sea for 47 days, only to be captured by the Japanese and held prisoner for over two years. After the war, he returned to the United States and founded the Victory Boys Camp for wayward youth and became an inspirational speaker. Zamperini's story was told in his autobiography *Devil at My Heels* and made famous in Laura Hillenbrand's phenomenal #1 bestselling biography *Unbroken*, which has been made into a major motion picture directed by Angelina Jolie.

David Rensin has written and co-written thirteen books, five of them *New York Times* bestsellers. He lives in Los Angeles.

Users Review

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Ethel Ellis:

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