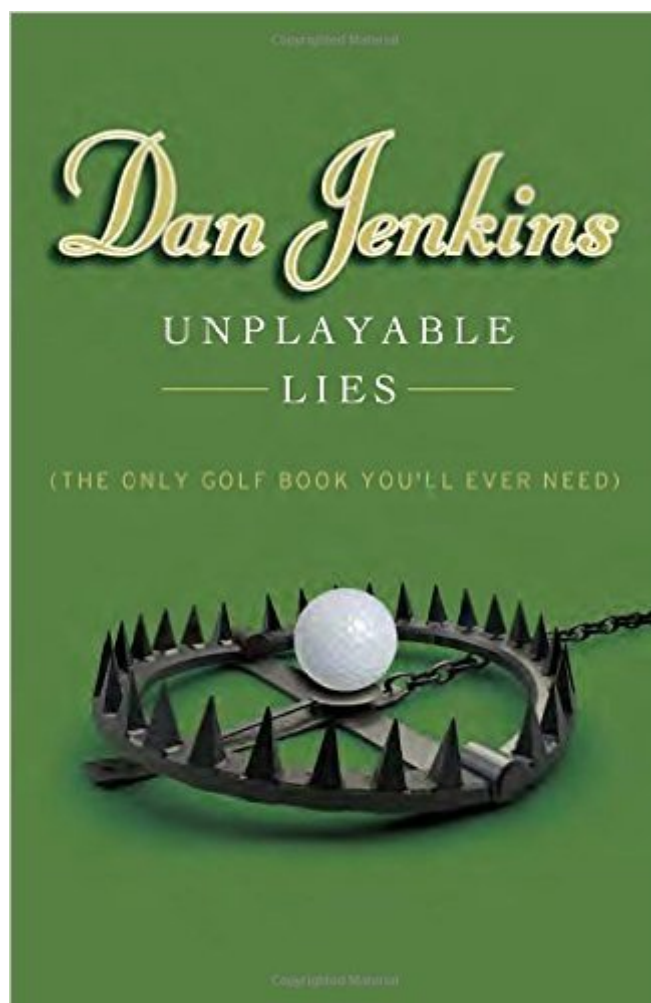


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Unplayable Lies: (The Only Golf Book You'll Ever Need)



Synopsis

Forty-one essays on golf. Half of the essays are brand new, the others are all reworked and rewritten, based on pieces that were originally published in *Golf Digest*. Often biting, usually cranky, always hilarious and surprising—this is Dan Jenkins at his best, writing about the sport he loves the most. “I’ve always wanted to do something for the golfer who has everything. I thought about a suede golf cart, or maybe a pair of cashmere Footjoys. Then I settled on writing this book.” So begins Dan Jenkins’s latest—and funniest—collection of golf essays. The book consists of thirty-eight essays, all of them, as Dan says in the first essay, are “literally throbbing with opinion.” In this book Dan delves into the greatest rounds of golf he’s ever seen; the funniest things said on a golf course; the rivalries on tour and in the press box; the game’s most magical moments—and its most absurd. *Unplayable Lies* is an ode to the game Jenkins loves. But it is Dan Jenkins, so nothing—even the game of golf—can escape his wrath, his critical eye, or his acerbic pen. The best way to describe it is to turn the book over to Mr. Jenkins: In “Titanic and I”—probably the most hilarious and surprising essay in the book, telling true stories of Titanic Thompson: gambler, golf hustler, accused murderer, legendary storyteller—Dan explains how Titanic would win a wager by saying he could knock a bird off a telephone wire: “Titanic would drop a ball on the ground and take out his four-wood, waggle it, and pretend to aim at the bird on the wire. When some sucker would bet him he couldn’t do it, Ti would pull out a gun he carried and shoot the bird off the wire.” In “The Greatest Rounds”: “Show me a man who doesn’t know what Arnold did in the last round of the ’60 U.S. Open at Cherry Hills, and I’ll show you a soccer fan in Paraguay.” This is a perfect follow up to *His Ownself*. It even has an Introduction by Sally Jenkins, one of the country’s top sportswriters and Dan’s own darling daughter.

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When the pre-eminent sports writer in the world has penned his memoir and is pushing 86 years of age to boot, his fans can be excused for thinking that they have seen the last book from him. Well, luckily for the legion of Dan Jenkins fans around the world, the master didn't hang up his Royal typewriter after he finished his memoir - he has just released a new book, "Unplayable Lies". A collection of essays and columns, like his earlier works "Fairways and Greens", "The Dogged Victims of Inexorable Fate", and a couple of others, "Unplayable Lies" contains 40 pieces, about half of which were previously published in Golf Digest magazine and the rest of which are brand new. As usual in Jenkins' work, the columns are by turns funny, informative, acerbic, and cynical - but always honest. Jenkins has been everywhere in the world of sports, seen everything, and known everyone, and the depth of his knowledge and feeling for the game of golf comes through in the essays in this book. Some of his attitudes might come across as a little outdated to younger readers - or those with thin skins - but that's more their problem than his. Like all of Jenkins' books, the depth of his knowledge and the honesty of his work shine through. In the loving yet crisply analytical foreword to the book which was written by his daughter, Sally, an accomplished and award-winning sportswriter in her own right, she speaks of the three lessons as a writer that she learned from her father: "the absoluteness of his concentration, the contrariness of his thinking, and the depth of his respect for good writing. All of which can only be called integrity.

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