

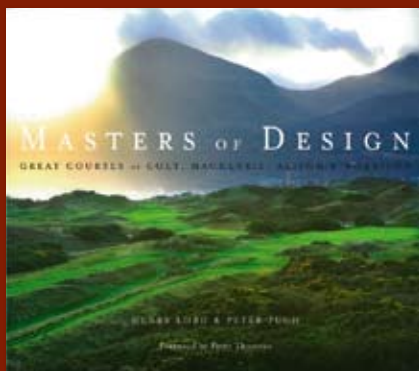


# BEST BOOKS FOR DAD

STUCK FOR A GIFT FOR YOUR GOLFING DAD? HERE'S A FEW RECOMMENDED READS TO PUT ON HIS BOOK SHELF THIS FATHER'S DAY

## MASTERS OF DESIGN — GREAT COURSES OF COLT, MACKENZIE, ALISON & MORRISON

Henry Lord & Peter Pugh



Designers Harry Colt, Dr Alister MacKenzie, C.H. Alison and J.F. Morrison are as equally revered as the wonderful layouts they created.

*Masters of Design* pays homage to these four great sculptors of the land, blending detailed anecdotes

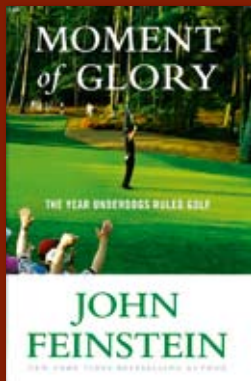
and historical accounts with spectacular course photography – old and new. Melbourne-based photographer Gary Lisbon was one of the main contributors to the book, which further elevates the quality of the book. There are also some fabulous historical images from the 'Golden Age of Design' in the 1920s. For example, there are some magnificent black and white images of MacKenzie playing his Cypress Point design in 1929.

**RRP:** \$99 (Allen & Unwin).

## MOMENT OF GLORY — THE YEAR UNDERDOGS RULED GOLF

John Feinstein

John Feinstein is one of world's best sportswriters and his golfing tomes during the past few years are proof of his ability to take the reader on a journey of discovery into the world of professional golf.



Feinstein has previously taken us behind the scenes with his books – *The Majors*, *A Good Walk Spoiled*, *Tales From Q School* and more recently *Are You Kidding Me?* with Rocco Mediate – and he does likewise with *Moment of Glory*, which looks at the major champions of 2003.

Each of the major winners – Mike Weir, Jim Furyk, Ben Curtis and Shaun Micheel – had never won a major

before and Feinstein does a fantastic job of looking at the lives of each winner, the ones who just missed, and how that moment of glory changed their lives.

**RRP:** \$45 (Hachette Australia).

## THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED

Mark Frost

By 1913, Harry Vardon was nearing the twilight of his career and was regarded as one of the legends in the game, having won the Open Championship a record six times.



Francis Ouimet was meant to be a spectator at the 1913 US Open but, against his father's wishes, he played in the US Amateur and was given a start in the Open. Playing on his local course, Ouimet surprised all in tying Vardon and his compatriot, Ted Ray, in regulation play.

Mark Frost brilliantly tells the story of the amateur versus the pros, the local hero versus the British invaders ... the underdog versus the champion. He also delves

into the private dramas Ouimet had to overcome in winning the championship – a victory that helped put golf on the map in the United States.

**RRP:** \$27 (Little, Brown & Company US).

## THE MATCH

Mark Frost

More than 40 years after caddying as a 10-year-old for US Open champion Francis Ouimet, Eddie Lowery boasts to a fellow



millionaire, George Coleman, that amateur golfers and car salesmen Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi could easily beat any other two golfers in the world in a best-ball match. A sizeable bet was made and Coleman turned up for the match with his pair – Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, two of the game's greatest professionals with 14 major championships between them.

Award-winning writer Mark Frost, following on from his *The Greatest Game Ever Played*, looks at that day in 1956 through the eyes and experiences of those involved in the match, which changed golf forever.

**RRP:** \$27.99 (Hachette Australia).

## TIGER — THE REAL STORY

Steve Helling

This is the first of two recently released books putting World No.1 Tiger Woods and his sex scandal under the microscope.



Author Steve Helling, a staff writer for *People* magazine in the US, opens his biographical examination with the car crash that exposed the scandal. All of chapter one looks at the crash and the fallout in the days after Woods was found lying unconscious in his neighbour's front yard.

Helling then delves into the past of his family as well as Tiger's college years – all the while gathering clues of the meltdown that was to come.

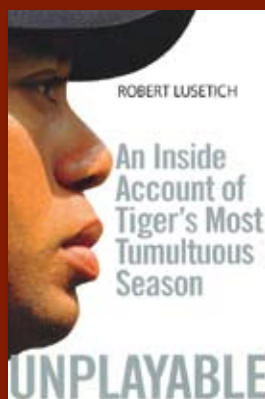
This is an easily digestible and interesting read but some factual mistakes (reference to Gregg Ogilvy is a stark example) are a letdown.

