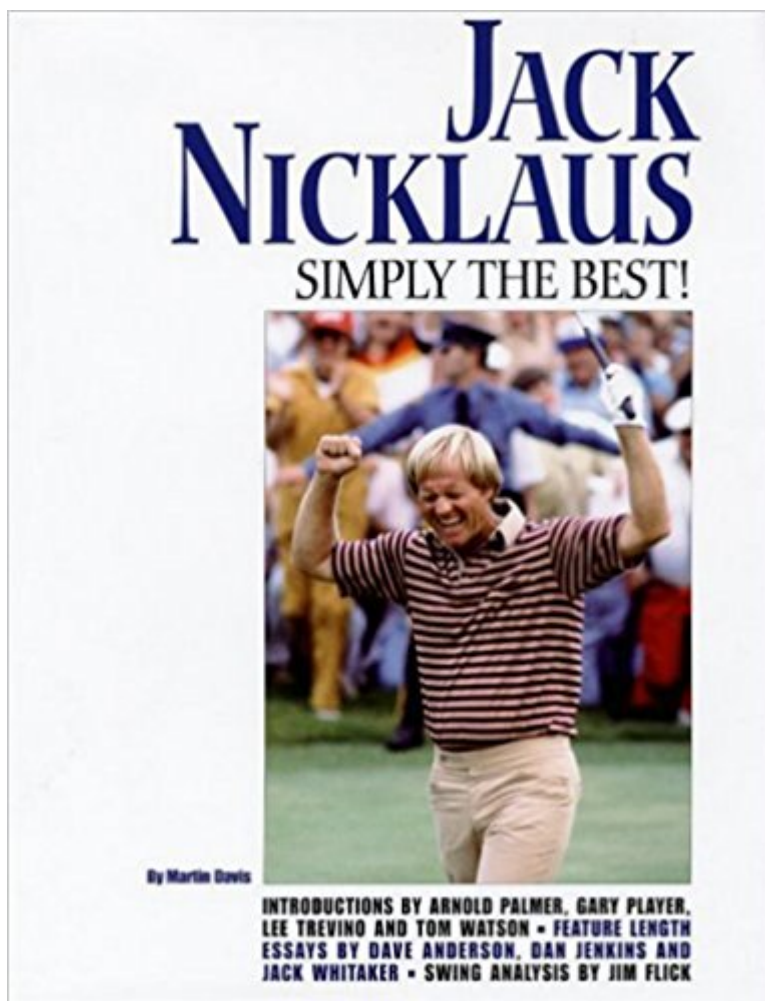




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Synopsis

Jack Nicklaus is widely acknowledged as the finest golfer of all time. Four 1500 word introductions by Jack's major rivals: Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Lee Trevino and Tom Watson. Pulitzer Prize winner Dave Anderson of The New York Times provides the biography. Dan Jenkins, of Sports Illustrated and Golf Digest fame, contributes a humorous essay. Top 10 instructor Jim Flick, provides an indepth analysis of Jack's swing. Martin Davis contributes coverage on each of the major events in Jack's life, including indepth reporting on all 20 major tournament victories and more. Over 350, mostly large format, photographs. Original writings by Red Smith and Herbert Warren Wind. Five multi-page gatefolds. Magnificently printed in six colors in Italy.

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Davis created Sports Marketing Group, the largest publisher of specialty golf magazines in the country, and sold it to Times Mirror in 1989. He is a past president of the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association and a member of the Golf Collectors Society. Anderson has been a sportswriter for the New York Times since 1966, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1981 for distinguished commentary. Arnold Palmer is one of the most storied players in the sport of golf. The winner of seven majors, including four green jackets as Masters champion, he is still active on the Professional Golf Association's senior tour. He is the president of Arnold Palmer Enterprises and the Palmer Course Design Co., and the owner of two courses: the Latrobe Country Club in his native Pennsylvania, and the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida. His autobiography, "A Golfer's Life, " was a "New York Times" bestseller. Gary Player, a native of South Africa, is a legend to

golfers around the world. When not golfing and traveling, he lives, appropriately, in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Tom Watson is Associate Professor & Head of the School of Communication at Charles Sturt University in Australia. He has more than 25 years experience in corporate and consultancy public relations and was awarded his PhD from Nottingham Trent University in 1995 for research into the modeling of public relations evaluation.

Great golf book with the stories and pictures.

I bought this book for my husband, he loves it. A great gift for a golf fan. He liked the stories about Jack Nicklaus not only a great golfer, a great dad and friend.

As a fan of Jack Nicklaus for some 30-odd years, this book is heavy, photo-filled and impressive. Vintage photos are perhaps the highlight, but the text is worthwhile as well when featuring authors such as Dan Jenkins, Herbert Warren Wind and other masters. Where the prose falls woefully short, I'm afraid, is in the summary of each of Jack's major titles and these pieces are the responsibility of Martin Davis, a writer who thinks so highly of himself that his photograph appears on the inside flap of the dustcover, rather than on the back as would happen with a more modest writer. Regardless of the event, Davis is content to simply piece together a few facts, often disregarding the main story that was present throughout a particular week. Finally, did I mention this book was big? Unnecessarily so but it follows a trend in publishing that says "bigger is better and thereby worth a premium price." Jack Nicklaus deserved a good deal more than this ambitious but disappointing effort.

I have been a Jack Nicklaus fan for many years and was delighted to receive this book as a Christmas gift. However, I must say that my enjoyment was significantly diluted by the extremely poor editing that is apparent in several places throughout the book. Specifically: 1) On page 40 in the blue box Thomas Bjorn's quote states "no matter where you go in the golfing word" when it clearly should be "world". Further this same quote has the same error in it on page 41. My daughter who is a teacher calls this a "spellcheck error". i.e. someone ran spellcheck but didn't read the text to see if it made sense. 2) On page 188 the individual match results for the 1969 Ryder Cup for the afternoon singles on Day Three show that Miller Barber beat Maurice Bembridge but both players are shown as having won 1 point. Similarly for Gene Littler and Christy O'Connor. The day three totals, 8 points each, are correct but if you add up the individual points as they are shown in the table the GB team

has 10 because these two points should be zeros.3) On page 233 the first sentence in the second paragraph says that "Jack won his sixth major" describing the 1975 PGA. If my math is correct it was his fourteenth major.4) Page 269 - the second sentence of the third paragraph says "with as a strong contingent of foreign players" - there should not be an "as". Another "spellcheck error".5) On page 317 in the results for 1999 the money shown as won for the Wendy's three tour challenge either has the comma in the wrong place or an extra zero depending upon whether the prize was \$10,000 or \$100,000. I realize this may be "nitpicking" but it is disappointing that a book memorializing the career of someone who in many ways was a driven perfectionist should be spoiled by these careless errors.

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