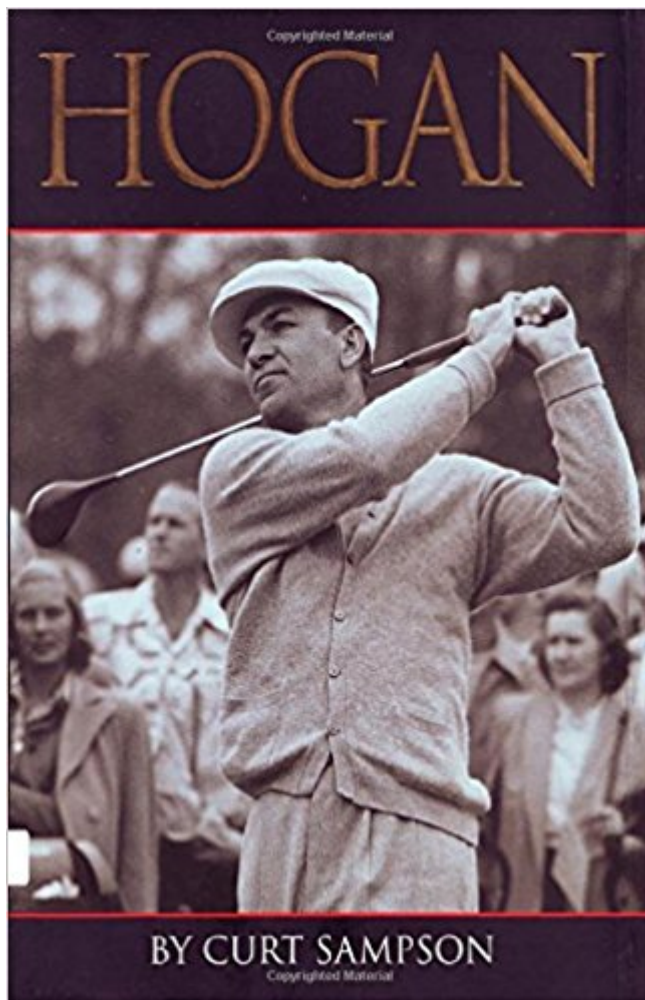




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Ben Hogan is probably the best golfer in the history of the game, having won 63 PGA tournaments--third only to Sam Snead and Jack Nicklaus. Hogan portrays the poignant and private life of this man who overcame poverty, insanity, and a potentially fatal car crash to be the only man to win the U.S. Open, the British Open and the Masters in one year.

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"A superb and insightful portrait of the most elusive and complex champion in golf history . . . worth every damn cent you're asked to pay for it." --Guy Yocom, *Golf Digest* --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

I was good friends with Matty Reid who was interviewed for the book. He was a great golfer in his own right. He has passed. I have heard many of the stories in the book, but Samson puts them

together very gracefully. I remember my friend thru his word.

Anyone who follows golf at all knows that Hogan was one of the best ever, but you really need to read this book to understand how he got there. Sampson explains both the character and life events that produced one of the greats of all time, in a way that is informative, complete and enjoyable to read. If the car accident of 1948 had never happened, who knows how much higher Hogan's star would have risen!

This is an outstanding biography. A very competent author is writing about one of golf's five icons. It's a treat for those of us who remember Mr. Hogan as a player and would present his life and works to those who don't.

I am a fan of golf but only knew Ben Hogan by name and by some of his feats. I wanted to learn more about him after I stumbled across something someone said about him putting his hands in prickly brine to toughen up his skin. It's an excellent read. It wasn't a dry biography, and I really did feel like I knew his character and who he was after I read the book. What really surprised me was how many years he spent failing before he won. It's a true rag-to-riches story built upon Ben Hogan's back and his perseverance. His life is an amazing story.

He has a way of writing history that makes you just keep reading and reading and reading. I have met Steve Jones when he was younger so the book had an added factor that kept my interest peaked. Curt, please keep it up. I recommend it to any golfer that enjoys this great game.

Excellent study of Bantam Ben's life and career.

Great story. Well written. Recommend it highly.

I enjoyed listening to this audiobook. I learned a lot about the time period and about Hogan.

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