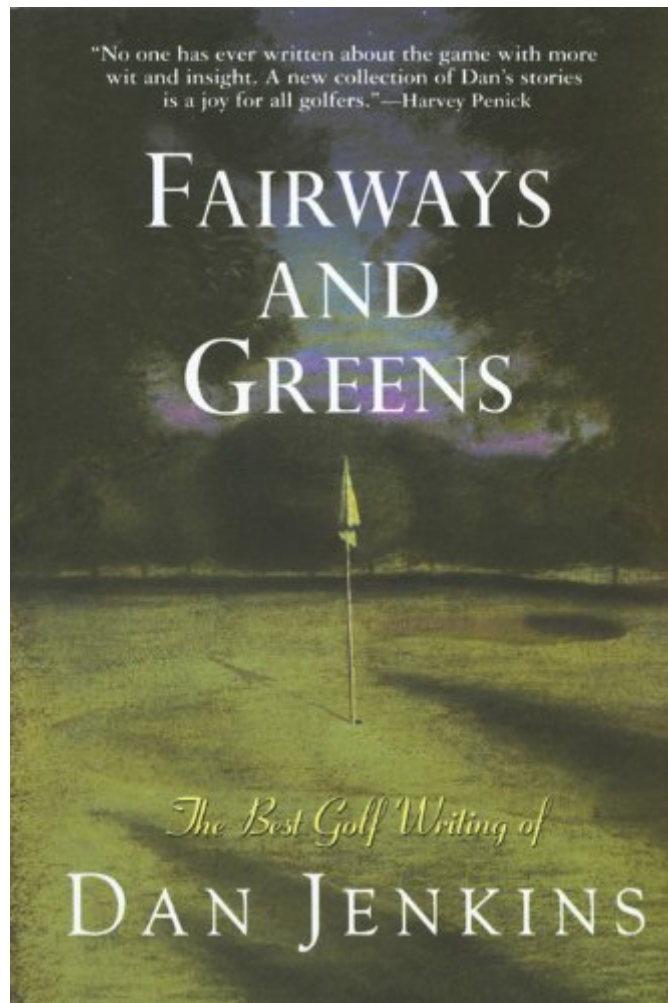




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Synopsis

"Tell me about plumbing, fine. Tell me about carpentry, terrace gardening, the timer on VCRs. Go ahead and explain cellophane. Tell me about all of these things, but don't try to tell me about golf, okay? Golf I know."--Dan Jenkins

After four decades of covering golf-not to mention "playing scratch from the blues and gambling for my own money when I didn't have any", Dan Jenkins most definitely knows golf. He may, in fact, know the game better than anyone on the planet. Now, his latest and long awaited collection brings together his best writing on the game, from serious pieces on timeless classics like the 1954 Masters and the 1960 Open to humorous takes on everything from the best things in golf-the best bar is Club XIX in the Pebble Beach Lodge-to his unrequited love of golf carts. With a cast that includes everyone from Hogan, Palmer, and Nicklaus to all of the lurkers and spoilers on the PGA Tour, the book is a timeless addition to great golf literature.

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Customer Reviews

It is important to remember what this book is...it is not a history of golf, though it does have some historical aspects about it. It is a collection of the best writing of one of golf's all-time best writers. It's funny, humorous and, at times, touching...it is not designed to be golf history...The book is best read and enjoyed when read as if one is sitting around a table with Dan and his friends, having a beer(s) and swapping stories. That's what it is really---ole Dan Jenkins, the best writer of his day, telling stories about how it once was, what made golf special then and lends to the specialness of golf today. Take it for what it is, enjoy and remember how it was before metal woods, hot balls and the corporate takeover of golf. This is a book for old guys, those of us who remember and appreciate Hogan, Nelson, Palmer, Nicklaus, the old crowd. Young fans of golf today, say 50 and younger, need to come to an appreciation of those men as icons of golf, then read this book to see and understand them as flesh and blood people, something more full and colorful than simple iconic figures. This book has a place in golf history. It is about a time that has passed, a very human and humorous look at golf as it once was, a time that was pretty good to those of us who lived through it and appreciated it then---and now.

Just not up to Dan Jenkins standards. His books generally are a treasure of factual wit, presented as only Jenkins can present. This effort falls far short of his classics. Must have had a headache while writing this.

Dan Jenkins in writing this book is as good as he has ever been. buy it, start reading it and prepare to do nothing else for the rest of the day.

Great Sports/golf book.

Great read!

There are not many golf books I do not like. Unfortunately this book was painful to read. Nothing new from a golf perspective and grins were few and far between. Author comes off completely self absorbed and arrogant...in my opinion.

The book was originally published in 1994 and is a collection of 33 essays written by Dan Jenkins. "I've heard more golf stories than a Bolshoi dancer has heard Swan Lake," he writes. The two

sections for the essays are as timely today as back in the day; The Way It Is Today - Dining Out on Corporate Logos and Order the Nostalgia and Tell Them Heavy on the Hogan. Jenkins goes in-depth on the world of the small ball by naming the best trophy room, best short and long par three holes and - for an eagle on the 19th hole - the best bar, which is downstairs in the Pebble Beach Lodge, Club XIX. But Jenkins drains a downhill 45-footer when he writes, ".....the Rules of Golf are dumber than carrots." Though the collection is around 15 years old, the yarns remain satisfyingly fresh.

Many of the Jenkins sayings and phrases from books past jump out at you again. A true pleasure to read. Only problem was annoying my wife with constant chuckling (and occasional laughs) at Dan's wonderful wit. Recommend highly to any fan of this wonderful game!!!

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