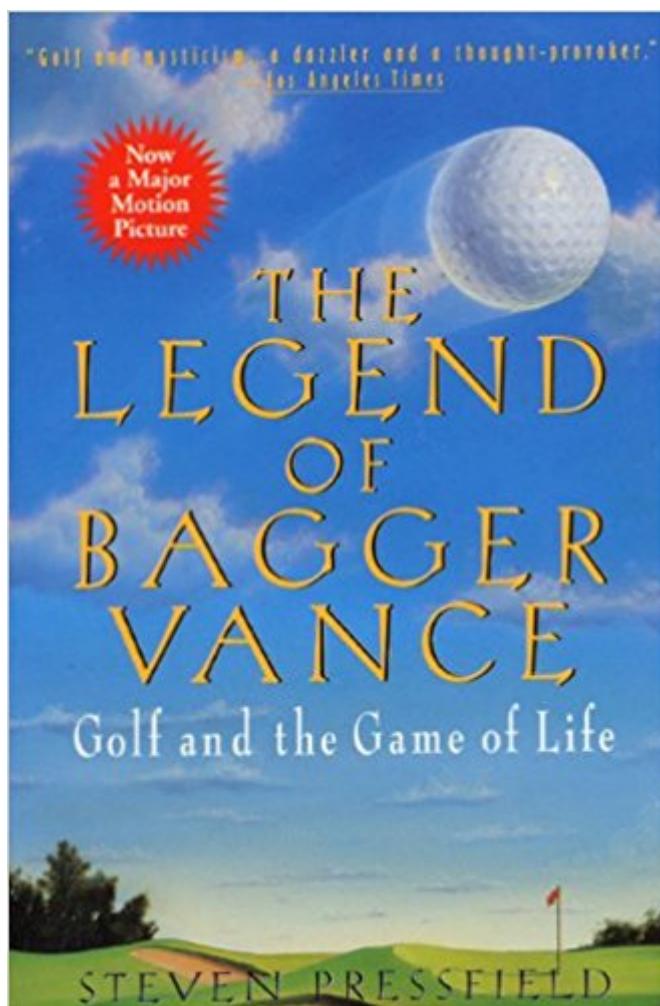


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The Legend Of Bagger Vance: A Novel Of Golf And The Game Of Life



Synopsis

In the Depression year of 1931, on the golf links at Krewe Island off Savannah's windswept shore, two legends of the game—Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen—meet for a mesmerizing thirty-six-hole showdown. Another golfer will also compete—a troubled local war hero, once a champion, who comes with his mentor and caddie, the mysterious Bagger Vance. It is Vance, sage and charismatic, who will ultimately guide the match, for he holds the secret of the Authentic Swing. And he alone can show his protege the way back to glory. Written in the spirit of *Golf in the Kingdom* and *The Natural*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* reveals the true nature of the game in a story that is unforgettable.

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Set in the 1930s, this somewhat mystical novel concerns a pair of golf legends, a war hero and a mysterious and gifted caddie. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

YA?Elderly Hardison L. Greaves describes a memorable golf match he witnessed as a child in the 1930s to a medical student who is nearing burn-out. In the match, golf-great Bobby Jones plays Walter Hagen; to generate local support, World War I hero Rannulph Junah is asked to participate. He declines at first, but then his companion, Bagger Vance, offers to caddy for him. It becomes apparent that Vance is more than a companion; he is the man's mentor and spiritual advisor. Although looked upon with disdain by the golfers and spectators, Vance, who is black, counsels Junah to look for his Authentic Swing. The symbolism is apparent; Junah finds not only his golf

swing, but also himself. Pressfield's story will be of interest to students. Its mysticism promotes thought, and golf references are simple enough for nonplayers.?Diane Goheen, Topeka West High School, KS
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Perhaps the most spiritual book about the game of golf ever written. Filled with beautiful prose & punctuated with soul inspiring bits of timeless poetry (think Wordsworth here) Steven Pressfield takes us on a timeless journey, employing the warrior archetype in the arena of competitive golf told from the perspective of an 11 year old boy. The caddy, Bagger Vance, is our teacher & from him we learn the holiness of sport; the purity of competition 'purged of ego', and how beings at play are participants in the act most pleasing to God. I have given friends this book, and they take it with them when - as I do- play golf. Thank you Stephen Pressfield

This was an awesome read that I could not put down and will reread throughout the years! From the beginning I was reading for some intuition into finding a way to repeat those shots that seem to come from somewhere unknowable and do what I knew it would do. I didn't find that lightning in a bottle I was searching for. I found that the author had given form to the mystery of perfection and let me know that my authentic swing is where that perfection awaits.

This movie I believe would be great for most everyone. To me and my wife, it was way beyond that. We are Gnostic and the sequences in the movie meant something entirely different to us than a casual viewer. Over several years, I feel confident we have watched that movie 40 times. I don't think I've ever watched it without crying. Many things I know and feel about the movie, I simply cannot explain; it goes beyond explanations of words, it's things that are so spiritual they cannot be voiced...only known and felt. But I recommend it to all.

Great story for all to read especially if you're a golf fanatic!

Few people will really "get" what this book is about. Golf is a wonderful metaphor to use as this story is told. The movie people were certainly lost when attempted to interpret what this was all about. Anyway, this is the second time I have read this book and I would recommend it to any serious reader, any critical thinker. It is a meditation. Read slowly and think about what is unfolding. If the glimpse comes through, lucky reader. I will read it many more times before the 19th hole.

much better than the movie.

I have read The Legend of Bagger Vance numerous times. The book is significantly better than the movie. Well written an I recommend it.

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