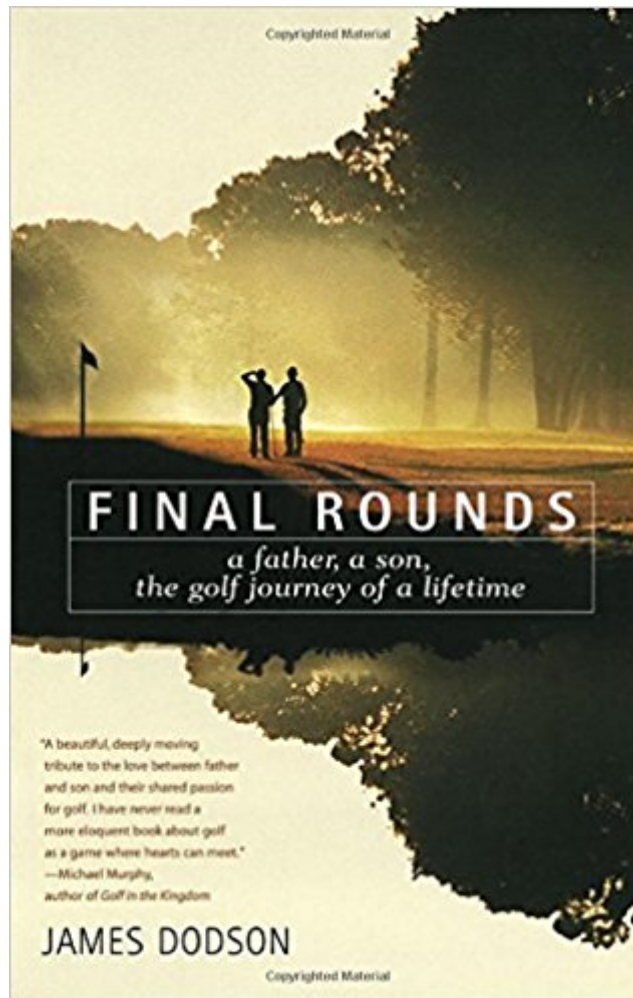




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Final Rounds: A Father, A Son, The Golf Journey Of A Lifetime



Synopsis

James Dodson always felt closest to his father while they were on the links. So it seemed only appropriate when his father learned he had two months to live that they would set off on the golf journey of their dreams to play the most famous courses in the world. Final Rounds takes us to the historic courses of Royal Lytham and Royal Birkdale, to the windswept undulations of Carnoustie, where Hogan played peerlessly in '53, and the legendary St. Andrews, whose hallowed course reveals something of the eternal secret of the game's mysterious allure over pros and hackers alike. Throughout their poignant journey, the Dodsons humorously reminisce and reaffirm their love for each other, as the younger Dodson finds out what it means to have his father also be his best friend. Final Rounds is a book never to be forgotten, a book about fathers and sons, long-held secrets, and the lessons a middle-aged man can still learn from his dad about life, love, and family. Final Rounds is a tribute to a very special game and the fathers and sons who make it so. -->

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The Dodsons always knew where to go to solve their problems: the golf course. For decades, father and son took refuge there together; in the game, they found connection. Dodson's memoir of his last lyrical golf excursion with his father, taken through England and Scotland in the months before his father's death, is alternately heartwarming and heartbreaking. Final Rounds is as straight a shot into the heart of golf's magnetic hold on golfers--and the tie that binds fathers and sons--as a 300-yard drive that splits the fairway.

In 1994, Dodson, a contributing editor and columnist for Golf magazine, visited the major courses of England and Scotland, an unusual trip because he was escorting his father, a man in his 80s, a diabetic who had recently been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. During their travels, each told the other details of his life previously not revealed as they reveled in their mutual love of the game. The book is about golf, to be sure, and the author can wax lyrical about it, seeing in the game "a power that was simultaneously as visible and elusive as moonlight on the water." But it's primarily a memoir about the relationship between a father and son, achieving the insight that "a man is never finished being a son" because he never forgets his father's influence. Both father, nicknamed Opti because of his upbeat view of life, and son assumed that the trip would mark the end of the older man's life, but he lived many months longer and died at home. The concluding chapters are powerful and deeply moving so the book's appeal should extend beyond golf addicts. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A wonderfully heartwarming read using a father and son's love of golf as a method of saying goodbye.

My brother loved this book!

It was exactly what was described. It was much less expensive than those from other sites. It was a good deal.

I enjoyed this book and I am not a reader. I loved the relationship development and the golf focus. I found myself thinking about my own relationship with my father. Thought provoking and revealing. I bought this book because I thought it was written by Dr James Dobson from focus on the family. Reader beware. One of the best mistake purchases I have ever made.

The author's father has terminal cancer and not long to live. Rather than sitting around home waiting for the end, Dodson, a golf writer, invites his father, a lifelong golfer, on a trip to play the great golf courses on England and Scotland. Of interest not just to golf fans but to anyone who has to face the death of a family member.

I purchased this book on the recommendation of a friend prior to a trip I just made to Scotland to golf. The book was a fabulous way to put me in the right state of mind for my trip and to remind me of those things in life that are important and the lessons that golf can teach. I would recommend this to any golfer especially those that have or are planning a golf trip overseas.

It was a good read, I enjoyed the part about the father and son relationship more than the tedious description of every golf course. I would still recommend the book.

I started the book and just can't get through it. Not that good.

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