**RRP:** \$34.99 (The Scribo Group).

## UNPLAYABLE — AN INSIDE ACCOUNT OF TIGER'S MOST TUMULTUOUS SEASON

Robert Lusetich

What started as a season shadowing Tiger Woods – interviewing rival players, officials, caddies and sponsors – ended with one



of the most scandalous sports stories ever told.

US-based Australian journalist Robert Lusetich was forced to re-write his tome after the events of November 27 last year and he has done a wonderful job of tying a year's worth of information, past interviews with Woods and the exposure of his double life.

Lusetich was given one-on-one access during 2009 and has pieced together a very good narrative of his

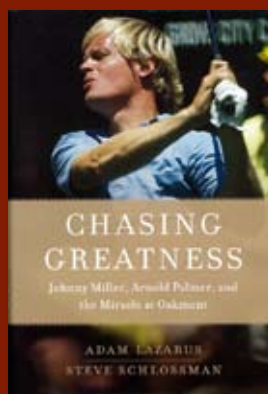
victories and defeats, as well as getting a handle on the tension between him and some other top players. He also explains how Woods was able to lead a double life for so long.

**RRP:** \$35 (Simon & Schuster).

## CHASING GREATNESS — JOHNNY MILLER, ARNOLD PALMER AND THE MIRACLE AT OAKMONT

Adam Lazarus & Steve Schlossman

The 1973 US Open was one of the most memorable championships



in golf history – a championship where a rising star overcame the immortals of the modern game.

The authors researched through archives, videos and interviewed the main players who contended for the title including Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Tom Weiskopf and the eventual winner Johnny Miller, who came from six shots behind on the final day.

*Chasing Greatness* is an incredibly detailed account of the championship

and offers some previously unknown anecdotes about the players involved. Lazarus and Schlossman obviously aimed to capture and project the drama of the event and they easily achieved this with great writing and well-researched material.

**RRP:** \$40 (Penguin).

## OPEN SECRETS

Robert Winder

Golf made it onto the front page of newspapers worldwide for all the right reasons in July 2009. Could an ageing legend of the game



actually win the Open Championship?

For 71 holes of the Open at Turnberry, it seemed likely that Tom Watson would add a sixth Claret Jug to his collection. Then a bad bounce, a poor putt followed by another and the dream was gone. It was the greatest sports story ready to be told that unfortunately did not come to fruition.

Robert Winder was there as Watson bowed to his much younger opponent, Stewart Cink. His account of the Open is great reading and offers a

terrific insight into the minds and actions of the players during that memorable championship.

**RRP:** \$55 (Hachette Australia).



## 120 GREAT COURSES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Brendan James

If you think your Dad is looking to expand his golfing horizons, this is the book he needs to guide him along the way.

*120 Great Courses in Australia and New Zealand* is not a ranking book but each of the selected courses has been chosen based on the memorable experience they offer all golfers – elite, average, young and old.

Written and photographed by *Golf Australia* editor Brendan James, the book has been

drawn from his 15 years of playing hundreds of courses in both countries. He offers highlights of each course, the standout holes and some history as well as practical hints on where to stay, nearby attractions and other quality golf courses nearby.

This book also has the added bonus of offering discount green fee vouchers for selected courses in Australia and New Zealand.

**RRP:** \$29.95 (Explore Australia Publishing).

**WIN A COPY FOR YOUR DAD** For a chance to win one of five signed copies of *120 Great Courses in Australia and New Zealand*, in 25 words or less tell us your what your favourite Australian or New Zealand golf course is and why. **SEND ENTRIES TO:** Via email to [competitions@golfaustralia.com.au](mailto:competitions@golfaustralia.com.au) with the subject line Golf Book or send mail to Great Courses Book, *Golf Australia* magazine, PO Box 5555, St Leonards, NSW 1590. Entries close August 25. The winners will be published in the October issue of *Golf Australia*.

## ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

John Feinstein with Rocco Mediate

The 2008 US Open was one of the most compelling and widely watched golf events in the modern era.



Tiger Woods, handicapped by a knee injury that rippled pain through his leg with every shot, was fighting for the title with the ultimate journeyman, Rocco Mediate – one of the game's great characters who had overcome his own injuries and setbacks to get his chance at making history.

Mediate relives, through Feinstein, the five days of the Open – Tiger's never-say-die efforts, the shot-for-shot play-off and the sudden death conclusion.

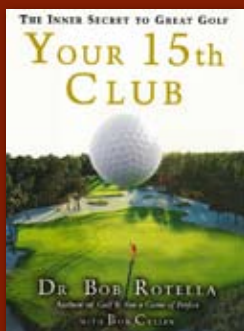
Once again Feinstein has stamped himself as one of golf's finest writers with this detailed and entertaining account of the 2008 championship at Torrey Pines.

