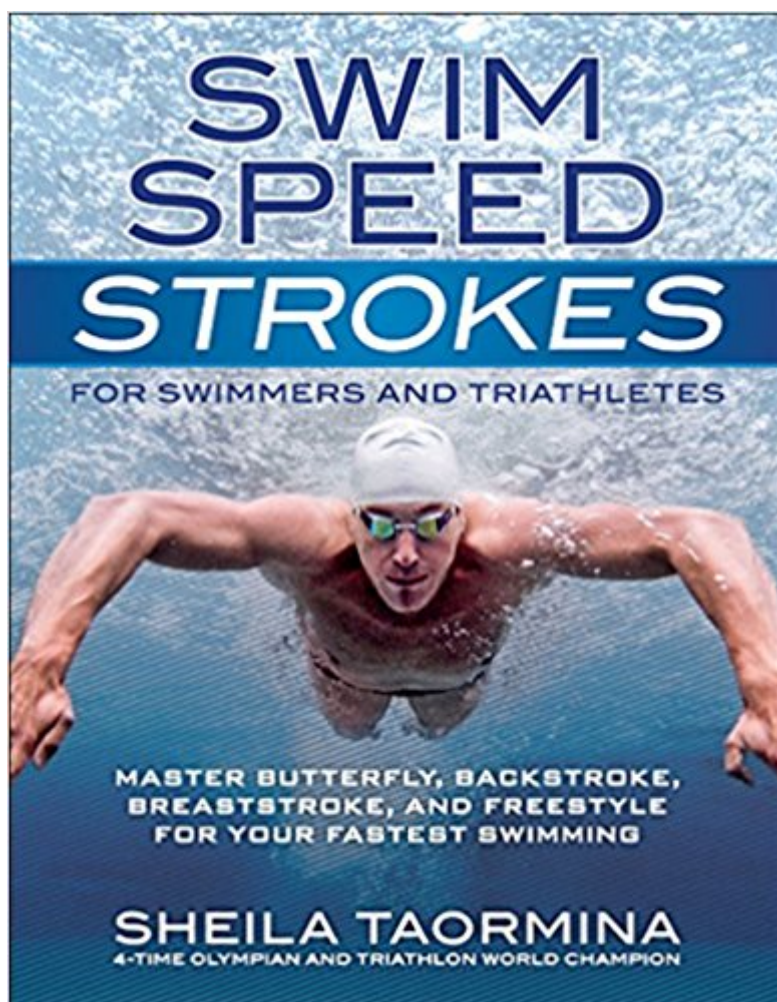


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Swim Speed Strokes For Swimmers And Triathletes: Master Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke And Backstroke For Your Fastest Swimming (Swim Speed Series)





Synopsis

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SHEILA TAORMINA has competed in four Olympic games in three different sports--swimming, triathlon, and modern pentathlon. Her exceptional freestyle swimming technique helped her win a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics and the 2004 ITU Triathlon World Championship. Taormina has coached elite and age-group swimmers and triathletes for 15 years, and she conducts dozens of swim clinics around the world each year. She is the author of *Swim Speed Secrets* and *Swim Speed Workouts*.

This is not the definitive book of swimming, but it is the probably the best single book for the individual swimmer to understand how to improve their technique and the science of it. It is a nice read with excellent photos. It shows you exactly how you should be doing it, photo by photo. You

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Very detailed descriptions of each stroke and turn with great underwater pictures. Perfect for swimmers trying to learn proper technique or trying to refine their stroke.

Extremely clear even if technically complete. Need to concentrate on the details. But in the mid term you'll gain better understanding and feeling on your swimming style.

I bought this book based on the reviews and I wasn't disappointed. I'm a relatively new Masters swimmer and, having learned to swim in the 1980s, am basically having to relearn everything, because so much has changed. This book breaks it down into minute detail. It's fantastic.

A wonderful comprehensive explanation of stroke technique history and current stroke mechanics. There are many photos that help the reader understand the science. The book was beautifully written. I would highly recommend this book for those that are seriously interested in achieving elite swimming..

If you are at all serious about improving your strokes, this book is for you. It breaks down the elements of each stroke and is full of photos of world-class swimmers doing the strokes properly. It is written for pretty much any swimmer at any level. It will help you.

I wish I had this book when I first started swimming. I'm incorporating what it says, but it will take a while to unlearn the bad habits that I've done thousands of times. Sheila is a great writer and the book has lots of pictures to accompany the concepts and techniques.

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