

Ben Hogan The Authorised Biography

A celebration of three legendary golf champions describes how the professional sport deteriorated into virtual non-existence before the trio revitalized its popularity, dominating American attention and setting records from the 1930s to the 1950s while transforming how the game was played and regarded. By the author of *Final Rounds*.

The 1960 U.S. Open Golf Championship played at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver, Colorado, remains perhaps the most dramatic, competitive, and passionate of all Open championships. In 1960 the young lions of the game were eager to reach the top tier occupied by venerable players such as Ben Hogan and Sam Snead. In this Open only a single stroke separated the three leaders—Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, and a young but talented amateur named Jack Nicklaus—on the final two holes. The stunning conclusion would prove a watershed in the lives of all three players, and in the game itself. *Golf's Greatest Championship* is a suspenseful, richly detailed chronicle of this epic chapter in the game of golf.

There has never been a golfer to rival Arnold Palmer. He's the most aggressive, most exciting player the game has ever known, a dynamo famous for coming from behind to make bold last-minute charges to victory. To the legions of golf fans known around the world as "Arnie's Army," Palmer is a charismatic hero, the winner of sixty-one tournaments on the PGA Tour and still going strong on the Senior PGA Tour. But behind the legend, there is the private Palmer—a man of wit, compassion, loyalty, and true grit in the face of personal adversity. Golf-crazy as far back as he can remember, Arnie followed his dad, "Deacon" Palmer, the head greenskeeper, around the Latrobe Country Club fairways; as a youth he played at dawn before the club members arrived (the only time he was allowed on the course); by the time he graduated from high school he was headed for the national circuit. His rise to fame was meteoric, and by the 1960s he had emerged as one of the few American athletes the public truly cared about—a vibrant, daring, handsome sports celebrity who attracted wild crowds and enormous television audiences whenever he played and whose charisma propelled the explosion of enthusiasm for golf in the sixties. Writing with the humor and candor that are as much his trademark as his unique golf swing, Palmer narrates the deeply moving story of his life both on and off the links. He recounts his friendships (and rivalries) with greats of the game, including Jack Nicklaus, his enduringly happy marriage with Winnie, his legendary charges to triumph and his titanic disasters, and his valiant battle against cancer. Returning to the Senior PGA Tour with unmatched zeal after his recovery, Palmer reminded fans of his unfaltering heroism—and the world of golf is thankful. From small-town boy to golfing legend, Arnold Palmer has lived one of the great sporting lives of the twentieth century. Now, with the help of acclaimed golf writer James Dodson, he has created one of the great sports autobiographies of our time.

Chronicles the events surrounding Ben Hogan's surprising win at the 1950 US Open at Merion Golf Club, describing the near-fatal automobile accident that almost claimed Hogan's life in 1949, his rehabilitation, return to golf, and how he managed to claim a victory after an eighteen-hole playoff.

Ben Hogan is up with Jack Nicklaus as one of the greatest golfers of all time. He equalled the record of four US Open wins, once won five out of six major tournaments in one season, and is credited with effectively defining the modern game of golf. James Dodson's magisterial biography, written by the bestselling author of *Final Rounds*, is the first to be authorized by Hogan's family, and reveals the complex character behind a golfer legendary for his inscrutable, steely public persona. Dodson shows how the dauntless determination that saw Hogan to four US Open victories masked a man ever haunted by a long-buried childhood tragedy, and brings out the miracle of his fightback after a catastrophic car accident to win the Masters, US Open and British Open all in 1953. Above all, he lays to rest the notion of Ben Hogan as an austere, impassive golf-machine, uncovering a jovial man with a charitable spirit and sharp business sense. Intimate, eloquent and definitive, this is the final word on one of the greatest golfers of all time.

The Education of a Golfer, first published in 1962, is the fascinating story of legendary golf pro Sam Snead's rise from a poor boy growing up in rural Virginia to become one of the all-time golf greats. Interspersed with golf pointers and illustrations, the book details Snead's many tournaments, the psychology of winning, and how to become a better player.

