

## Rory McIlroy The Biography

"From the bestselling author of *Golf Is Not a Game of Perfect* and *Golf Is a Game of Confidence*, a book about how to improve your short game"--

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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.

Danny O'Donoghue is loved by millions around the world as the frontman of The Script. The Irish charmer is blessed with rugged good looks and a uniquely soulful voice. But success did not come quickly for the Dubliner - it took years of grafting to hit the big time. Danny was born to be a rock star. With no interest in education, his long path to

stardom began after meeting would-be guitar hero Mark Sheehan. Little did the two youngsters know that they would ultimately find fame together. But Danny would spend a decade in musical purgatory in the US, stealing bags of ice just to fill his bath and making tea in recording studios for Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears, before the two triumphantly struck out on their own. With years of learning from the best, they knew the recipe for success. The Script exploded onto the scene in style, with Paul McCartney, Take That and U2 all clamouring for their support. And in 2012, Danny's career reached new heights as a judge on hit show The Voice. His journey from tea boy to TV star, music hero and household name was complete. In this first-ever biography of the star, David O'Dornan reveals the amazing highs and lows of Danny's personal and professional life and speaks to music industry experts and artists to find out more about the man behind the music. This is a must-read book for any fan or, as Danny likes to call them, 'The Script Family'.

The incredible true story of Tiger Woods's dramatic comeback following his humbling and very public personal, physical, and professional setbacks. One publicly imploded marriage. Two car accidents. Eight surgeries. And now, a miracle of hard work and storied talent: five Masters wins. Once hailed as "the greatest closer in history" before he fell further than any beloved athlete in America's memory, Tiger swung at the world's wildest expectations and beat the skeptics with his April 2019 Masters championship. *Roaring Back* traces his road to Augusta and the improbable, phenomenal comeback of one of the greatest golfers in history. New York Times–bestselling author Curt Sampson details the highs and lows of Woods's career in three gripping acts. From his startling loss at the 2009 PGA Championship, detrimental obsession with his swing, and that infamous night involving an ex-wife and a nine-iron...to adoring fans and lucrative sponsors turning their backs, exclusive interviews with past instructors and PGA tour peers, and an arrest complete with a toxicology report . . . finally to Tiger coming from behind for his fifth green jacket as the crowd rumbled in Georgia, and how his comeback rivals those of the most dramatic in his sport. Sampson also places Woods's defeats and triumphs in the context of historic comebacks by other notable golfers like Ben Hogan, Skip Alexander, Aaron Siltan, and Charlie Beljan, finding the forty-three-year-old alone on the green for his trajectory of victory against all odds. As this enthralling book reveals, Tiger never doubted the perseverance of the winner in the mirror. "Sampson admirably details all the highs and lows." —Jim Nantz, CBS Sports

Discover how to reach your greatest potential in golf by focusing only on the shot in front of you—nothing before or after—with the world's preeminent sport psychologist, Dr. Bob Rotella. Acclaimed sport psychologist and bestselling author Dr. Bob Rotella has advised countless professional golfers, as well as athletes in individual and team sports at the amateur and professional levels, on how to flourish under pressure and win championships. Rotella strives to make average athletes exceptional. With his decades of in-depth research and practical experience, he has encouraged people worldwide to persevere through adversity in a dozen internationally bestselling titles. In *Make Your Next Shot Your Best Shot*, Rotella's message is simple but effective: to reach your greatest potential in golf, you need to set your sights high and always think positively. He wants you to aim for something incredible: free your mind, concentrate on your process, accept whatever happens, and commit to making your next shot your best

shot. Rotella shows you how to focus your mind, create a routine for success, persevere, and overcome failure. Drawing from lessons learned in other sports, this book is about how to train your mind to play in the moment. It's about spending your lifetime chasing greatness—and having a ball while doing it.

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.

