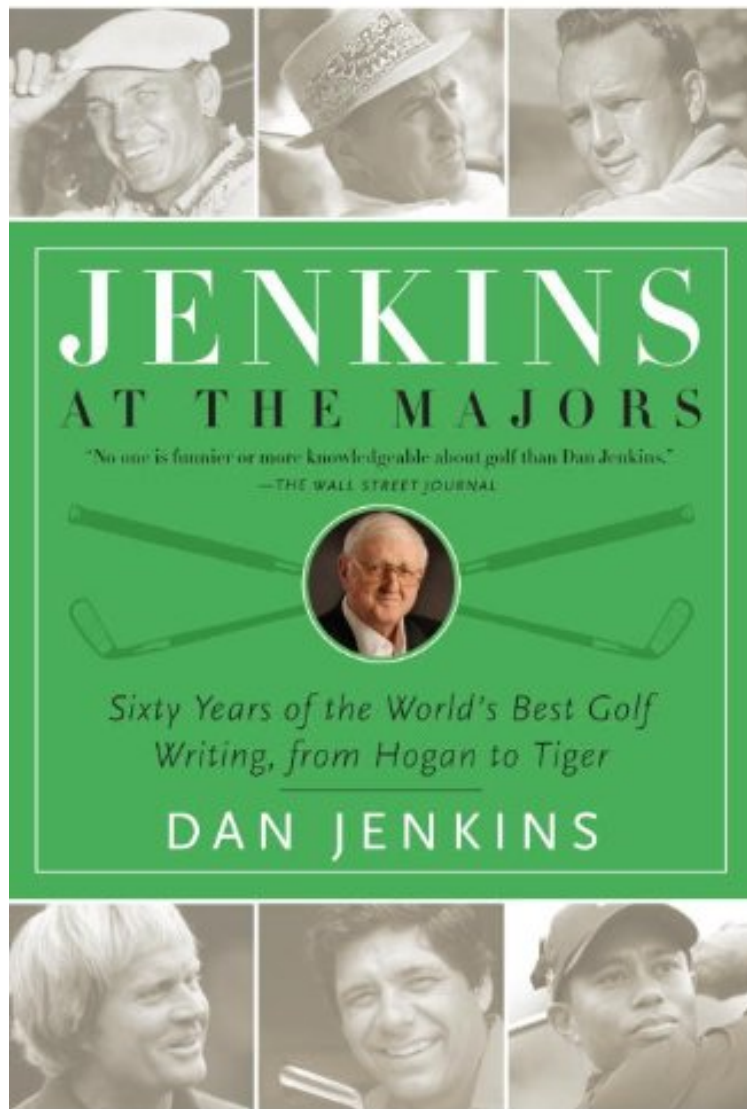


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Dan Jenkins : Jenkins at the Majors: Sixty Years of the World's Best Golf Writing, from Hogan to Tiger before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jenkins at the Majors: Sixty Years of the World's Best Golf Writing, from Hogan to Tiger:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A BirdieBy MCDan Jenkins is the dean of American golf writers, by

his count he's covered 197 Major Championships over 60 years for various publications, beginning with the 1951 U. S. Open, he has selected 94 of the best for our perusal. What lifts this book above the usual collections of columns by sportswriters is its superb organization. It's organized chronologically so that it's easy for the reader to follow the march of golf history forward. It's a fast, fun read, the columns are short so the pages really fly by, this could also be seen as a negative however, as the medium of a column rarely offers one the space to give an in-depth, hole-by hole account of who won and how. Jenkins is usually limited to who won, by how much, and the general impression the tournament left him with. Luckily for us, thanks to his considerable skills, this feels like more than enough in most cases. Jenkins at the Majors is absolutely essential reading for anyone who loves the game, especially for those fans whose golf consciousness began in the Tiger era. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Vertical Tasting of Dan Jenkins' Genius By Gary K. McCormick If you're even a semi-serious golf history fan, you'll enjoy "Jenkins at the Majors", and if you've read Jenkins' golf fiction (and you should...) you'll recognize some tastes of actual events that he incorporated into the lives of his fictional golfer characters Kenny Lee Puckett and Bobby Joe Grooves. There will be some who get their backs up at his Hogan-centric views of professional golf, but he comes by his prejudices honestly, as they say, as he is a fellow Fort Worth native, and covered Mr Hogan's career since he was a college journalist. As a Texan twice-removed myself, and a golfer who was introduced to the sport nearly a quarter-century ago (pre-Tiger) by the writings of Mr Jenkins, I share his reverence for Mr Hogan, and the opportunity to read his coverage of the major tourneys which occurred before I came to the sport (and many before I was born...) was a real treat. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best Golf Writer Over Last Sixty Years By Thomas C. Lacey This book is a selection of Dan Jenkins's newspaper and magazine articles over the last sixty years about the majors. He is the best golf writer over that period, and his pieces on the majors have always been a joy to read. If you like -- or better yet love -- the game of golf, read this book.