Golfing legend Ben Hogan went to his grave believing he had won a record five US Open titles. The USGA says otherwise, and the controversy has endured for over 75 years. In 1942, the United States Golf Association (USGA) cancelled its four golf tournaments for the duration of World War II. But then it did something different in only that year—it sponsored the Hale-America National Open on the same weekend as the cancelled US Open. The great Ben Hogan won that tournament and went to his grave believing he had therefore won a record five US Open titles. In *The Open Question*, Peter May turns his attention to this controversial, colorful Hale-America National Open of 1942. While providing an in-depth look at the tournament itself, May champions Hogan's claim to five US Open titles and debunks some questionable assertions that the tournament was not worthy of a US Open. Set against the backdrop of World War II, May also tells the stories of other professional golfers in the tournament and the impact of the war on all their lives. The USGA has never recognized the Hale-America Tournament as an official US Open and remains firm in its stance. It was a decision that bothered Ben Hogan for the rest of his life. *The Open Question* shows how dominant Ben Hogan was against some of the biggest names in golf, and reveals why he deserves to be recognized as a five-time US Open winner.

&"Al Barkow, golf's leading historian and story-teller, unfolds the improbable Ben Hogan&—Jack Fleck tale, and the results are as wondrous as the golf itself.&" --Peter Kessler
Jack Fleck had the slimmest of resumes as a professional tournament golfer. He had never even come close to winning on the PGA Tour, and was in the mere qualifier category

when it came to playing in the 1955 U.S. Open at the Olympic Golf Club in San Francisco. Yet Fleck got himself into a playoff with Ben Hogan, one of the greatest players in golf history, for the game's most prestigious title. And when Fleck defeated Hogan, it was not just surprising, it was incredible. This book presents a thrilling play-by-play, shot-by-shot recounting that brings back to life the look and feel of the entire tournament. Relying on first-hand sources, it reveals the players' mental processes as they strategized their game and handled their emotions. And it finally offers a convincing explanation for Fleck's mind-boggling victory, which was considered at the time and remains to this day one of the most unexpected outcomes in all sports history. Al Barkow is a veteran golf reporter, formerly editor-in-chief of both *Golf* and *Golf Illustrated* magazines, and recipient of the 2005 PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism. His books include *Gettin' to the Dance Floor* and *Sam: The One and Only Sam Snead*.

Master golfer Ben Hogan (1912-1997) is widely acknowledged as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport, most notably for his legendary ball-striking ability. There are numerous theories as to what made Hogan's swing so effective and in *Power Golf*, now available in a trade paperback format, he shares a lifetime of championship secrets for improving every phase of the game. Regardless of their level of golfing expertise, readers are guaranteed to see a difference the next time they pick up their club!

Hailed as a classic and read everywhere golf is played, *Golf My Way* has sold more than 2 million copies worldwide since it was first published in 1974. Finally, Jack Nicklaus, golf's leading master, definitively covers the whole of his game through a lifetime of greatness. *Golf My Way* presents an all-inclusive, A-to-Z explanation of how this greatest of champions thinks about and plays the game. This book includes: -New introduction, endpiece, and illustrations -Brand-new chapters discussing the changes in Nicklaus's outlook and techniques -Reflections on the differences in tournament golf today compared with when Nicklaus joined the PGA tour in 1962 -Advice on the mental elements of improved playing that are not directly related to ball-striking or shot-making

One of the world's leading golf coaches offers a heartwarming portrait of his father, golfing legend Claude Harmon, that explores the ways in which his father's lessons, words of wisdom, and philosophy about life and about golf have shaped his life. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

Learn how to swing a golf club from the golfer with the most perfect golf swing of all time, Mickey Wright. Oh yeah, who says so ? Ben Hogan ! Harvey Penick in his *Little Red* book said, " Surely Mickey Wright is ther greatest woman player of all time. It is a thrill for me to remember that beautiful swing of hers." You can learn the swing that won Mickey Wright 90 professional tournaments and 13 major championships before retiring at the young age of 34. Your drives can become longer and more accurate.