Golf fans will not forget the 39th Ryder Cup in a hurry. Staged at the Medinah Country Club just outside of Chicago, the 2012 event has already gone down as the most remarkable competition in its 85-year history. The American team had home advantage, and a golf course unapologetically set up to suit its own players. Supported by tens of thousands of loud and proud fans, the USA's star-studded line-up dominated the first two days and ended the Saturday with a seemingly unassailable 10-6 advantage. No away team had ever won the Ryder Cup from such an unpromising position. Sunday was singles day, traditionally the forte of American teams. The situation looked bleak, especially when European team member and number 1 golfer in the world, Rory McIlroy, very nearly missed his tee-off time. Yet slowly but surely, the European team - who had top-loaded their line-up in one last throw of the dice - started to turn the scoreboard blue. With inspirational captain Jose Maria Olazabal stiring European blood with thoughts of the late Ryder Cup magician Seve Ballesteros (whose silhouette was emblazoned on the players' sweaters and bags), the tide turned and the previously dominant American players started to crumble in the face of the onslaught. Suddenly European players were holing miraculous putts to win holes out of the blue. Something very special was happening. When German Martin Kaymer sank his putt on the eighteenth green to clinch the point that retained the Ryder Cup, the most astonishing comeback in the event's long and distinguished history was complete.

Miracle at Medinah is the compelling narrative of those amazing three days in Illinois, a fitting chronicle of an unbelievable sporting story.

**PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS** On 2 May 2016, 5000-1 outsiders Leicester City were confirmed as winners of the Premier League, in one of the greatest sporting shocks in history. This most momentous of victories was fuelled by the goals, determination and desire of one Jamie Richard Vardy, a man who only a few years previously had been stuck in non-league football. Too small to play, too slight to mix it, earning so little that he was being forced out of the game he loved, the odds on what was to follow could not have been longer. Yet after a meteoric rise through the football ranks, Jamie Vardy squared his shoulders against all the naysayers and set the Premier League on fire. By the time Christmas of 2015 rolled around, he had scored in eleven consecutive games, breaking Manchester United's Ruud van Nistelrooy's twelve-year-old record in the process, and Leicester were well on their way to this most stunning of footballing triumphs. In *The Boy From Nowhere*, bestselling sports writer Frank Worrall traces the true story of how Jamie Vardy went from non-league journeyman to inspirational talisman for Premier League champions Leicester City. This is the incredible tale of Jamie Vardy, the boy who came from nowhere to the top of the world.

8 May 2013: the day Manchester United fans had dreaded for nearly three decades. Sir Alex Ferguson announced he was to step down as manager of the world's biggest football club after 27 years in charge. The Scot signed off in style with an honours list that confirmed him as the most successful manager in British - and world - history. He would leave United at the age of 71 having won 38 trophies with them, and he would now become a director and ambassador for the club he had served so well. The story of Sir Alex Ferguson is a true rags-to-riches fairytale. Born in Govan, Glasgow in 1941, he played for Queen's Park, Dunfermline and Rangers before retiring in 1974 to begin his managerial career. Before joining Manchester United, he led a struggling Aberdeen side to the league title and the 1983 European Cup Winners' Cup and, although he struggled initially at United, his bargain-signing of Eric Cantona secured their first league title in 26 years. An incredible run of success followed, shaped by the emergence of 'Fergie's Fledglings' - Ryan Giggs, Gary Neville, Paul Scholes, David Beckham and Nicky Butt. His finest moment was in 1999 when United romped to an unprecedented Treble of Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League trophies. Ferguson was knighted the same year. This in-depth biography charts Fergie's unstoppable rise and pays tribute to the greatest manager the world has ever seen. Revered as the most prestigious tournament in golf, the Masters commands international attention, even among nongolfers. The first edition of *The Masters: A Hole-by-Hole History of America's Golf Classic* took the unique approach of tackling Augusta National hole by hole. Each hole had its own chapter, with colorful stories on the greatest shots, biggest disasters, and amazing events that took place on each. David Sowell returns to Augusta now with the second edition of *The Masters*, adding more history and updating each hole with additional stories of greatness and tales of woe. He addresses Tiger's continued dominance as well as how Phil Mickelson finally got over his majors hump in a major way. Sowell also discusses the changes that have been made to the course in an effort to make it more difficult and shows how those changes have affected play. The legends of the Masters are in full force in this unique and lively

look at America's golf classic. From Bobby Jones and Gene Sarazen to Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus to Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, all the greatest Masters moments of the greatest golfers are here in one book. *The Masters: A Hole-by-Hole History of America's Golf Classic, Second Edition* provides a rich historical view of the course where success breeds legends and where failure can haunt even the most brilliant golfer's career.