**RRP:** \$29.95 (Hachette Australia).

## YOUR 15TH CLUB – THE INNER SECRET TO GREAT GOLF

Dr Bob Rotella

Dr Bob Rotella, author of the bestselling book *Golf Is Not a Game of Perfect*, brings together his skills and years of experience as a golf



psychologist to give readers the insight they need to improve their game – even before they have stepped on the 1st tee.

Rotella provides tips and techniques for readers on how they can learn – from the game's best players like Tiger Woods and Padraig Harrington – to overcome fear in pressure situations, and keep a clear mind, no matter what.

This book not only offers great advice but Rotella also provides a one-year

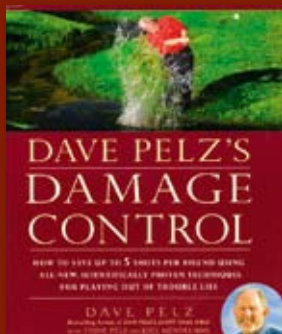
schedule in diary and calendar form that incorporates the daily mental routines he assigns to players on the PGA Tour.

**RRP:** \$25 (Simon & Schuster).

## DAMAGE CONTROL

Dave Pelz

The best-selling author of the *Short Game Bible* and *Putting Bible*, Dave Pelz, turns his attention to escaping the worst lies the game can throw at a player.



While much of this instruction book is devoted to demonstrating how to hit shots from a myriad of troublesome lies, there are a substantial amount of pages covering course strategy and how best to avoid trouble.

Ultimately, Pelz does a great job in explaining how the reader can eliminate disaster scores from their round and play under their

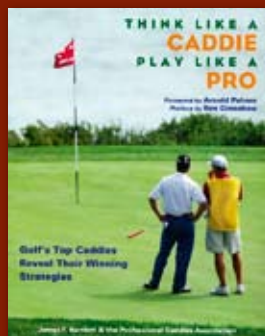
handicap more often. He says it is not unreasonable to suggest five strokes can be saved per round by following a few simple rules and recognising 'red flag' situations and avoiding them.

*Damage Control* is a very different instruction book you won't want to put down.

**RRP:** \$55 (Aurum Press).

## THINK LIKE A CADDIE, PLAY LIKE A PRO

James Y. Bartlett



Caddies are far more important to a professional golfer than simply being the bag carrier. They are part psychologist, part coach and part strategist. Perhaps, more importantly, they are the voice of reason.

*Think Like A Caddie, Play Like A Pro* draws on the combined experience of some of the game's best 'loopers' – Steve Williams (Tiger Woods), the late Bruce Edwards (Tom Watson), Matt Achatz (Rocco Mediate), Joe LaCava (Fred Couples) and Jim Mackay (Phil Mickelson) to name a few – to offer a valuable insight into better strategy, on and off the course, for all golfers.

Approaching a round like a caddie, where you develop a plan, approach each shot with confidence and make better choices, will help you lower your scores. The concept of this book is terrific and the author delivers on easily explaining the tips and advice within.

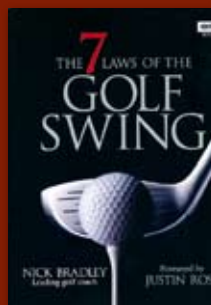
**RRP:** \$32.95 (Sellers Publishing).

## THE 7 LAWS OF THE GOLF SWING

Nick Bradley

This best-selling instruction book has been updated and re-released six years after it hit bookshelves and scooped a truckload of awards.

The instruction within its pages is terrific and Bradley explains



in great detail every aspect of each of his 'seven laws', from the grip through to mental strategy. The illustrations and photography are excellent and really help the reader gain an even greater understanding of Bradley's advice.

Bradley also provides a series of practical drills and exercises that will help you adopt into your game the seven laws.

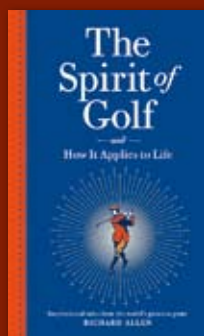
A summary section in the back of the book is a wonderful idea and certainly makes it easier to reference and recall a tip quickly.

**RRP:** \$45 (Random House).

## THE SPIRIT OF GOLF AND HOW IT APPLIES TO LIFE

Richard Allen

Both golf and life require patience and courage, persistence and honesty, focus and self-belief. They present similar challenges, involve the weighing up of risk and the making of hard decisions.



And, of course, there is triumph and disaster to deal with.

Melbourne-based writer and avid golfer Richard Allen presents a range of inspirational stories from around the world – including some that feature Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan and Seve Ballesteros – that show how golf teaches us about ego and resilience and ultimately how we realise not to take the game, or life, too seriously.

This is a fantastic read that features incredibly detailed research interwoven with Allen's well-crafted words that leave you without any doubt he knows his subject and has a passion for the game.

**RRP:** \$24.99 (Melbourne University Publishing).