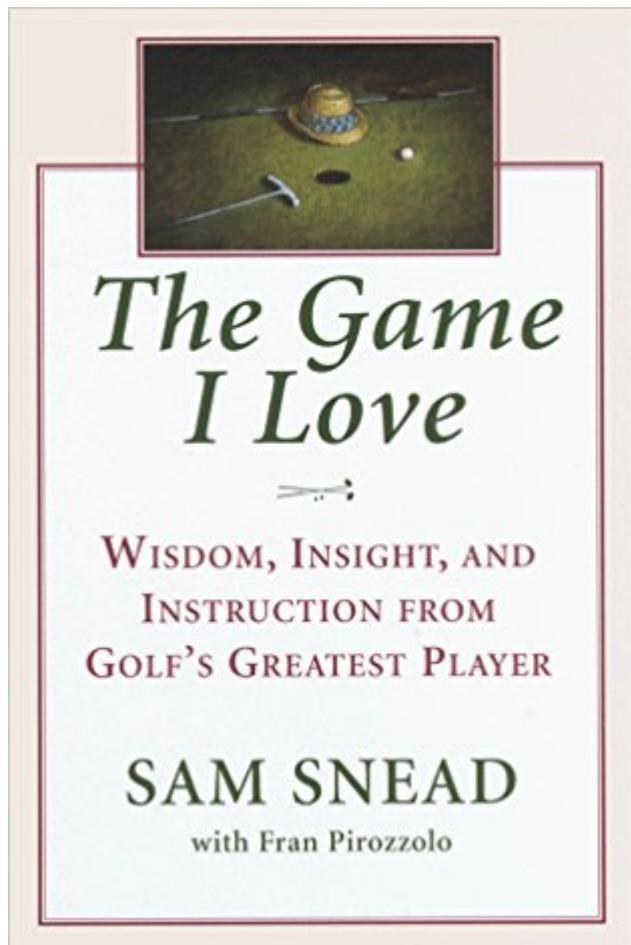


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## Game I Love



## Synopsis

Short of actually inventing the sport, Sam Snead has done more for golf than anyone else who ever swung a club. Over the course of a spectacular career that began in 1936--Snead, now eighty-five, still swings like a champion--the man who has won more tournaments than any golfer in history not only perfected the playing of the game, but helped make it an American institution. In *The Game I Love*, Snead mixes expert advice on golf with unforgettable anecdotes. Acclaimed for his personality as much as for his professionalism, Snead shares the priceless strategies that helped to shape his success (and now yours), including instructions on the swing, wisdom on putting, and insight on the all important mental game. If you're looking for pointers from the master on crushing drives down the fairway or just having more fun on the course, this is an absolute must for your golfing library.

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Whether or not Sam Snead sits atop the leader board as golf's greatest is no gimme, but there's no question about his ability to communicate. His storytelling was always as much a part of his game as his smooth, melodic swing, and he tells wonderful stories in *The Game I Love*. In the tradition of Harvey Penick's bestselling series, Snead's book is a slim volume that affably blends advice with anecdote, swing thought with strategy: on that level alone, the book is nothing if not useful and engaging. What makes it uniquely fun, though, is its clever bottom-of-the-page photo feature; flip quickly through the book and you can see the Snead swing--as graceful as the game has ever produced--in all its glory, and that fills *The Game I Love* with poetry as well.

Many hope to retire to a life of golf, but Snead feels no need to retire from his life in golf. He is the winner of 185 professional tournaments, including three Masters, three PA championships, and one British Open. This book reads like a wonderful late-night conversation with an uncle?full of humor, love, and meaningful advice. Snead's entertaining anecdotes shed new light on all the legends of golf like Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, contemporaries, competitors, and lifelong friends. Golf's most successful player also gives honest reviews of Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, and Tiger Woods. Snead is best when writing about the game?fairways, greens, clubs, and the virtually religious quest for the perfect swing. Anyone with an appreciation of the game will enjoy this book.-?Andrew Riccobono, Marymount Univ., Arlington, Va. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Slammin' Sam. What a guy. The book is worth the price and the time but I do wish Mr. Snead had actually written it himself. For instance, it is mentioned several times that he liked to tell off-color jokes. Okay, but how about giving us an example! But no. This is pretty much a book published to make a buck off of a man's name without taking the time and effort to produce something that allows us to understand the man himself. A discussion with Sam about how he practiced and why would have been interesting. However, there are quite a few things that made me smile and the part about Hogan getting "Player of the Year" in 1950 when Snead thought he was much more deserving (he was). Sam was honest about many things and I found those tid-bits worth the effort.

Book is great. Snead is best player ever. Better than Hogan, Woods or Nicklaus. Any club or teaching pro who disagrees isn't worth his weight in salt.

This is a fun book that covers the life and career of the Great Sam Snead. It is an easy read that hard to put down. Any fan of golf will want to read this.

It's hard to remember back to the era when golfers were assumed to be gentleman, no scandal, no inappropriate behaviour, just great golf. His career included everyone from Cary Middlecoff and Arnold Palmer to a nascent Tiger Wood. (by then he was not playing but his comments on the, then, phenom, have a validity that only now have proved to be true.) He was a gentle man, a man who believed in dignity and respect. He also believed in the rules of golf and played not with them but to them. His triumphs are many and in a quiet way he mentions them. Basically anecdotal, they knit

themselves together in a comfortable string that carries the reader down the fairways, into the traps and out of the water hazards that he and those who played with him knew. This is not a "and then I won" sort of book, it's pleasant reflection by a man who knew the game and how to play. His kind no longer exists which is a great sorrow. The book exists as a pleasant memory of a good and wise man who has the humility to tell it well and completely.

This is a very good book. I think that everyone can learn something from Sam's book.

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