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.

A "guide to success in all aspects of life-- not just sports-- from business to relationships to personal challenges of every variety"--Amazon.com.

On the night of 29 April 2017, at Wembley Stadium, Anthony Joshua knocked down and defeated the Ukraine's former world heavyweight champion, Vladimir Klitschko. In doing so, he added the WBA and IBO heavyweight titles to the IBF belt he already held. That bald statement of fact does little justice to what proved to be one of the finest heavyweight contests of all time, in which a brilliant but relatively inexperienced fighter took on, and eventually defeated, one of the finest boxers of his or any other age. It was a twelve-round fight before a record post-War crowd, and for eleven of those rounds it could have gone either way; indeed, in Round 6 it looked as though Joshua was finished when a massive right hand from Klitschko sent him to the canvas. But the fight also harked back to an earlier era of true sportsmen, far outshining the hype and flummery of lesser fighters, with Joshua as graceful and generous in victory as Klitschko was in defeat. For once, boxing lived up to its description as 'the Noble Art', and is all the richer for it. In this, the first post-Klitschko fight study of this remarkable boxer, bestselling sports writer Frank Worrall looks at the life and career of a young man who has won all nineteen of his professional fights by KO. Since that glorious day in 2012, when Joshua won gold at the London Olympics, he has shown himself to be a true gentleman - but a fighter to the core. At twenty-seven, he has a glittering career ahead of him, and it seems certain that he is poised to revive heavyweight boxing and usher in a new Golden Age.

This title explores the life of Rory McIlroy, from his early days playing golf to his

triumphs at the highest level. The title also features informative sidebars, fun facts and quotes, a glossary, and further resources. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

This is the story of the new King of the Kop. When Mohamed Salah signed for Liverpool from Rome in 2017, his record fee was initially greeted with some scepticism. While he'd been singled out as a future star back in Egypt, and performed well at the Italian club, no one could have predicted the impact he was to have at Anfield. Scoring an unprecedented thirty-two goals in thirty-six games for the club, he became the sensation of the Premier League. Not only that, but he has also won over fans of all stripes with his humility and grace off the pitch, as well as his versatility and flair on it. Few players have inspired such fervent admiration so quickly, with chants of his name still reverberating around Anfield, and after just one season, he's already on his way to becoming a Liverpool legend. In this insightful biography, bestselling sports writer Frank Worrall examines Salah's electrifying debut season at Liverpool and the highs and lows that brought him there.

The first ever biography of Toe Blake — Hockey Hall of Famer and eleven-time Stanley Cup winner “Holy Dirty Dora!” Hector “Toe” Blake would bark while pacing behind the Montreal Canadiens bench, hands thrust into his pockets, jawing at chewing gum before intentionally banging his forehead into the glass that separates players and fans. No lead was safe or sufficient for the lifelong hockey man at the helm of the greatest dynasty in NHL history. As a player, Toe won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Maroons before captaining a stumbling Canadiens organization to glory and a pair of Cups. As the Habs coach, Toe cemented the team's status as lords of the league with eight more. Born into a family of 11, Blake emerged from the poverty of the Depression and a youth spent working the mines of Sudbury's Nickel Belt to find junior hockey success and an unlikely shot at the NHL. While a fiery temper and penchant for stick-swinging nearly railroaded Toe's promise, the Canadiens recognized his talent and leadership, and he went on to spend more than 50 years with the organization. History remembers Toe being hoisted onto the shoulders of his beloved players, waving his signature fedora and sipping from the Cup, but behind the success was a man driven by fear and an obsessive desire for victory. Despite personal tragedy, Toe always put winning first, and as a result, there are few coaches in any sport who have enjoyed Blake's success and even fewer who endured the toll that came with it.

