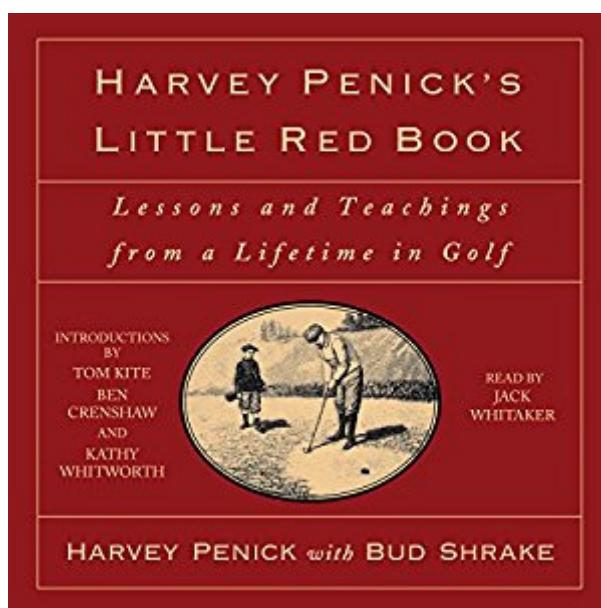


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Harvey Penick's Little Red Book: Lessons And Teachings From A Lifetime Of Golf



Synopsis

Harvey Penick's life in golf began when he started caddying at the Austin, (Texas), Country Club at age eight. Eighty-one years later he is still there, still dispensing wisdom to pros and beginners alike. His stature in the golf world is reflected in the remarkable array of champions he's worked with, both men and women, including U.S. Open champion and golf's leading money winner Tom Kite, Masters champion Ben Crenshaw, and LPGA Hall of Famers Mickey Wright, Betsy Rawls, and Kathy Whitworth. It is not for nothing that the Teacher of the Year Award given by the Golf Teachers Association is called the Harvey Penick Award. Now, after sixty years of keeping notes on the things he's seen and learned and on the golfing greats he's taught, Penick is finally letting his Little Red Book (named for the red notebook he's always kept) be seen by the golf world. His simple, direct, practical wisdom pares away all the hypertechnical jargon that's grown up around the golf swing, and lets all golfers, whatever their level, play their best. He avoids negative words; when Tom Kite asked him if he should "choke down" on the club for a particular shot, Harvey told him to "grip down" instead, to keep the word "choke" from entering his mind. He advises golfers to have dinner with people who are good putters; their confidence may rub off, and it's certainly better than listening to bad putters complain. And he shows why, if you've got a bad grip, the last thing you want is a good swing. Throughout, Penick's love of golf and, more importantly, his love of teaching shine through. He gets as much pleasure from watching a beginner get the ball in the air for the first time as he does when one of his students wins the U.S. Open. Harvey Penick's Little Red Book is an instant classic, a book to rank with Ben Hogan's Modern Fundamentals of Golf and Tommy Armour's How to Play Your Best Golf All the Time. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Always great to read what the "masters" have to say about golf and the golf swing! I enjoyed reading this book very much and picked up a few pointers along the way. Mr. Penick tends to repeat himself from time to time throughout the book. And, for that reason I gave it 4, instead of 5, stars. Nonetheless, I highly recommend every serious golfer to thoughtfully read this book. Modern swing theory probably outdates some of the swing fundamentals taught by Mr. Penick, but he includes so many common sense tips that probably get lost in the mental game of golf.

Good book, some of his comments have since been disproved with new ball flight laws or golf science, but generally, he has some great advice. I found 3 pages that really stuck out to me that have helped my game. A big thing he mentioned was not following the clubhead on your practice swings. I've definitely developed a poor habit of that and have since been working to fix it. I liked the snippets of concepts/lessons, it kept it interesting to me. The book started out great and became less appealing towards the end when he moved from lessons/golf concepts to more stories about his students.

The book is stuffed with some good stories and it'll make you smile. It really lacks a lot of technical details but I will say Penick makes it a point that he is not an overly technical teacher. He does mention "the move" about turning the hips to the left and tucking the right elbow to the body (the tucking of the right elbow is not explicitly mentioned in Hogan's five fundamentals, Hogan explains it with the downswing plane). If you really want to learn how to play golf I'd say read Hogan's five fundamentals. This book is heart warming and positive and does contain things such as the mind set you should take to the course but if you gave this book to a beginner they'd have a hard time translating most of it to a good swing in my opinion.

I went from a 25 handicapper to a scratch golfer after reading this book. All kidding aside, it is an interesting book. Some good tips but didn't quite make me a scratch golfer yet. Maybe I will have to read it a few more times

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