Byron Nelson was one of golf's greatest legends. He was one of the finest golfers ever to pick up a putter, and the man who had the most magnificent year any golfer has ever had—1945, when he won an incredible eighteen PGA tournaments, including eleven in a row, and finished second in seven others. *How I Played the Game* is the beautifully told tale, in his own words, of a man determined to be the best ever: his hardscrabble rural Texas upbringing and his near-death experience with typhoid fever; his early years as a caddie at Fort Worth's Glen Garden Country Club (where as a 15-year-old he beat another young caddie named Ben Hogan in the Caddie Championship); the lean years as an amateur and as a young pro during the Depression; and the golden years of the 1940s, when he invented the modern golf swing and forged the legend of "Lord Byron." Even after his sudden retirement (the real reason for which is finally revealed here) his impact on the game never lessened. Besides his many years as an insightful TV golf commentator, he was mentor to several future golf champions, Ken Venturi and Tom Watson among them. And he continued to play top-caliber golf with the greats of the game, like Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, and Arnold Palmer, and some who were less than great—President Eisenhower, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and a host of others. Laced throughout with scores of priceless stories, anecdotes, opinions, and even golf tips, and with an in-depth, event-by-event recreation of his golden year, 1945, *How I Played the Game* is golf writing and remembrance of the highest order—irresistible reading for every golfer and fan.

A pictorial depiction of the golf career of Ben Hogan, tracing, chronologically, all the key events of his long career as a professional golfer (1930-1971).

A collection of wit and wisdom on golf offers practical advice to everyone from golf pros--including Tom Kite, Ben Crenshaw, and Sandra Palmer--to high-handicap amateurs. 20,000 first printing.

A biography of the legendary golf champion explores his private life, the source of his motivation, and his personal difficulties in later life

James Dodson always felt closest to his father while they were on the links. So it seemed only appropriate when his father learned he had two months to live that they would set off on the golf journey of their dreams to play the most famous courses in the world. *Final Rounds* takes us to the historic courses of Royal Lytham and Royal Birkdale, to the windswept undulations of Carnoustie, where Hogan played peerlessly in '53, and the legendary St. Andrews, whose hallowed course reveals something of the eternal secret of the game's mysterious allure over pros and hackers alike. Throughout their poignant journey, the Dodsons humorously reminisce and reaffirm their love for each other, as the younger Dodson finds out what it means to have his father also be his best friend. *Final Rounds* is a book never to be forgotten, a book about fathers and sons, long-held secrets, and the lessons a middle-aged man can still learn from his dad about life, love, and family. *Final Rounds* is a tribute to a very special game and the fathers and sons who make it so.

This memoir "reveals the depth of [the author's] love for golf, fatherhood, and his ancestral home—the Sandhills of North Carolina" (Curt Sampson). Named Golf Book of the Year by the International Network of Golf, *A Son of the Game* is the story of how acclaimed golf writer James Dodson, feeling directionless at midlife, leaves his home in Maine to revisit Pinehurst, North Carolina—where his father first taught him the game that would shape his life. Once he arrives, the curative power of the Sandhills region not only helps

him find a new career working for the local paper, but also reignites his flagging passion for golf. And, perhaps more significantly, it inspires him to try to pass along to his teenage son the same sense of joy and contentment he has found in the game, and to recall the many colorful and lifelong friends he has met on the links. This wise memoir about finding new meaning through an old sport is filled with anecdotes about the history of the game and of Pinehurst, the home of American golf, where many larger-than-life legends played some of their greatest rounds. Dodson's bestselling memoir *Final Rounds* began in Pinehurst, and now he follows his journey of discovery back to where his love of the game began—a love that he hopes to make a family legacy.

Both life and golf can offer frustrations and also important lessons on topics ranging from "grinding it out" to versatility, sportsmanship, honesty, and of course confidence. In the words of Grantland Rice, "Like life, golf can be humbling. However, little good comes from brooding about mistakes we've made. The next shot, in golf or life, is the big one." In *Golf's Life Lessons*, Richard Allen details 55 life lessons that we can learn from time spent on the golf course. In doing so, he applies examples and insight from the likes of Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Bob Hope, Lee Trevino, Ben Hogan, and many others. Through these anecdotes on the pros, golfers of all skill levels can discover that it's not only how well you putt or chip, but also how you respond mentally to golf's—and life's—many roadblocks. This book makes the perfect gift for duffers and professionals alike!