Born in Italy to Ghanaian parents, Mario Barwuah suffered life-threatening health problems as a baby. By the age of three he had recovered, but his parents then entrusted him to a foster family - the Balotellis - and Mario grew up in the affluent village of Concesio. He began his football career with Lumezzane, earning promotion to the first team at the age of 15. Balotelli's skill soon brought him to the attention of the biggest clubs in Italy, and he was duly signed by Inter Milan in 2006. This book tells his story.

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was always destined to become a professional golfer from the moment he recorded a 40-yard drive aged just two. His first hole in one came when he was nine, and he played in his first professional European tour event as a 16-year-old in 2005. His maiden victory came in the 2009 Dubai Desert Classic, where he endured a nail-biting final hole, and he has since gone on to win multiple events around the world. After falling apart at the 2011 Masters, his final breakthrough came in June 2011 when he won his first major, the US Open. An incredible 2012 followed, in which he became the number one ranked golfer in the world. But in 2013, despite high aspirations, Rory did not fare well in major tournaments—not, that is, until the end of the year, when he won the Australian Open by one stroke. This is the story of the boy who proves fairytales do come true. The boy who grew up on a council estate, who, at the tender age of 22, came through against all the odds to dominate and revolutionise the world of motor racing. Thrown in at the deep end 'on a mighty whim' by F1 team owner Ron Dennis, Lewis Hamilton began his 2007 debut season with several podium finishes - and is surely in the running for the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year 2007. He has done better than anyone could have predicted: not only has he had to combat his own nerves and fears; he has had to overcome a dissenter within his own camp. With behind-the-scenes insight into the intense rivalry between Hamilton and his team mate Fernando Alonso which threatened to derail the young Briton's dream, bestselling sports author, Frank Worrall describes how the rookie rose above his critics, keeping his dignity and emerging triumphant as he racked up sensational wins around the world. But the boy-wonder's stellar rise through the motor racing ranks from karting to the hotly contested F3 Superprix and onto the F1 podium was by no means straightforward. Lewis' racing career began aged just six, when his father, holding down three jobs to support his son's blossoming career, bought him his first go-kart. Life was always a challenge - against the backdrop of racial inequality, Lewis was faced with the heartache of his parents' divorce and his anguish for half-brother Nicholas, who suffers from cerebral palsy, but these setbacks only made Hamilton more determined to succeed. The breakthrough came when he was ten on meeting McLaren boss Ron Dennis at an awards ceremony. Lewis told him, 'I'm going to race for you one day...I'm going to race for McLaren.' Two years later he contacted Dennis and the big man signed him to McLaren's development programme. By 2007 he could hold him back no longer. This is the remarkable story of the boy who has been called 'The Tiger Woods of F1'. Hamilton's is a tale of glory against the odds which reads like the script of a Hollywood movie. But this is not fiction: this is the real-life story of a record-breaking season and a legend in the making.

Dr Bob Rotella is one of the hottest golfing performance consultants in the world today. Unlike other performance consultants, Rotella goes beyond the usual mental aspects of the game and the reliance on specific techniques. In this extraordinary book, and with his clients, he creates an attitude and a mindset about all aspects of the golfer's game, from mental preparation to competition.

