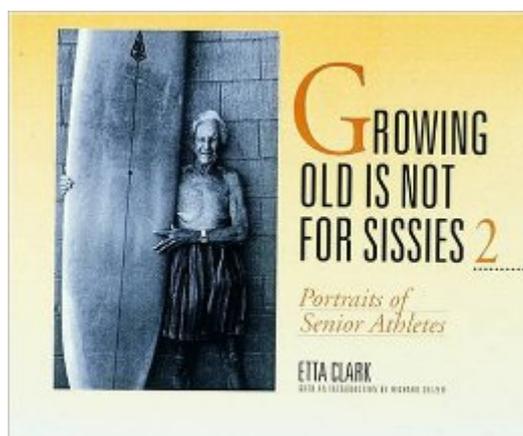


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# Growing Old Is Not For Sissies II: Portraits Of Senior Athletes (Bk. 2)



## Synopsis

This sequel to the best-selling *Growing Old is Not For Sissies* teaches us to reevaluate the popular associations of age with increasing malaise and infirmity. Instead, it presents 100 vital, compelling portraits of senior athletes accompanied by personal statements and poems on aging. *Growing Old is Not for Sissies II* is testament to the joy of physical activity and of living to a ripe old age. Fourth printing. By Etta Clark.

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## Customer Reviews

Just one look at the photos and all your excuses for being a couch potato go out the door. This book is filled with inspirational photos of senior athletes. Helen Zechmeister, age 91, works out 3 days a week, deadlifts 200 pounds and can do the full splits. A competitive swimmer, Marie Wilcox-Little at 73 has a much better figure than I could ever hope to have (I'm merely 30). My favorite: Ivor Welch, (Volume 1) was never active until 83 when his wife his wife passed away. To mourn her death he started walking, then running, then running marathons. By the age of 90 he ran five marathons and 2 half marathons! If Ivor can do it, by golly, so can I! A must have for anyone who wants to enjoy life to its fullest!

I've bought the first book for so many friends as they've reached landmark birthdays, (50's) I decided to get book II for our friend's 75th! Both books are great reminder of just how much ability we have at all stages of life. It's about how much you can do, no matter what your age, instead of viewing age as a limitation.

This book is a must for anyone who works with older adults. It is a photographic essay of some very special people....people who embrace the robustness of life, and who are disciplined to maintain their capabilities as long as possible. Our world is steeped in ageism, that is, believing that older people are only capable of doing things that are "appropriate" for their age. This book shatters those beliefs and provides living examples of people who continue doing what they love to do physically. I wish that Etta Clark would revise this book with a new set of photos every year! I have seen some of these photos over and over again in lectures that people give about aging. It is a book to be owned, not borrowed.

As a professional photographer, I can really appreciate the beautiful and revealing black and white portraits of Etta Clark. Yes, the writings match the quality of the photographs as well.

Etta Clark's first book was groundbreaking and the second book, following up with some of her prior subjects and adding new, was nothing short of inspiring. So true that Growing Old is Not for Sissies....but there is no better way to approach it than head on and loving the life you have.

Growing old is not for Sissies is a wonderful book of black and white photographs of older athletes. I particularly enjoyed the comments which many of the active athletes write. A great gift for all ages!! Etta Clark is truly an incredible photographer.

I had to edit my initial 3 star rating from this morning to 5 stars after revisiting the book this afternoon. (Must've been my meds or the wrong book first time around.) This is an inspiring read and view for anyone who's AARP eligible. If you're below that age and a couch potato, it might motivate you to get off your tush and move. Thank you Etta Clark. (If I ever find a reasonably priced Growing Old I, I'm nabbing it.)

Love this inspirational book! I have given many away as birthday presents, but it is hard to find now that it's out of print. Photos of aging athletes and people who took up exercise late in life. It is obvious that staying in shape all your life will pay off in improved health and vigor late in life. Would love to see a book 3!

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