In the follow-up to his successful *Ben Hogan's Magical Device*, author Ted Hunt takes things a step further, focusing his attention on the elements of Hogan's picture-perfect swing specific to shots attempted within 100 yards of the flagstick. *Ben Hogan's Short Game Simplified* begins with an overview of Hogan's magical device for the uninitiated and segues into a detailed, step-by-step breakdown of Hogan's swing from the takeaway to the follow-through, with each step garnering its own dedicated chapter complete with illustrations, photos, and drills. Chapters focus on chip shots; flop shots; bunker shots; putts; spinning, drawing, and fading the ball; Hogan's fundamentals; additional drills and exercises; and a special chapter of Hogan stories.

In 1954, Ben Hogan stated in the serialized lessons he wrote for *Life* magazine that he had "a secret." He challenged the world to find it by stating "It is easy to see if I tell you where to look." He then wrote his legendary instructional book, *Five Lessons*, and created a remarkable golf swing puzzle, but somehow one important piece of information was missing. Golf expert after golf expert have attempted to define this secret over the years, serving to compile a rather lengthy list of what they think the secret is but never quite explaining how it's done. Enter *Ben Hogan's Magical Device*, a revealing book which intends to finally explain, in universally understandable terms, that long-lost secret to Hogan's swing. As a lifelong golfer with 50+ years of experience, two degrees in Physical Education and a Doctorate in History, author Ted Hunt became determined to track down Hogan's secret himself. He reviewed most of the literature concerning Hogan and interviewed many professionals (including Jack Nicklaus) and the result of his research produced a clearer understanding of the source of the confusion concerning Hogan's secret. An hypothesis was conceived and tested, and Hunt was pleased to discover that his analysis stood up to critical examination. But perhaps more importantly, his golf responded with more accuracy and lower scores, which included shooting his age (79) several times within weeks of embracing the secret. Complete with 100 photos/illustrations and a foreword by movie star Sean Connery, *Ben Hogan's Magical Device* gives an easy-to-follow explanation of Hogan's secret, where it comes from, and the foundations which support its successful execution. Interspersed throughout the text are stories from professional acquaintances who spoke with Hunt about their times with Mr. Hogan.

In the first book from popular Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chamblee, the network's "resident scholar and critic" (*The New York Times*) explores the common swing positions of the greatest players throughout history—and reveals how those commonalities can help players of every skill level improve our own games. Every golf game begins with the swing, and no two are identical. Years ago, however, Brandel Chamblee, the highly regarded Golf Channel analyst and former PGA Tour professional, noticed that the best players of all time have shared similar positions in each part of the swing, from the grip and setup to the footwork, backswing, and follow-through. Since then, Chamblee, a student of game's history, has used scientific precision and thoroughness to make a study of the common swing positions of the greats. Now, in *The Anatomy of Greatness*, he reveals what he has learned, offers hundreds of photographs as his proof, to show us how we can easily incorporate his findings into our own swings to hit the ball farther, straighter, and more consistently. What does it tell us that the majority of the greats—from Jack Nicklaus and Byron Nelson to modern masters like Tiger Woods—employ a "strong" grip on the club? How did legends like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Mickey Wright, and Gary Player unlock hidden power and control by "turning in" the right knee at address? Why are some modern teachers preaching "quiet" footwork when forty-eight of the top fifty golfers of all time lifted their left heels on the backswing, allowing them to build power? At the same time that Chamblee is extolling certain swing virtues, he also debunks a number of popular—but misguided—swing philosophies that have been hindering golfers for years. The result is perhaps the best and clearest explanation of how to hit a golf ball ever published. *The Anatomy of Greatness* is a book that golfers can take to the driving range and use Chamblee's clear explanations to build better swings—and get more speed and consistency into their swings—immediately. It is like having a series of private lessons from the best golfers of all time, and it will help golfers build swings that make the game easier and more fun.

Surveys the life and career of the noted golfer, and offers a memoir by his widow, an account of the folklore he has inspired, and photographs and information about his most notable matches.

