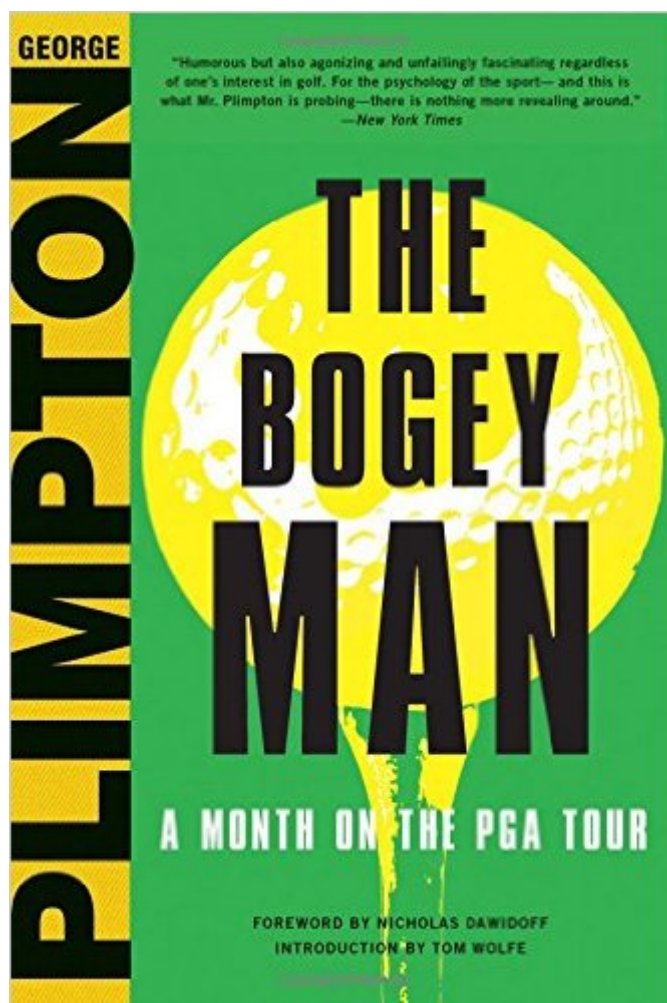


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Synopsis

George Plimpton chronicles his month spent on the PGA tour in *THE BOGEY MAN*, now repackaged and including a foreword by Rick Reilly and never-before-seen content from the Plimpton Archives. What happens when a weekend athlete--of average skill at best--joins the professional golf circuit? George Plimpton, one of the finest participatory sports journalists, spent a month of self-imposed torture on the tour to find out. Along the way, he meets amateurs, pros, caddies, officials, fans, and hangers-on. In *THE BOGEY MAN*, we find golf legends, adventurers, stroke-saving theories, superstitions, and other golfing lore, and best of all, Plimpton's thoughts and experiences--frustrating, humbling and, sometimes, thrilling--from the first tee to the last green. This intriguing classic, which remains one of the wittiest books ever written on golf, features Arnold Palmer, Dow Finsterwald, Walter Hagan, and many other golf greats and eccentrics, all doing what they do best.

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Plimpton doesn't pretend to be anything other than what he is: a privileged amateur of questionable skill who is afforded the opportunity to play in several west coast pro-ams with various professionals. He relates many anecdotes, both first and second hand, several of which are hilarious insights into a tour which hadn't, at this juncture, reached the sophistication which characterizes its status today. Plimpton's typical self-effacing style makes this an enjoyable read.

As old as it is, this is still an excellent get-well gift for men who lived and died with the Palmer et.al.

era. One does not even have to be an avid golfer to enjoy the book. Only a casual knowledge of the game is needed. I feel this was the best of Plimpton's books.

First read this delightful book about twenty years ago; it still has the power to make me laugh out loud as I re-read it today, even though my golf game has not improved. George Plimpton had such a great, light-hearted attitude towards sports, which seems sadly lacking among today's deadly-serious sports pundits. The Bogey Man makes this duffer feel mildly proud to belong to a group, ever-hopeful of making that big breakthrough before we start a round, who can maintain our sense of humor once disaster strikes when we actually start playing.

This is not a "how to do" book but an insight into the world of golf as seen through the eyes, or shall I say words, of George Plimpton. It's a great read, and as of this writing, I'm almost half way through. I am enjoying this book, and as a new golfer, I am pleased to realize my errors are not mine alone. If you like and hate golf this is the book for you. Read it.

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