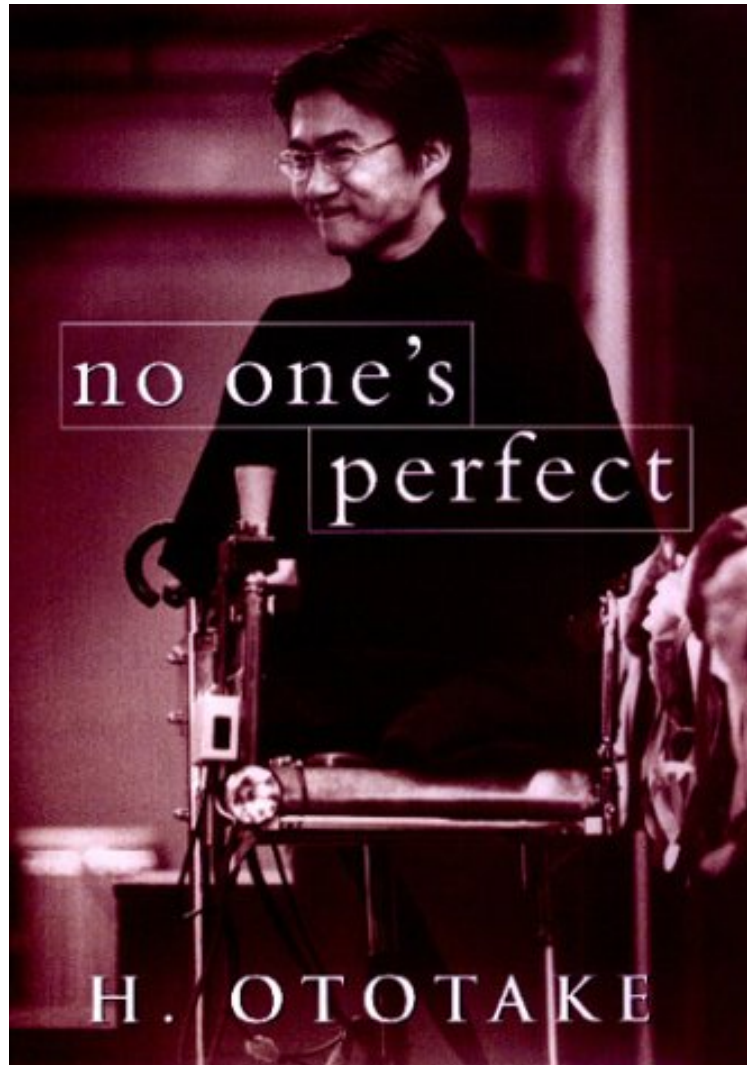


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Hirotsugu Ototake : No One's Perfect before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised No One's Perfect:

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A boy born without arms or legs tells his own amazing story! Oto came home from school one day and told his parents he had signed up to play basketball. Most parents would be delighted; his were shocked. After all, Oto was born with no arms and no legs. But as this extraordinary young man has proven again and again, hard work, humor, versatility, and an upbeat approach to life are as valuable as limbs. No One's Perfect is his true account of how he slam-dunked one challenge after another, including basketball. In a style purposefully meant to reach all ages, Oto writes about his unique childhood in Japan, a country that traditionally has shielded the disabled from the public eye. But hide Oto? Try hiding the sun! From his earliest days, he brought such a winning optimism into the crowds around him—curious kindergartners, skeptical members of the public school board, gaping passersby—that it was hard to resist him. Now, as a young adult, Oto has taken on the work of establishing a "barrier-free" environment for others, in the government, in the media, in the eyes of all he meets. His book has sold over four million copies in Japan, where he has utterly changed the way people view the disabled. Unsentimental and understated (you know the day-to-day routine can't have been as easy as he makes it sound), Oto's message nonetheless hits the heart. And though you need bravery and constant energy to overcome disabilities, you also need the understanding of those around you. Strong parents and unconventional teachers bucked the rigid status quo to give Oto a chance at a normal life, and he took it from there. Running races, learning to swim, even getting into fights, he made his classmates feel "He's one of us," so they were willing to join forces with him to help break down the barriers he faced. No One's Perfect is the story of one guy's incredible courage and delight in what life can offer. It's also a campaign to illustrate how acceptance of other people's imperfections can make our own lives less imperfect.

From Publishers Weekly This relentlessly upbeat memoir was a bestseller in Japan. In it, Ototake, a 24-year-old Japanese man born without arms and legs, recounts the story of his life and explains how he coped with disability and adversity: buoyed by his parents' generosity and love, he adopted an optimistic attitude and challenged himself to try anything. After a rocky start—his father was so worried about his wife's reaction that he did not allow her to see the baby for the first three weeks of his life—his parents did everything to insure that he would have a full life. Determined and loving, they managed to register Ototake in a mainstream school (rather than a special one for children with disabilities), launching him on an educational career marked by scholastic achievement and risk taking. In snappy, casual prose, he describes the creative rules his schoolmates drew up so that he could join their soccer games; he recounts playing junior high basketball on his stumps (he concentrated on passing, not shooting); and he describes how, in high school, his active athletic life almost jeopardized his academic career. Later, at Waseda University, he became an activist, speaking and writing about the necessity to create a "barrier free" environment. Well written, inspirational and politically relevant, this is a remarkable story. Photos not seen by PW. 50,000-copy first printing. (Sept.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Ototake was born with no arms or legs, yet grew up in Japan living as normal and active a life as possible by dint of his own determination and the encouragement of his family and friends. In this first-person account, written for readers of all ages, Ototake recounts the day-to-day challenges of living without arms or legs. He describes his education at regular schools, where he gained acceptance of classmates and overcame the skepticism of the teaching staff. Fueled by an aggressive personality, Ototake participated in athletics, within the limits of his abilities, playing basketball in middle school and managing the football team in high school. In college, he faced the obstacles of facilities not designed to accommodate the disabled and began a career as an advocate for creating barrier-free environments in a nation that had ignored the disabled until recently. Ototake is unsentimental in his recollections of coping with a disability, challenging his limitations, dealing with curious reactions, and making a place for himself in society. Inspiring. Vanessa Bush Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "A fascinating and inspiring account of a heroic life." -- Daniel Goleman, author of Emotional Intelligence "A lovely, uplifting book ... Well worth reading." -- Joanne Woodward "An incredible zest for life." -- Sunday Times (Singapore) "Couldn't be more refreshing." -- Los Angeles Times