The inspirational story of the unknown golfer from Iowa who beat his idol in the 1955 U.S. Open With the overlooked Jack Fleck still playing the course, NBC-TV proclaimed that

the legendary Ben Hogan had won his record fifth U.S. Open and signed off from San Francisco. Undaunted, the forgotten lowan rallied to overcome a nine-shot deficit over the last three rounds—still a U.S. Open record—and made a pressure-packed putt to tie Hogan on the final hole of regulation play. The two men then squared off in a tense, 18-hole playoff from which Fleck emerged victorious in one of the most startling upsets in sports history. On par with the classic golf narratives of Mark Frost and John Feinstein, *The Longest Shot* will surprise and delight fans as they trace the improbable journey of an unheralded former caddie who played his way into the record books by out-dueling the sport's greatest champion of his time.

The author of *"The Ultimate Golf Trivia Book"* gathers candid memories and insights into *"the Hawk"* through more than 100 original stories and observations offered by friends, peers, partners, and apprentices.

The author introduces the "Dewsweepers," a dedicated group of golfers who tee off every weekend morning at an old club in upstate New York, while he searches for the simple joys of the game.

The Brothers Hogan: A Fort Worth History is a unique family portrait of one of golf's greatest legends. Lavishly illustrated with never-before-seen family photos, *The Brothers Hogan* follows the lives of Ben Hogan, winner of sixty-eight tournaments and nine major championships, and his brother Royal, who climbed the ranks of top amateur golfers even as his brother Ben became one of golf's most successful pros. Narrated by Royal's daughter Jacque, Ben's niece, this revealing biography not only tells the story of Ben's and Royal's remarkable careers but also sets the record straight on the shocking suicide of the boys' father, on Ben's strained relationship with his wife Valerie, on the car crash that nearly ended Ben's career, and on scores of details that have been misconstrued in earlier accounts. The rise of Colonial Country Club and its legendary course—forever nicknamed "Hogan's Alley"—and the rise of modern Fort Worth are part of the narrative as the Hogan boys and their city grew up together. Major Fort Worth leaders such as Tex Moncrief, Amon Carter, and Marvin Leonard, the visionary who built both the Colonial and Shady Oaks courses, figure prominently in the book.

Until now, few people could truly say they knew Sam Snead—his fears, his secrets, his dark side. Until today, there has never been a definitive biography of one of the greatest golfers of all time. Sam is not only a peek behind the mask, but an arresting look into the life of one of the game's most engaging yet enigmatic figures.

The professional golfer provides tips on the grip, stance, and swing of successful golf shots

A profile of the renowned golfer describes the automobile crash that nearly ended his life in 1949, his fiercely private life, his significant tournament achievements in 1953, and his relationship with his wife.

As Michael Lewis's bestseller *Moneyball* captured baseball at a technological turning point, this "highly entertaining, very smart book" (James Patterson) takes us inside golf's clash between its hallowed artistic tradition and its scientific future. The world of golf is at a crossroads. As technological innovations displace traditional philosophies, the golfing community has splintered into two deeply combative factions: the old-school teachers and players who believe in feel, artistry, and imagination, and the technical minded who want to remake the game around data. In *Golf's Holy War*, "an obvious hole-in-one for golfers and their coaches" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), Brett Cyrgalis takes us inside the heated battle playing out from weekend hackers to PGA Tour pros. At the Titleist Performance Institute in Oceanside, California, golfers clad in full-body sensors target weaknesses in their biomechanics, while others take part in mental exercises designed to test their brain's psychological resilience. Meanwhile, coaches like Michael Hebron purge golfers of all technical information, tapping into the power of intuitive physical learning by playing rudimentary games. From historic St. Andrews to manicured Augusta, experimental communes in California to corporatized conferences in Orlando, William James to Ben Hogan to theoretical physics, the factions of the spiritual and technical push to redefine the boundaries of the game. And yet what does it say that Tiger Woods has orchestrated one of the greatest comebacks in sports history without the aid of a formal coach? But *Golf's Holy War* is more than just a book about golf—it's a story about modern life and how we are torn between resisting and embracing the changes brought about by the advancements of science and technology. It's also an exploration of historical legacies, the enriching bonds of education, and the many interpretations of reality.

The Swedish-born LPGA champion teaches golfers of all skill levels how to play and win like a pro, with detailed instructions on the swing, fundamentals of grip and posture, and putting, along with tips on using every club in the bag.