Legendary sports writer Dan Jenkins delivers a golf history lesson that is unrivaled in its scope and style. In this seminal collection, Dan Jenkins has selected the funniest and most riveting stories from his epic career as a writer for Sports Illustrated and Golf Digest, where his wry reportage of golf's most thrilling finishes, historic moments, and heartbreaking collapses brought legions of fans intimately close to the action. All the greatest moments of golf over the last sixty years are here: Jack Nicklaus at Pebble Beach, Arnold Palmer at Cherry Hills, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead at Oakmont, and of course Tiger Woods, just about everywhere. As much about journalism and watching the growth of one of our most cherished sports writers, as it is about the great game of golf, Jenkins at the Majors is a must read for sports fans and golfers alike.

From Booklist Dan Jenkins has covered 197 of golf's major championships over the last 60 years—a record that is likely to stand as long as Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. This collection brings together 94 of Jenkins' pieces on the majors, written mostly for Sports Illustrated and Golf Digest; strung together, Jenkins says in his introduction, "they would make the longest par five in the history of journalism." Not only the longest, but one of the most entertaining. Jenkins is known for his raucous humor—the defining quality in his best-selling novels, including *Semi-Tough*—and that signature wit is everywhere evident in his golf journalism as well. But it's easy to forget just how good a writer Jenkins is. Sportswriters could go to school on his leads: here's Jenkins on Jackie Burke's victory over then-amateur Ken Venturi, who had led the 1956 Masters for 70 of the 72 holes: "Jackie Burke's victory in the 1956 Masters ruined more newspaper leads than a worn-out typewriter ribbon." Golf fans will treasure this collection both for the history it reports and the spot-on voice of the peerless reporter. --Bill Ott "No one is funnier or more knowledgeable about golf than Dan Jenkins." --Wall Street Journal "Carl Hiaasen calls Dan Jenkins 'probably the funniest sports journalist ever.' No argument here." --The New York Times "No one has captured the essential lunacy of the twentieth-century sports scene as accurately and hilariously." --Los Angeles Times "Hotter than a habanero pepper. . . . Jenkins brings a passion for the game and a committed intelligence to his coverage." --Richmond Times-Dispatch "For style, outrageous humor and longevity, it's hard to top Dan Jenkins." --Newsday "His writing and his ear recall—there is no higher compliment—Ring Lardner, though in different times and different Americas." —David Halberstam, *New York Times Book* "Jenkins ranks with the best and most influential sportswriters of the 20th century." --Gary VanSickle, *Golf.com* "Jenkins takes us inside the world of golf like no one else." --Sacramento Bee "Jenkins is hilarious, providing more laughs per page than any other writer in the 'bidness.'" —People About the Author DAN JENKINS, an award-winning writer for Sports Illustrated for more than twenty years, is the author of nineteen works of fiction and nonfiction, including *Semi-Tough*, *Dead Solid Perfect*, *Baja Oklahoma*, *Life Its Ownself*, *Rude Behavior*, *Fairways and Greens*, *Slim and None*, and most recently, *The Franchise Babe*. He currently writes a popular column for *Golf Digest* and now lives full-time in his native Fort Worth, Texas.