And, as some of the world's greatest golfers will attest, the results are spectacular. Filled with charming and insightful stories about golf and the golfers Rotella works with, *GOLF IS NOT A GAME OF PERFECT* will improve the game of even the most casual weekend player.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Good Walk Spoiled*, a dramatic chronicle of the bitterly-fought 2016 Ryder Cup pitting a U.S. team out for revenge against the Europeans determined to keep the Cup out of American hands. Coming into 2016, the Americans had lost an astounding six out of the last seven Ryder Cup matches, and tensions were running high for the showdown that took place in October, 2016 in Hazeltine, Minnesota, just days after American legend Arnold Palmer had died. What resulted was one of the most raucous and heated three days in the Cup's long history. Award-winning author John Feinstein takes readers behind the scenes, providing an inside view of the dramatic stories as they unfolded: veteran Phil Mickelson's two-year roller-coaster as he upended the American preparation process and helped assemble a superb team; superstar Rory McIlroy becoming the clear-cut emotional leader of the European team, and his reasons for wanting to beat the US team so badly this time around; the raucous matches between McIlroy and American Patrick Reed - resulting in both incredible golf, and several moments that threatened to come to blows; the return of Tiger Woods not as a player but an assistant captain, and his obsession with helping the US win - which was never the case when he was playing. John Feinstein's classic bestseller, *A Good Walk Spoiled*, set the bar for golf books. Now Feinstein provides his unique take on the Ryder Cup, which has clearly become golf's most intense and emotional event...it's 'first Major.'

The story of the local kid, born five miles down the road from White Hart Lane stadium, who became the hero Tottenham and England greatly needed, stepping out of the suburbs and into the limelight. Harry Kane is a Spurs boy through and through - 'one of our own', as the fans' ditty goes - and a legend in the making. He proved to be one of the Lane's most promising players. After graduating through the youth ranks, Kane had his first Premier League start in 2014, leading to his winning the Golden Boot after scoring twenty-five goals in the 2015/16 season. The boy who started out in the same junior club as David Beckham, the boy who was rejected by Arsenal because he wasn't big or quick enough, the boy who made Arsne Wenger regret his decision after Kane proved the Gunners wrong, had become Tottenham's most promising striker. Now, in the first ever biography of the striker, bestselling football writer Frank Worrall delves into why Harry Kane became his club's, and his nation's, great hope, and how he got to that position, all seemingly from nowhere. He delves into what makes Harry tick, his hopes and dreams and just why Manchester United was willing to pay up to 60 million for his skills.

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After clinching his fifth world title in October 2018, Lewis Hamilton is now the joint second most successful driver of all time. He has accelerated into pole position, having long surpassed legends Damon Hill, Nigel Mansell and Jackie Stewart to become Britain's most successful Formula One driver. Hamilton's debut season in 2007 won him fans around the world, and his place in Formula One history was sealed the following year when he became the youngest-ever world champion. In the years since, he has created headlines on and off the track with his rivalries with Nico Rosberg and Sebastian Vettel and relationships that have landed him on the front pages of the tabloids. However, despite the media glare, he has continued to prove his incredible talent and tenacity and remain utterly dominant in his sport. In this insightful biography, bestselling sports author Frank Worrall traces the slipstream of Hamilton's incredible career as the fastest driver on the planet. This is the ultimate story of the driver who has gone from being the rookie Sir Jackie Stewart said 'has rewritten the rule book' to a world champion five times over, becoming Britain's greatest ever driver and, arguably, the finest racer Formula One has ever seen.

In 2008, 14-year-old Laura Robson shocked the world by giving Britain its first Wimbledon winner in 14 years. From seemingly out of nowhere, the previously unknown teen stormed through the famous tournament to win the girls' singles title, instantly making her the talk of the tennis cognoscenti. With her powerful serve and winning smile she quickly captured the nation's hearts, giving the country a much-needed heroine in a year that had thus far been filled with sporting disappointments. 'We love you, Laura!' read the national newspaper headlines, beginning a fascination with the shy teenager that continues to this day. But with Laura's newfound fame came the weight of a great responsibility - could she continue her winning streak and place Britain firmly back on top of the game we love so much? For the first time, author Tina Campanella gives you the full story behind Britain's best-loved tennis starlet: her ups and downs, trials and tribulations, and the gritty determination that has seen her become one of the top 30 female tennis players in the world.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Reilly pokes more holes in Trump's claims than there are sand traps on all of his courses combined. It is by turns amusing and alarming." -- The New Yorker "Golf is the spine of this shocking, wildly humorous book, but humanity is its flesh and spirit." -- Chicago Sun-Times "Every one of Trump's most disgusting qualities surfaces in golf." -- The Ringer An outrageous indictment of Donald Trump's appalling behavior when it comes to golf -- on and off the green -- and what it reveals about his character. Donald Trump loves golf. He loves to play it, buy it, build it, and operate it. He owns 14 courses around the world and runs another five, all of which he insists are the best on the planet. He also claims he's a 3

