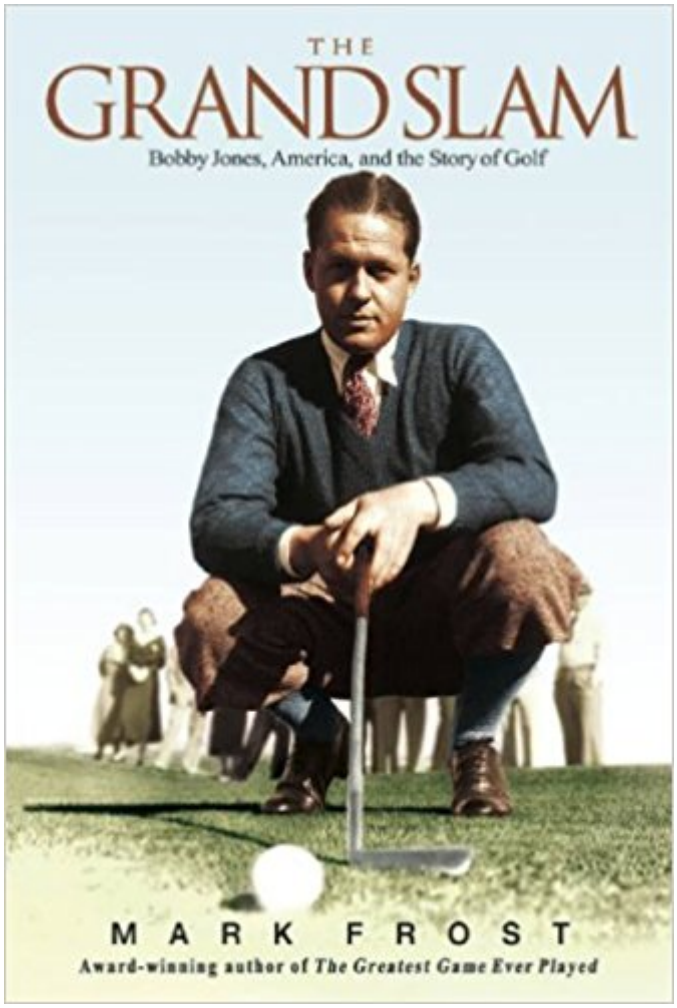
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The Grand Slam: Bobby Jones, America, And The Story Of Golf



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Synopsis

Now in paperback, the Los Angeles Times bestseller that takes a riveting look at the life and times of golf legend Bobby Jones In the wake of the stock market crash and the dawn of the Great Depression, a ray of light emerged from the world of sports in the summer of 1930. Bobby Jones, a 28-year-old amateur golfer, mounted a campaign against the record books. In four months, he conquered the British Amateur Championship, the British Open, the United States Open, and finally the United States Amateur Championship, an achievement so extraordinary that writers dubbed it the Grand Slam. No one has ever repeated it. Mark Frost uses a wealth of original research to provide an unprecedented intimate portrait of golf great Bobby Jones. In the tradition of The Greatest Game Ever Played, The Grand Slam blends social history with sports biography, captivating the imagination and engaging the reader. The Grand Slam is a biography not to be missed.

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Customer Reviews

Before Arnold, Jack and Tiger, there was Bobby. After winning the Grand Slam of golf in 1930, Jones stood like a colossus over the American sporting scene. He is the only individual to have been recognized with two ticker tape parades down Broadway’s Canyon of Heroes. Frost (The Greatest Game Ever Played) has written a swift, surefooted account of Jones’s remarkable life and career. From Jones’s precocious early days on the Atlanta links to his sudden retreat from the media spotlight, Frost covers every detail. The self-taught Jones began playing serious tournaments at 14 and quickly moved into the ranks of the world’s best players. In 1930, he won the four major

tournaments of the time: the British Amateur, the British Open, the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur, which sportswriters dubbed the Grand Slam. Following this success, Jones promptly retired. Later diagnosed with a rare nerve illness, he lived out his life as golf's elder statesman. While Frost's eager prose has an engaging, "you are there" quality, for nongolfers the question is whether they actually do want to be there. Frost strains to place Jones's achievement in the broader context of American history. As bedside reading for the literate duffer, this is a hole in one. For the average reader, it's a bogey. 15 b&w photos. Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In 2002, Frost retold the story of amateur golfer Francis Quimet's 1913 victory in the U.S. Open (The Greatest Game Ever Played).Now he re-creates another classic episode in golf history: the Grand Slam won by Bobby Jones in 1930, the only time the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, British Open, and British Amateur tournaments were ever won by the same person in the same year. As in the Quimet book, Frost builds to the climactic event with plenty of fascinating backstory, both about Jones' young life as a golf phenom and about the sports-crazy 1920s. He also delves into Jones' delicate psyche, revealing the building pressures that led to Jones' retirement from competitive golf after his unparalleled triumph. Because the story of the Grand Slam requires nearly shot-by-shot recounting of multiple golf tournaments, this book loses some of the tension and high drama that Frost was able to build in his earlier work, which climaxed more dramatically. Still, this is an excellent book of golf history, albeit not quite The Greatest Game Ever Played. Bill OttCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

