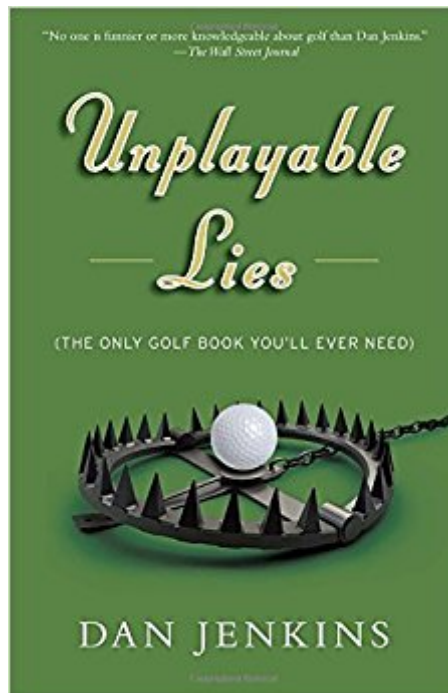




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# Unplayable Lies: Golf Stories (Anchor Sports)



## Synopsis

In *Unplayable Lies*, Dan Jenkins takes us on a tour of the links as only he can do it. Here, Dan delves into the greatest rounds of golf he's ever seen, the funniest things said on a golf course, the rivalries on tour and in the press box, the game's most magical moments—and its most absurd. Filled with well-known characters like Tiger Woods, to others like Titanic Thompson—a gambler, golf hustler, accused murderer, legendary storyteller—*Unplayable Lies* is an ode to the game of golf and the people who play it. But it is Dan Jenkins, so nothing—even the game itself—can escape his wrath, his critical eye, or his acerbic pen. This is Dan Jenkins at his best, writing about the sport he loves the most.

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## Customer Reviews

"No one is funnier or more knowledgeable about golf than Dan Jenkins."--Wall Street Journal  
"Jenkins is hilarious, providing more laughs per page than any other writer in the 'bizness.'"—People  
"Jenkins takes us inside the world of golf like no one else."--Sacramento Bee  
Dan Jenkins has been among America's best and funniest sportswriters for more than six decades."--The New York Times

Dan Jenkins is one of America's most acclaimed sportswriters as well as a bestselling novelist. A native Texan, he has spent a lifetime at the typewriter and computer. He might best be known for his twenty-four years of stories in *Sports Illustrated* and now *Golf Digest*. Three of his

bestselling novels, *Semi-Tough*, *Dead Solid Perfect*, and *Baja Oklahoma*, were made into movies. His sportswriting has won him many awards. In 2012 he was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame—•one of only three writers to be honored thus far—•and was given the PEN Lifetime Achievement Award for Literary Sports Writing. He is also the 2013 winner of the Red Smith Award, the highest honor in his profession.

There's nothing about this book that wouldn't bring a chuckle to just about every golfer regardless of age or skill. Even though I started playing many years after the heyday of Ben Hogan and those of his time, the stories told about them were interesting and amusing none-the-less. And, what golfer doesn't like a story about how the best players in golf occasionally do the same dumb things the masses do while coming down the fairway. My opinion: this is the perfect book to read on a plane...nothing controversial and a nice way to pass the time before your next round.

as promised.

This book is okay, but Jenkins is trying too hard this time to be funny or witty. There is some old stuff in the book taken from other books he's written in the past, some of it good but if you are a Jenkins fan you've already read it. Just okay, but not up to his usual standards in my opinion.

I've read lots of Jenkin's golf books and this one is pretty good. But some parts are just nonsense (I bet Jenkin's would tell you that behind the curtains), and some are insightful. Jenkin's remains the pre-eminent golf sports writer of our time, a must read for avid golfers.

While I tend to be a bit wary of columnists who compile selected items of their work and call it a book, I will cut Dan Jenkins some slack because he is the best at what he does. The nature of these selections is a bit repetitive within *Unplayable Lies* but the insight and the humor shine through. I'm awaiting Jenkins' next novel.

Dan Jenkins is one of the funniest writers but can go serious coverage too. If you like Dan Jenkins this is a must read. If you don't know who Dan Jenkins is, you need to read this book. One of USA's great humorists!

He gets to say or write anything he wants. He has "been there and done that" with everything and

everyone Golf. Other than being jealous, reading everything he writes is the best way to live it vicariously. Can't wait for the next one. Keep up the good work.

Anything by Dan Jenkins is true gold!

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