handicap, almost never loses, and has won an astonishing 18 club championships. How much of all that is true? Almost none of it, acclaimed sportswriter Rick Reilly reveals in this unsparing look at Trump in the world of golf. Based on Reilly's own experiences with Trump as well as interviews with over 100 golf pros, amateurs, developers, and caddies, *Commander in Cheat* is a startling and at times hilarious indictment of Trump and his golf game. You'll learn how Trump cheats (sometimes with the help of his caddies and Secret Service agents), lies about his scores (the "Trump Bump"), tells whoppers about the rank of his courses and their worth (declaring that every one of them is worth \$50 million), and tramples the etiquette of the game (driving on greens doesn't help). Trump doesn't brag so much, though, about the golf contractors he stiffes, the course neighbors he intimidates, or the way his golf decisions wind up infecting his political ones. For Trump, it's always about winning. To do it, he uses the tricks he picked up from the hustlers at the public course where he learned the game as a college kid, and then polished as one of the most bombastic businessmen of our time. As Reilly writes, "Golf is like bicycle shorts. It reveals a lot about a man." *Commander in Cheat* "paints a side-splitting portrait of a congenital cheater" (*Esquire*), revealing all kinds of unsightly truths Trump has been hiding.

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*).

He's the best striker in world football today - but also the most controversial. Banned three times for biting opponents - including the shameful episode with Italy's Giorgio Chiellini at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil - Luis Suarez has also been embroiled in a race row with Manchester United's Patrice Evra and been public enemy number one at the 2010 World Cup after handballing on the line in Uruguay's quarter-final against Ghana. Yet on the field he has brought only goals galore and glory to every team he has played for. At 18 he was in the first eleven at Uruguay's top club Nacional and played a major role in their 2006 league triumph. Then he captained Ajax Amsterdam to Dutch Cup glory in Holland and transformed Liverpool into a titlechasing team in 2013-14. Almost miraculously, Suarez then overcame an ankle injury operation to kill off England with two wonderful goals in the 2014 World Cup. It was the prospect of such remarkable feats that encouraged Spanish giants Barcelona to offer a mind-boggling ?72million for his services in the summer of 2014 - despite his four-month ban for

biting Chiellini. Yet what exactly makes this brilliant, but flawed, man tick? What demons lie behind his 'cannibal' acts, his cheating and his frequent bust-ups with fellow pros, and the clubs and managers who fall over themselves to employ him? Just why is Suarez incapable of steering clear from controversy? In this first-ever biography on the Uruguayan superstar, renowned footballing biographer Frank Worrall reveals the good, the bad and the downright ugly traits that define Suarez the footballer and Suarez the man. Here is the inside story of how a troubled boy from a poverty-stricken neighbourhood became the most coveted striker in world football today. How he had to overcome crushing setbacks at every stage of his life: the heartbreak of being abandoned by his father when just a boy, being forced to leave behind his friends in his beloved hometown El Salto for the soulless Montevideo and watching his sweetheart, Sofia, walk away from him. From King of the Kop to World Cup pariah, both hero and villain - this is the full, undiluted story of the footballing phenomenon known as Luis Suarez.