The inspiration for the HBO documentary from Academy Award-winning producer Alex Gibney. The #1 New York Times bestseller based on years of reporting and interviews with more than 250 people from every corner of Tiger Woods's life—this "comprehensive, propulsive...and unsparing" (The New Yorker) biography is "an ambitious 360-degree portrait of golf's most scrutinized figure...brimming with revealing details" (Golf Digest). In 2009, Tiger Woods was the most famous athlete on the planet, a transcendent star of almost unfathomable fame and fortune living what appeared to be the perfect life. But it turned out he had been living a double life for years—one that exploded in the aftermath of a Thanksgiving night crash that exposed his serial infidelity and sent his personal and professional lives over a cliff. In this "searing biography of golf's most blazing talent" (GOLF magazine), Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian dig deep behind the headlines to produce a richly reported answer to the question that has mystified millions of sports fans for nearly a decade: who is Tiger Woods, really? Drawing on more than four hundred interviews with people from every corner of Woods's life—many of whom have never spoken about him on the record before—Benedict and Keteyian construct a captivating psychological profile of a mixed race child programmed by an attention-grabbing father and the original Tiger Mom to be the "chosen one," to change not just the game of golf, but the world as well. But at what cost? Benedict and Keteyian provide the startling answers in

this definitive biography that is destined to linger in the minds of readers for years to come. "Irresistible...Immensely readable...Benedict and Keteyian bring us along for the ride in a whirlwind of a biography that reads honest and true" (The Wall Street Journal). Ultimately, Tiger Woods is "a big American story...exhilarating, depressing, tawdry, and moving in almost equal measure" (The New York Times).

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"In Good Bounces and Bad Lies, Wright brings the reader into the world of professional golf - and professional golf broadcasting - depicting in equal measure the game's grace and tradition as well as its often raucous behind-the-scenes character. Wright tells of the ups and downs of his expansive career, relating dozens of funny and outrageous anecdotes along the way. Having known such greats as Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Steve Ballesteros, Tom Watson, and many other prominent figures in the world of golf, Wright gives the true insider's perspective."--BOOK JACKET.

Every golfer, at every level, can shoot lower scores and play injury-free with the golf-specific programs outlined in Golf Fitness. This book looks at the tips and techniques used by today's top golfers: Master's Champion Trevor Immelman's exercise routine, Stuart Appleby on how to develop the "power move," LPGA Tour pro Suzanne Petersen's routine for top performance, Phil Mickelson's trainer Sean Cochran on staying fit in the off-season, and more. Golf Fitness includes exercises to improve the golf swing, details on better warm-ups, whole-body workout routines, and notes on nutrition. The book also looks at the mental game, and how the mind and body can work together for lower scores. Any golfer looking for an edge will find it in Golf Fitness.

Ben Hogan's accomplishments on the golf course are the stuff of legends, but his life off it was exceedingly private. In this biography, author Tim Scott demonstrates why such public perception was not representative of Hogan's personality, offering a firsthand glimpse into the famous golfer's humor and sensitivity. Hogan wasn't perfect, and many of his fine qualities were never made public until now, as Tim Scott shares his personal experience with Hogan as well as Hogan's friends, family, and acquaintances. Along the way, a clearer picture emerges of Hogan as a man, a golfer, a friend, and a husband.

