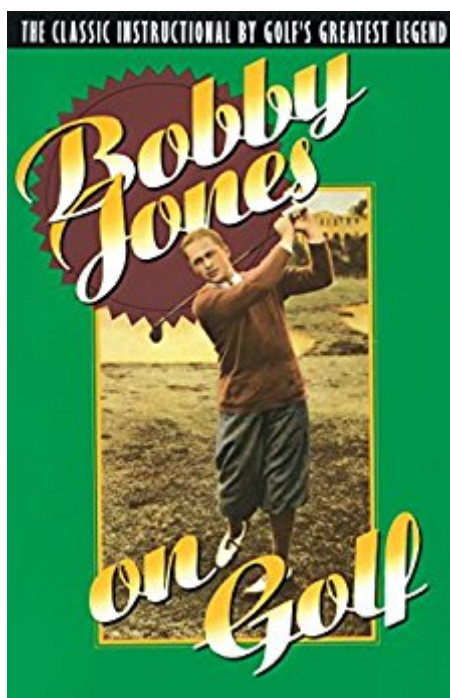




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Bobby Jones On Golf: The Classic Instructional By Golf's Greatest Legend



Synopsis

By the best amateur golfer ever to play the game, this is essential instructional reading for the millions who have taken up golf during the 20 years this marvelous, timeless book has been out of print and unavailable. B & W line drawings. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

One of the top three or four instructional books on golf ever written. No player of Jones caliber could come close to utilizing the English language to convey meaning like him. He was definitely the most intelligent of the great champions, however Hogan's IQ may have been higher. Unfortunately, Hogan used the majority of his IQ to dissecting the golf swing, and had very few other passions or great interests like Jones. The greatest three golfers in history are without question Nicklaus, Jones, and Hogan followed by Nelson and Snead. The top three can go in any order you like and you would not be incorrect and would have a valid argument.

Where to start? Maybe it's Jones' Harvard-educated background combined with his Southern

gentleman quality that melds into a style of writing that is unmatched in over 100 years of writings in golf instruction. His conveyance of somewhat technical aspects of the game in an economy of words is astounding, and after reading the book probably 4 times now, I see new instances of incredible use of language with each reading. Here is an example of Jones' use of language - this from the first chapter: "The great fault in the average golfer's conception of his stroke is that he considers the shaft of the club a means of transmitting actual physical force to the ball, whereas it is in reality merely the means of imparting velocity to the clubhead... I like to think of a golf club as a weight attached to my hands by an imponderable medium, to which a string is a close approximation, and I like to feel that I am throwing it at the ball with much the same motion I should use in cracking a whip." Economy of words and language that it so beautiful to read. Jones' teaching methods are quite unlike most used today. He does not focus on positional teaching; rather, he focuses his efforts on more feel and movement - he conceives the golf swing as a movement. His beliefs include: 1) a totally relaxed grip and setup - this is paramount as any tension destroys the golf swing; 2) use of the lower body (much like Percy Boomer) to start and generate the swing; 3) use of the left hip and foot to start the downswing - Jones calls this the most important move in golf; 4) the golf swing should be conceived as one motion - not an upswing and a downswing; 5) swing the clubhead, as in the Ernest Jones' book of the same name. Jones still does not get the recognition he deserves. Many consider him one of golf's greatest, but his Grand Slam completed in 1930 still goes down, in most knowledgeable sportswriters, as the greatest accomplishment in the history of sport. Were Jones to play today, there is no question that he would be as dominant a player today, as he was in his era. Computer analysis of his swing showed a hickory-shafted 42 inch driver, travelling at 119 MPH of clubhead speed at impact, faster than 70% of today's touring pros. Mickelson, Toms, et al have won majors while Tiger was around, yet even the great Walter Hagen never won when Bob Jones played in the same major championship. Buy this book, put it on your shelf, read it once every few years and marvel at its simple ability to convey the golf swing, while taking you back to the days of great language in sport.

I've been playing for about 2 1/2 years now, and I usually shoot in the 91 to 94 range, although I can break 90 occasionally when the stars align properly. I've read a lot of golf books in the last few years, and this one is excellent. I will re-read and refer to for years to come. Jones gives a lot of great advice regarding course management and getting out of difficult situations, as well as discussing his philosophy of the game. If you're tired of reading dry books regarding swing mechanics and swing theory, and want some real practical advice on other aspects of the game,

you can't go wrong with this book. This one will be in your kindle/library for years.

very helpful

What can be said about one of greatest golfers of all time imparting golf wisdom that has not already been said before? A truly important book to have for anyone striving to improve their understanding of the golf swing. This book is significantly enhanced when paired with a recently issued book by Bobby Jones titled "Classic Golf Instruction". Bobby Jones on Golf has limited illustrations demonstrating the techniques described. However, Classic Golf Instruction is primarily a book of instructional photos of Bobby Jones that provides images that are described in the Bobby Jones on Golf book. I highly recommend both books.

Excellent insightful instruction for golfers trying to learn to "swing the club head" with speed and beautiful rhythm of the classical golfers of a bygone era. Worth reading and absorbing these techniques especially for the more senior golfer who can no longer "thrash at the ball" because the body won't take that kind of punishment. Jack Nicklaus once said the average golfer should emulate Jones rather than trying to copy the young flat-belly swings found on the PGA tour today! I believe it!

Bought as a gift. I've been told it "changed my game" !!!

Great insight as to how Jones played the game and how the things he thought about and did a hundred years ago apply today.

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