

# Barry S. Strauss

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*Sports, Rowing, Thinking, Sea, Race, Moving, Hard Work, Workout, Attention,  
Winning, Weight Lifting, Night, Baseball, Alive, Dark, Wings, Injury, Cerebral,  
Art, Imagination*

There is a place where cerebral and corporeal meet: they call it rowing

~Barry S. Strauss

The oars game me power but also taught me humility.

~Barry S. Strauss

Ergometer is Greek for 'work meter'

~Barry S. Strauss

In college, I was an editor on the student daily... To the extent that I noticed the existence of crew at all, I saw only what appeared to be big-boned acolytes who rose at dawn.

~Barry S. Strauss

When you are on the erg your mind is too busy to pay attention to the sounds of the machine; you notice only that they are indeed loud.

~Barry S. Strauss

A boat is the hardest thing I know of to put into perspective. It is so much like a human figure, there is something alive about it.

~Barry S. Strauss

The single sculler, alone on the river at dawn, or spotlighted in his lane during a race, is the most romantic, the most quixotic figure in all rowing.

~Barry S. Strauss

The greatest poet who ever wrote about rowing is Virgil, the greatest historian is Thucydides, but the greatest imagination ever to turn its attention to the sport is that of painter, Thomas Eakins.

~Barry S. Strauss

Rowing was not simple for me. I nodded whenever the instructor made a point, as if I understood, but I could as easily have assembled the

space shuttle as have repeated the moves she was explaining.

~Barry S. Strauss

If rowing is a trial then the ergometer is the courtroom, the meter is the jury. And an honest jury at that, because the numbers do not lie.

~Barry S. Strauss

Rowing it was pointed out, was a sport that risked few injuries. So it was, I could discover, but only if you did it right.

~Barry S. Strauss

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