The Big Miss is Hank Haney's candid and surprisingly insightful account of his tumultuous six-year journey with Tiger Woods, during which the supremely gifted golfer collected six major championships and rewrote golf history. Hank was one of the very few people allowed behind the curtain. He was with Tiger 110 days a year, spoke to him over 200 days a year, and stayed at his home up to 30 days a year, observing him in nearly every circumstance: at tournaments, on the practice range, over meals, with his wife, Elin, and relaxing with friends. The relationship between the two men began in March 2004 when Hank received a call from Tiger in which the golf champion asked him to be his coach. It was a call that would change both men's lives. Tiger—only 28 at the time—was by then already an icon, judged by the sporting press as not only one of the best golfers ever, but possibly the best athlete ever. Already he was among the world's highest paid celebrities. There was an air of mystery surrounding him, an aura of invincibility. Unique among athletes, Tiger seemed to be able to shrug off any level of pressure and find a way to win. But Tiger was always looking to improve, and he wanted Hank's help. What Hank soon came to appreciate was that Tiger was one of the most complicated individuals he'd ever met, let alone coached. Although Hank had worked with hundreds of elite golfers and was not easily impressed, there were days watching Tiger on the range when Hank couldn't believe what he was witnessing. On those days, it was impossible to imagine another human playing golf so perfectly. And yet Tiger is human—and Hank's expert eye was adept at spotting where Tiger's perfection ended and an opportunity for improvement existed. Always haunting Tiger was his fear of "the big miss"—the wildly inaccurate golf shot that can ruin an otherwise solid round—and it was because that type of blunder was sometimes part of Tiger's game that Hank carefully redesigned his swing mechanics. Hank's most formidable coaching challenge, though, would be solving the riddle of Tiger's personality. Wary of the emotional distractions that might diminish his game and put him further from his goals, Tiger had developed a variety of tactics to keep people from getting too close, and not even Hank—or Tiger's family and friends, for that matter—was spared "the treatment." Toward the end of Tiger and Hank's time together, the champion's laser-like focus began to blur and he became less willing to put in punishing hours practicing—a disappointment to Hank, who saw in Tiger's behavior signs that his pupil had developed a conflicted relationship with the game. Hints that Tiger hungered to reinvent himself were present in his bizarre infatuation with elite military training, and—in a development Hank didn't see coming—in the scandal that would make headlines in late 2009. It all added up to a big miss that Hank, try as he might, couldn't save Tiger from. There's never been a book about Tiger Woods that is as intimate and revealing—or one so wise about what it takes to coach a superstar athlete.

From "one of the best sportswriters in America" (The Washington Times)—the New York Times bestselling story of the friendship and rivalry between golf legends Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus, whose sparring matches defined the sport for more than a decade. The first time they met, at an exhibition match in 1967, Tom Watson was a seventeen-year-old high school student and Jack Nicklaus, at twenty-seven, was already the greatest golfer in the world. Though they shared some similarities—they were both Midwestern boys who had learned how to play golf at their fathers' country clubs—they differed in many ways. Nicklaus played a game of consummate control and precision. Watson hit the ball all over the place. Nicklaus lacked charm and theatrics, and he was thoroughly despised by most golf fans because he had displaced Arnold Palmer as king of the golf world. Watson was one of those Arnold Palmer fans. Yet over the next twenty years their seemingly divergent paths collided as they battled against each other again and again for a place at the top of the sport and drove each other to ever-soaring heights of accomplishment. Spanning from that first match through the "Duel in the Sun" at Turnberry in 1977 to Watson's miraculous near-victory at Turnberry as he approached sixty, and informed by interviews with both players over many years, The Secret of Golf is Joe Posnanski's

intimate account of the most remarkable rivalry and (eventual) friendship in modern golf.

Collects fifty valuable lessons about golf and life, including anecdotes about perseverance, courage, perspective, patience, self-belief, and not taking the game--or life--too seriously.

From the award-winning journalist and coach: a biography of “the ‘Rain Man’ of golf. It’s a character drama. It’s an underdog story” (Barry Morrow, Academy Award–winning screenwriter). Documentary now in production! In *The Feeling of Greatness*, second edition, golf coach Tim O’Connor updates his previous biography of the late great, Canadian golfer Moe Norman, who was famous for introducing the single plane golf swing. This edition includes new anecdotes about Moe both on and off the course by golfers, journalists, friends, and family, and offers a more in-depth portrait of the man and golfer, especially in the last years of his life. O’Connor shares with readers his personal and professional friendships with Moe along the way. Some twenty years later, from a distanced perspective, O’Connor sets the record straight about Norman, promotes his legacy as the legendary golfer he was, and reflects on life lessons learned from their association over the years. Praise for *Moe Norman and The Feeling of Greatness* “Only two players have ever owned their swings: Moe Norman and Ben Hogan.” —Tiger Woods “Well-written and meticulously researched.” —James McCarten, PGATour.com “Tim O’Connor has helped us better understand one of golf’s most intriguing and disturbing members.” —Hal Quinn, *The Financial Post*

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