"Fascinating...[Bamberger] knows the world of professional golf, and the pressures it exacts, like few others." —The Wall Street Journal It's one of the greatest comebacks of all time. And for Tiger Woods—his game, his body, and his life in shambles—getting back to the winner's circle was only half the story. Here's the rest of it. Tiger Woods's long descent into a personal and professional hell reached bottom in the early hours of Memorial Day in 2017. Woods's DUI arrest that night came on the heels of a desperate spinal surgery, just weeks after he told close friends he might never play tournament golf again. His mug shot and alarming arrest video were painful to look at and, for Woods, a deep humiliation. The former paragon of discipline now found himself hopelessly lost and out of control, exposed for all the world to see. That episode could have marked the beginning of Tiger's end. It proved to be the opposite. Instead of sinking beneath the public disgrace of drug abuse and the private despair of a battered and ailing body, Woods embarked on the long road to redeeming himself. In *The Second Life of Tiger Woods*, Michael Bamberger, who has covered Woods since the golfer was an amateur, draws upon his deep network of sources inside locker rooms, caddie yards, clubhouses, fitness trailers, and back offices to tell the true and inspiring story of the legend's return. Packed with new information and graced by insight, Bamberger's story reveals how this iconic athlete clawed his way back to the top. Here you'll meet the people who have shaped and saved Tiger's life. It's a disparate group: a Florida police officer, an old friend from Tiger's boyhood, his girlfriend, his manager, his caddie. You'll go inside the ropes and see Tiger's interactions with fellow pros, with broadcasters and rules officials and Tour executives, with legends young (Rory McIlroy) and old (Jack Nicklaus) and in between (Fred Couples). On the Sunday before Masters Sunday, you'll join Tiger as he takes a long, slow, contemplative walk across Augusta National, and you'll be with him again seven days later in the splendid isolation of the tee at thirteen, in the rain, his right foot slipping while he swings his driver at 120 miles per hour. This is an intimate portrait of a man who has spent his life in front of the camera but has done his best to make sure he was never really known. Here is Tiger, barefoot, in handcuffs, showing a police officer a witty and self-deprecating side of himself that the public never sees. Here is Tiger on the verge of tears with his children at the British Open. Here is Tiger trying to express his gratitude to his mother at a ceremony at the Rose Garden. In these pages, Tiger is funny, cold, generous, self-absorbed, inspiring—and real. *The Second Life of Tiger Woods* is not only the saga of an exceptional man but also a celebration of second chances. Bamberger's bracingly honest book is about what Tiger Woods did, and about what any of us can do, when we face our demons head-on.

Reframing advice from icons throughout history, including Ulysses S. Grant, Amelia Earhart and Steve Jobs, for today's world, this motivational guide shows readers how to overcome obstacles and turn them into advantages.

England manager Gareth Southgate's decision to appoint Kane, still just twenty-three years

old, as the team captain in 2017 could have been seen as premature, bringing with it pressure that could damage a young player's career. However, he knew that Kane, a modest, humble and inspiring figure was up to the task. Having lost faith in the national team, English fans weren't sure the players would even make it out of their group. No one could have predicted that this young and relatively inexperienced side would achieve their best result since 1990, or that their captain would win the tournament's Golden Boot with six goals. Perhaps most importantly for the team and their manager, they brought the country together to make for an unforgettable summer. While their eventual semi-final loss to Croatia came as a stinging disappointment, this is just the start for the team and their skipper, one of our most exciting players for a generation and a truly world-class English star. In this in-depth biography, bestselling sports writer Frank Worrall traces Kane's journey from an ordinary childhood in north London, growing up just a few miles from White Hart Lane, to the most remarkable tournament of his career.