and had never heard of him although I like and watch golf fairly often. I was especially intrigued with the story because of his ethics and strength of character. There are too few movies and books about people that live beliefs that are admirable so I always like to have those books for both me and the kids I homeschool to read!This is a good book. One of Bobby Jones successes has stood the test of time and not been replicated since the 1930s. Once he had quit tournament play, he became "a professional" from the standpoint that he assisted in making a different type of golf club (that is still considered one of the finest), built golf courses and even was the creator of one of the best courses in Atlanta, which hosted the Masters. This is a terrific book and one that I believe most golfers would definitely enjoy...as well as those just interested in golf or reading about an admirable person.

This has to be the best book on Bobby Jones..Could not put it down.All the interesting things that happened while Jones was an up and coming legend.Round by round of all of Bobbys golf experiences.A lot of work went into this book. All of the matches Mr.Jones lost as well as won.An insight about his personal life as well.A tribute to an honest wonderful human being.Glad this writer exist..A wonderful job.

Interesting. Upon completing GRAND SLAM by Mark Frost, author of THE GREATEST GAME EVERY PLAYED, I took a moment to read some of the other reviews here on . I was not surprised by what I found. One, however, struck me. The review was titled, "The Tiger Woods of Another Era." Indeed!The fact is, Bobby Jones was and is irreplaceable. Period! Frost's marvelous biography, if read carefully, paints such a portrait that honest assessors of the game of golf have no choice but to agree with Oscar Bane "Pop" Keeler: "There will never be another like him!" Not the Tiger Woods of another era. Far from that. Frost's volume clearly points out that every other golfer -- from Hagen to Sarazen to Palmer to Nicklaus to Woods -- is but a shadowy also-ran when compared to the inimitable Robert Tyre Jones, Jr.GRAND SLAM tells the story of Jones' unlikely and never again equaled feat of winning all four of golf's major championships in a single calendar year. And if you are remotely interested in the game of golf -- beyond taking the sticks out once a year -- you cannot read this book and come away with any other notion than that, very likely, the greatest golf every played on this planet was played some 80 years ago! And there is nothing wrong with that fact. Who says that, as time passes, we need to see better and better golfers? Just because the equipment is supposedly better and the conditions are supposedly better doesn't for a minute mean that the best to ever tee it up has already finished his round. And please don't come to the table with arguments that today's competition is greater or that life on tour is harder or that today's Majors are more rigorous.Yes, there is Eldrick Tiger Woods and, yes, there is his amazing Tiger-Slam. A great sporting event in its own right. I admit it. But, despite Tiger's claims that he has already matched what Jones' did, it doesn't even come remotely close to equaling--as retold in Frost's GRAND SLAM--what Jones accomplished in 1930. Not hardly! That's it and that's all. Let's just all take a deep breath and accept it!Like THE GREATEST GAME..., GRAND SLAM is masterfully written, telling the story of Jones' early experience in golf, his brush with death at East Lake, his steady rise to golf's greatest pinnacle and his elegant retirement from competitive golf at the ripe old age of 28. And Frost's narrative regarding the four majors of 1930 is simply riveting reading for any true golf aficionado. The volume also presents wonderful biographical sketches of the other major players in

the drama, including Walter Hagen and Chick Evans.GRAND SLAM is a must read for anyone who fancies himself a devotee of the grand game. Read it and allow yourself to be amazed, as I was, that such a one a Bobby Jones ever, in flesh and blood, played the game that we love!THE (GOLFING) HORSEMAN

This is the best book I've read on Bobby Jones and if you love this sport for its internal emotions then enjoyThe story of Jones is amazing but there's more to him than golf

Well written with lots off extra history intertwined with the Bobby Jones story. 5 Stars !!

Excellent book on Bobby Jones as well as a great history of golf. I also liked how the author brought in what was happening in the United States during the growth of golf. Bobby Jones was indeed an exceptional person who not only excelled in his sport but also as a role model for young men interested in golf. This book is a must read for those interested in golf as a career as well as a recreational sport.

For both golf lovers and history buffs, Mr. Frost's book contains a beauty of language and a compelling narrative. The research is evident and lends a credibility to the persona of Bobby Jones, as well as a host of others who helped to shape golf. Terrific read.

Love this book...Mark Frost does a great job bringing an era to life...an era where there was little transparency compared to today's standards. It made me appreciate the man, the man beyond golf, and the game at that point of it's evolution. Plus it was interesting as hell and fun to read!

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