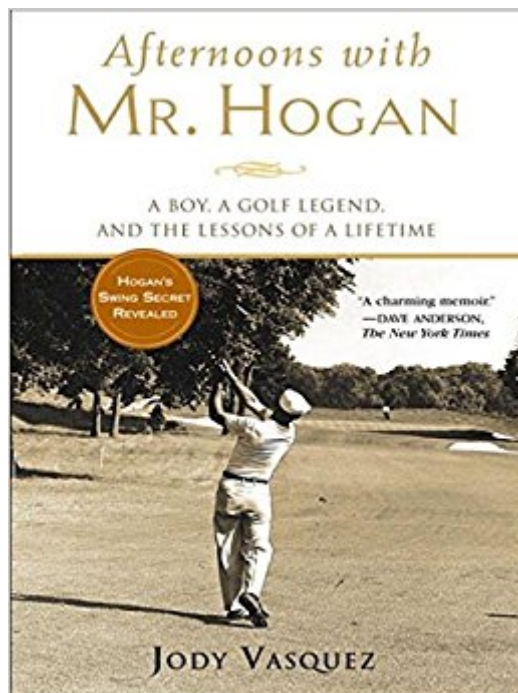




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# Afternoons With Mr. Hogan: A Boy, A Golf Legend, And The Lessons Of A Lifetime



## Synopsis

Ben Hogan's former ball shagger recounts firsthand stories of the golf legend and reveals, for the first time, Hogan's Swing Secret, a source of mystery to golfers for more than fifty years. Ben Hogan's pro golf record is legendary. A four-time PGA Player of the Year, he celebrated sixty-three tournament wins and became known as a man of few words and fewer close friends. Most of what we know about Hogan has been based on myth and speculation. Until now. In the 1960s, though Hogan's competitive career was over, he kept the practice habits that made him famous and remade modern competitive golf. He hired seventeen-year-old Jody Vasquez to help. Each day, after driving to a remote part of the course at Shady Oaks Country Club, Hogan would spend hours hitting balls and Vasquez would retrieve them. There, and over the course of their twenty-year friendship, Hogan taught Jody the mechanics of his famous swing and shared his thoughts on playing, practicing, and course management—unknowingly revealing much about his character, values, and beliefs, and the events that shaped them. In *Afternoons with Mr. Hogan*, Jody Vasquez shares dozens of stories about Hogan, from the way he practiced, selected his clubs, and interacted with other star players to his little-known humor and generosity. Combining the gentle insight of Tom Kite's *A Fairway to Heaven* (which recalls Kite's golf education under Harvey Penick) with the sage perspective of Penick's own *Little Red Book*, Vasquez's tribute is funny, poignant, and full of advice for golfers of all levels.

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A charming memoir. (Dave Anderson, "The New York Times") Contains enlightening personal

anecdotes and astounding golf tips that will thrill any enthusiast. ("Publishers Weekly") Much more interesting than anything written by people who didn't know Ben. Excuse me, "Mr. Hogan." (Dan Jenkins, friend of Ben Hogan and author of "Dead Solid Perfect") It's a fantastic look into Hogan, the man. (Hal Sutton, 2004 USA Ryder Cup Captain) This book adds to what we know about [Hogan] and for that reason may become a golf classic. (Michael Murphy, author of "Golf in the Kingdom" and "The Kingdom of Shivas Irons") Ben Hogan was the most private public figure I have ever known. It's terrific that Jody shares these stories. (Lee Trevino, six-time major championship winner) Jody Vasquez has given us a fascinating and fresh perspective about such an unusual man, Mr. Hogan. (Ben Crenshaw, two-time Masters Champion and Ryder Cup Captain) [Jody Vasquez] sheds light on the complex personality of Mr. Hogan th

Jody Vasquez shagged balls for Ben Hogan for four years at the Shady Oaks Country Club in the 1960s. Vasquez is now a member of the Colonial Country Club, where he serves on the Board of Governors for the annual Colonial, the longest-running site on the PGA Tour and the tournament Hogan won five times.

Fantastic memorable stories. I really enjoyed this book!

I have read several books on Ben Hogan and that one added even more information on who he really was. This even gets into Ben's 2 secrets of the golf swing that no else knows so you need to read it just for that. Pretty fast read too. Enjoy!

This isn't a golf book in the traditional sense but about someone who plays golf...really well. You won't learn any "secrets" in that you'll want to run to the course and try them. Instead you'll learn a little more about Hogan the person and not Hogan the golfer. To me Hogan comes across a somewhat shy in his personal life and as someone who doesn't know how to relate to people because of his fame. He doesn't see himself as anyone special, just someone who worked hard to be the best at something he loved. The book kind of takes Hogan off his perch when you learn he's like any other man and I think I would enjoy meeting this Hogan more than the one I previously had a mental picture of. The book is fairly short and broken down into short easy to read stories that you can read it in one sitting or a little over 2-3 days.

An easy, light read, well written and interesting. A nice balance between stories of Ben Hogan and

golf technicals.I presume only a golfer is going to read this book, and I recommend it.Cheers, Simon

Best book about golf stories I've read

Wonderful insight into both the man and the game of golf. This is a great read about the real Mr. Hogan and several peoples's personal experiences with him on and off the golf business! Do yourself a favor and order this book!

If you are interested in Ben Hogan you will love this book....

A very refreshing view of the " Little wee mon ",showing he was not a senseless robot hitting balls after balls .The most interesting lesson he has given is that you MUST dig your own truth By yourself " out of the dirt :you MUST find what works for you by hitting " 10000 balls ".As for the famed HOGAN secret ,part of it is revealed here .for more ,just read Ted HUNT' s book or JOHN SCHLEE' s book or TOM BERTRAND or V.J TROLIO's.The morale of the HOGAN saga is that you have to work very hard to succeed ,as we all seasoned veterans know ,but the youngsters don't !

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