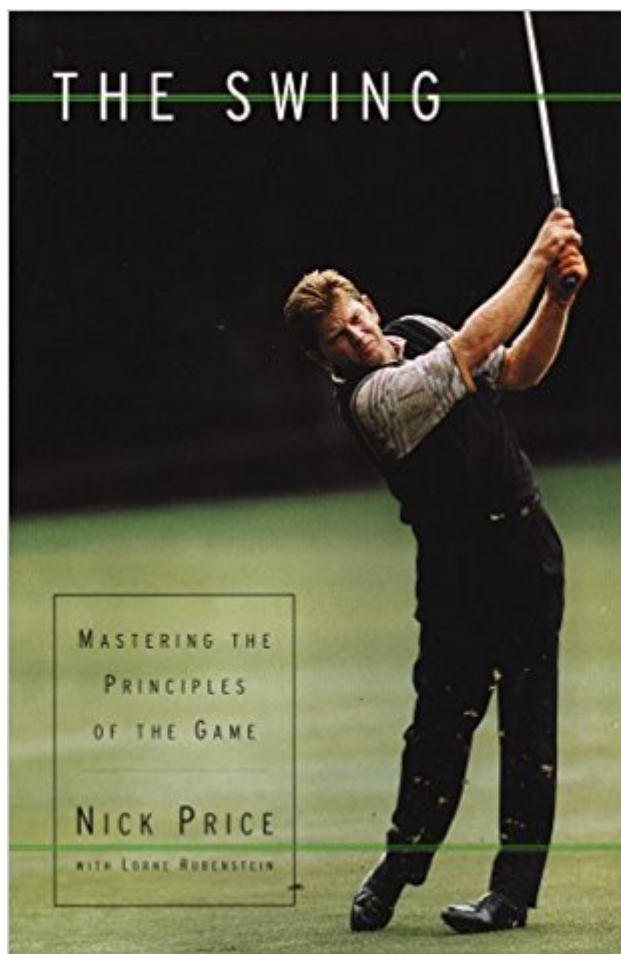


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# The Swing: Mastering The Principles Of The Game



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The weekend hacker looking for a quick fix for an ailing golf swing won't find it in this solid, detailed instructional by Price, a leading money winner on the PGA Tour. Practice, study, and perseverance are his keys to better golf. Offering lessons learned over his own professional career, Price analyzes the components of the golf swing in detail, identifying benchmarks common to all consistent swings. His main theme is that practice and study can make any golfer "less of a thinker and more of a

player." Among the photographs are two sequences showing the drastic difference in Price's swing in 1981?at the beginning of his professional career?and 1994, the year he won the British Open and PGA Championship. Also included are drills for developing various aspects of an effective swing and lists of key instructional points. A solid, no-nonsense golf instructional for the player willing to put the time in.?Peter Ward, Lindenhurst Memorial Lib., West Islip, N.Y.Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I highly recommend "The Swing" by Nick Price. For a couple of years, it seemed Nick knocked down the flagstick with every shot. His journal entries in the book are fascinating. The " Pre-Set" drill helped me tremendously. I think I was playing my best golf ever during the time I was working diligently on that one drill. I loved looking at the before and after pictures of Nick's swing. Like night and day... Buy it .. hit 800 balls a day.. and your scores will get better... guaranteed !!

Great for a beginner. Got special help on grip.

I have read quite a few golf books (by Jack Nicklaus, etc.) but this book was really great. I have been playing golf since 1969 and I have had a problem with hitting the ball to the right. This book finally showed the weak and strong grip and I changed my grip so it was stronger and now am hitting the ball straight (and sometimes even with a slight draw). I really like the way the book was

written, namely that a player can always work on his golf swing, and try to improve various aspects of it, just as Nick Price has done throughout his career. This book is definitely worth reading for anyone who wishes to improve his golf game.

Nick Price is a rare one. He's one of the hardest working golfers out there and he's one of the nicest guys out there! This is a great book that follows the evolution of his golf swing and how he did a total make-over of his swing. Includes a lot of David Ledbetter tips and drills. A great golf book!

Book was in great shape. Very happy with it.

It's like a "what not to do book" to be a better player. Prices swing really improved over the years and he shows you how he did it.

Great book

Most of the top golfers in the world when they talk about how they took up the game as youngsters, talk with unabashed worship about one of three or four "master textbooks"-- golf instruction books which they discovered when they were young, and read until the pages were mangled and the spine was re-taped. Ben Hogan's "Five Fundamental Lessons," Jack Nicklaus' "Golf My Way," along with primal texts by Bobby Jones, Greg Norman and Harvey Pennick have been elevated to that pantheon. Now Nick Price, one of the most thoughtful, scientific and realistic students of the game, has created a master text which will serve as the bible for the next generation of young tigers just learning the game. Price, writing with Lorne Rubenstein, has created a book which is organized and written clearly, simply and effectively. Price devotes nearly 80 pages to "the swing," before offering his instructions on the short game and putting. His chapter "the theory of the efficient swing," should be the first words read by any new student of the game. Price is one of the most successful golfers on the PGA tour, with dozens of victories to his credit. But despite his success at an early age--he won his first international tournament at the age of 17--he retains the humility and appreciation for the difficulty of the golf swing that I thought only a mediocre golfer like me could have. I'm a hopeless hacker, who at the age of 43 has just begun taking the first golf lessons in my life. Price's book has served as the catalyst to bringing my scores down from three digits into the 90s. Learning from a golf book by itself is impossible, but a book like Price's makes a terrific touchstone, a masterwork that a golfer can return to again and again. To that end, it's publishing in a kind of hard cover binder,

with blank pages at the back for a student's notes, to which pages may be added to with a visit to any stationary store. (I suggest that future editions could come with more pages, and perhaps some forms for tracking progress.) Price has a literate, direct prose style which makes the most esoteric aspects of the swing straight-forward. (ever try reading an explanation of "tempo" in another golf book?) He builds one concept on another, from the grip to the address, to the swing itself. Within each concept, his observations and recommendations avoid jargon, and build from Price's own thoughtful curiosity about the complexities of the simple act of hitting a ball with a stick. Framing his central discussion about the swing are opening biographical chapters and a closing excerpt from his own personal "swing journal," in which he kept observations about the golf swing while on the PGA tour. In a field jammed with pompous hack jobs, "The Swing," is as simple, sound and as satisfying as an easy 190 yard 4-iron to the heart of the green. It's the one golf book to buy, if you're only buying one.--Rohn Jay Miller, San Francisco

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