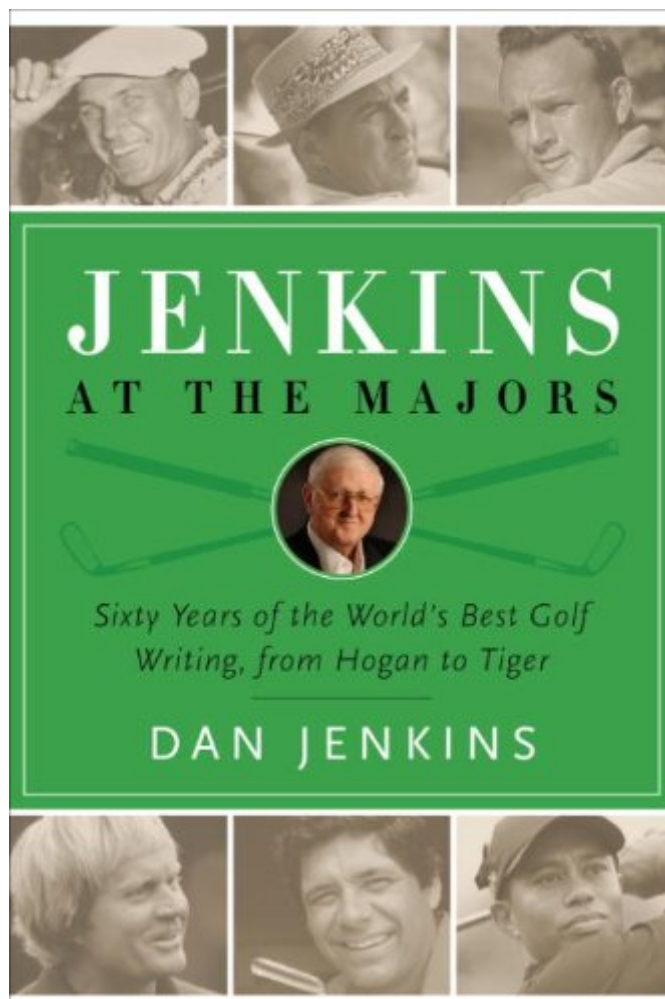


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Jenkins At The Majors: Sixty Years Of The World's Best Golf Writing, From Hogan To Tiger



Synopsis

Legendary sports writer Dan Jenkins delivers a golf history lesson that is unrivaled in its scope and style. In this seminal collection, Dan Jenkins has selected the funniest and most riveting stories from his epic career as a writer for Sports Illustrated and Golf Digest, where his wry reportage of golf's most thrilling finishes, historic moments, and heartbreaking collapses brought legions of fans intimately close to the action. All the greatest moments of golf over the last sixty years are here: Jack Nicklaus at Pebble Beach, Arnold Palmer at Cherry Hills, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead at Oakmont, and of course Tiger Woods, just about everywhere. As much about journalism and watching the growth of one of our most cherished sports writers, as it is about the great game of golf, Jenkins at the Majors is a must read for sports fans and golfers alike. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Pure golf literary genius. Jenkins' prose is so rich & colorful. It paints the pictures of classic major championships of the past 6 decades. It covers Hogan to Woods with elegance as well as humor. A must for duffers and scratch golfers alike.

If you loved Sports Illustrated's golden age of great writers, you knew Dan Jenkins. If you loved his books, you knew Dan Jenkins. No one covered golf's majors over the last 50 years, with insight and wit, like Dan Jenkins. A must read.

Dan Jenkins is the dean of American golf writers, by his count he's covered 197 Major Championships over 60 years for various publications, beginning with the 1951 U. S. Open, he has selected 94 of the best for our perusal. What lifts this book above the usual collections of columns by sportswriters is its superb organization. It's organized chronologically so that it's easy for the reader to follow the march of golf history forward. It's a fast, fun read, the columns are short so the pages really fly by, this could also be seen as a negative however, as the medium of a column rarely offers one the space to give an in-depth, hole-by-hole account of who won and how. Jenkins is usually limited to who won, by how much, and the general impression the tournament left him with. Luckily for us, thanks to his considerable skills, this feels like more than enough in most cases. Jenkins at the Majors is absolutely essential reading for anyone who loves the game, especially for those fans whose golf consciousness began in the Tiger era.

If you're even a semi-serious golf history fan, you'll enjoy "Jenkins at the Majors", and if you've read Jenkins' golf fiction (and you should...) you'll recognize some tastes of actual events that he incorporated into the lives of his fictional golfer characters Kenny Lee Puckett and Bobby Joe Grooves. There will be some who get their backs up at his Hogan-centric views of professional golf, but he comes by his prejudices honestly, as they say, as he is a fellow Fort Worth native, and covered Mr Hogan's career since he was a college journalist. As a Texan twice-removed myself, and a golfer who was introduced to the sport nearly a quarter-century ago (pre-Tiger) by the writings of Mr Jenkins, I share his reverence for Mr Hogan, and the opportunity to read his coverage of the major tourneys which occurred before I came to the sport (and many before I was born...) was a real treat.

If you like Dan Jenkins and you like golf, you'll like this book. If, like me, you enjoy his writing but don't really care about golf, you may find it a little wearying. It's probably better in small doses.

A book to have beside you in the living room and when television has driven you spare, pick it up and relive some of the great moments in golf, through the sharp eyes and insightful mind of Dan

Jenkins. You probably will never turn the television on again! Best to get on to and see what else they are offering, from the pen of one of sports great writers.

This book is a selection of Dan Jenkins's newspaper and magazine articles over the last sixty years about the majors. He is the best golf writer over that period, and his pieces on the majors have always been a joy to read. If you like -- or better yet love -- the game of golf, read this book.

This book is a collection of short articles about the golf majors during Jenkins' career that spanned the 50s through the 00s (and is still going by the way). As such, it makes perfect bed-time reading. Three or four of the 94 "episodes" is just about right before turning out the light. Jenkins is a prime example of the "old-fashioned" sportswriter, writing in his humorous yet insightful down-home Texas style. I have just two complaints: First, that Jenkins repeatedly includes the U.S. Amateur when counting major wins for Nicklaus, Woods, et al. The Amateur was a major when Bobby Jones won it. It had lost that status by the time Nicklaus won two in the late 50s. And it had LONG AGO lost that status when Woods won his in the 90s. Second, Jenkins accepts Ben Hogan's claim that he (Hogan) won 5 U.S. Opens -- with Hogan, Jenkins, and pretty much nobody else counting the 1942 Hale American Open as a "war-time Open". Sorry, it was not the Open and not a major. Just as the Players Championship is not a major today.

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