"It's official: excessive "internetting," smartphoning, and social media make us miserable. But it doesn't have to be that way. Over the last decade, recognized journalist Blake Snow rigorously researched, tested, and developed several connectivity strategies for finding offline balance in an online world, which resulted in this, his first book. In *Log Off: How to Stay Connected after Disconnecting*, Snow passionately, succinctly, and sometimes humorously explains how to hit refresh for good, do more with less online, live large on low-caloric technology, increase facetime with actual people, outperform workaholics in half the time, and tunefully blend both analog and digital lives with no regrets. If the "offline balance movement" is real, this is its playbook." -- Back Cover

He's the leader of America's exciting new wave of golfing superstars. Young, fun and gifted, Rickie Fowler has taken the sport to a younger audience in the States - making headlines as much for his wacky dress sense and YouTube spoofs as for his God-given prowess with a golf club. Twenty-six-year-old Fowler, is America's answer to Rory McIlroy, and together they represent the gifted faces of golf for a new era: two young men destined to contest a Trans-Atlantic rivalry for that coveted World No. 1 spot. But it was motocross that was Rickie's first love. He had dreams of making his name as a racer until he broke his foot in three places at the age of fifteen. Then on, he focused purely on golf, winning tournament after tournament in high school, until, in 2007, he was chosen for the US's Walker Cup team and a year later became the first university freshman ever to be awarded the NCAA Player of the Year. Such was his burgeoning talent that in 2010 he also went on to become the first American rookie to be selected for the Ryder Cup and in 2014, he became only the third golfer ever to finish in the Top 5 at all four professional majors in the same season, following in the illustrious footsteps of Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. He was moving ever closer to that first major victory as he and McIlroy continued to trade shots and tweets at courses around the world for the ultimate golfing honours. But for all his colourful clothes and joking around with fellow 'brat pack' member Bubba Watson, Rickie has a much more serious, emotional and intellectual side to his character. In this compelling first biography on the figurehead of US golf's young guns, Frank Worrall provides a fascinating portrayal of Rickie Fowler as both a fun-loving yet altruistic human being and a single-minded golfing superstar. Taking readers through the 2014 season, it reports on the new talents arriving on the green to dethrone golf's recognized kings and reshape the traditionally old-fashioned sport for a new generation

Back in 1996, the world of golf began to evolve in the minds of Americans from a game of rich corporate executives and board retirees to something more palatable to a wider audience. Where Tiger Woods began to redraw the boundaries, young Northern Irishman Rory McIlroy pushes it even further. With a solid swing and casual smile, McIlroy grabbed the world of golf by the face when he won the 2011 US Open, then bumped himself up the rankings to No. 1 in the world. This book follows his journey from youthful beginnings and amateur status to his professional career. Then, take a look at the man himself - his philosophies, his training, and his life off the course. Fans of golf young and old should take the time to look through this amazing story of advancing through ranks and breaking records with an unstoppable stride and determination.

The Kings of Swing is the intimate and extraordinary story of those South African golfers who have won numerous Major championships – more than any other nation outside of the United States. Their victories were achieved despite decades of sporting isolation and, during the post-apartheid era, in the shadow of possibly the greatest athlete of all time. This is a story of plane, train and car crashes, psychosurgery, a lightning strike, a broken beer bottle, a misplaced marker, a beautiful autistic boy and a scandal that ensnared the country's most famous sportsman and led to the resignation of a prime minister. It is a story of the power of the mind and the power of the body in this, the most fickle of all sports. It is a story of dramatic highs and lows, of desperate poverty and fabulous wealth. It is a rare glimpse into the extraordinary lives of South Africa's top golfers ...

Hard-hitting Rory McIlroy was always destined to become a professional golfer from the moment he recorded a 40-yard drive aged just two. His first hole in one came when he was nine and he played in his first professional European tour event as a 16-year-old in 2005. Despite high expectations, Rory keeps a cool head on his young shoulders and lets his golf do the talking. His maiden victory came in the 2009 Dubai Desert Classic, where he endured a nail-biting final hole, and he has since gone on to win multiple events around the world. After falling apart at the 2011 Masters, his final breakthrough came in June 2011 when he won his first major, the US Open. An incredible 2012 followed, in which he became the number one ranked golfer in the world. But in 2013, despite high aspirations, Rory did not fare well in major tournaments - not, that is, until the end of the year, when he won the Australian Open by one stroke. Now, with Rory having won three tournaments in a row - including his first Open win in 2014 - Frank Worrall presents the fascinating story of one of golf's greatest ever talents.

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