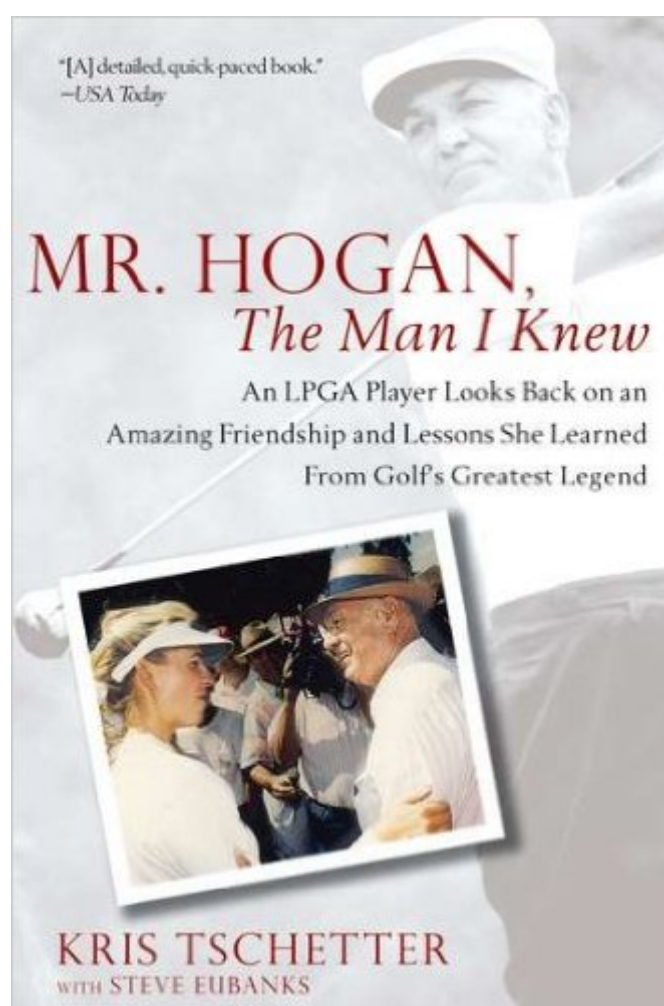


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Mr. Hogan, The Man I Knew: An LPGA Player Looks Back On An Amazing Friendship And Lessons She Learned From Golf's Greatest Legend



Synopsis

An accomplished LPGA player recalls her days as an unlikely student of a living legend and the priceless lessons he taught her. As a collegiate golfer in the 1980s, rising star Kris Tschetter was fortunate enough to gain membership at Shady Oaks, one of the best courses in Texas, where Ben Hogan was a member. There was an unwritten rule at the club: Don't bother Mr. Hogan. But when the master of the game observed Tschetter's constant presence on the driving range, he offered to help her with her swing. And a unique friendship began. Despite Hogan's enigmatic reputation, Tschetter reveals a very different side to golf's elder statesman. On the links, he began to recall some of his fondest memories, telling his new student about his fifty-year romance with his wife, Valerie, and sharing other poignant details about his life. After Tschetter turned pro, Hogan came out to watch her play at Fort Worth's Colonial Country Club-the last professional round he watched in person. *Mr. Hogan, the Man I Knew* is a stirring memoir of a champion's final chapter and a friendship between two very different people who shared the same passion.

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Customer Reviews

This is the best Ben Hogan subject book I have read, and there are some great ones. It adds wonderfully personal insights into his already well chronicled life. It has a warmth that the others were necessarily lacking, perhaps because no one knew Ben Hogan the way Kris Tschetter knew him, except Valerie Hogan and family. For a life so private, this book is almost too revealing, and might have been inappropriate had it been written during Hogan's lifetime. But now it explains his eccentricities in a very human way that lets us all connect with the legacy of this great and

misunderstood man, and affirms the humanity that only his closest friends and family knew. I am admittedly biased, as Hogan is one of my all time heroes of any sort, but anybody will find this touching memoir a great read, whether you know anything about Hogan or not.

Kris Tschetter has written a fine book about Ben Hogan. She met Mr. Hogan while she was a junior member at a private country club in Fort Worth, Texas. She spent many hours with Mr. Hogan on the practice tee and found him to be, not the cold individual as portrayed by people who did not know him, but a private person who was approachable and helped many people without most of the public knowing of his generosity. Her stories about Mr. Hogan reveal a very human individual. Mr. Hogan competed in his final US Open in 1966. There was an American soldier stationed in West Germany who sent a handwritten letter to Mr. Hogan wishing him the best of luck in the championship. A few weeks later that soldier received a nice note from Mr. Hogan thanking him for the letter and the warm thoughts. He thanked that soldier for his service to the country. That soldier was me, and I still have that note. So, Kris' stories of the warmth of her relationship with Mr. Hogan was not a surprise to me. This is a fine book to add to one's collection of Ben Hogan books. He was a very private person but a very giving person as we learn from Kris.

This is a definite must-read! For anyone who thought they knew Ben Hogan from the various stories they have heard over the years, they couldn't be any more wrong. Kris Tschetter has written a very heart-warming, at times tear-jerking, sensational book! Only took me 3 days to read it (would've been even quicker but I golfed/practiced some between reads). She really covered the "story behind the story" and allowed us to partake in one of the greatest teachings about human life. Very few had the kind of private interaction with Mr. Hogan most of us could only dream about. This should go down as one of the all-time golf classics ever to be told/written. It was equally impressive how she managed to weave in some of the finest golf lessons all golfers should know without ever losing focus on the real purpose of her book.

I have always been a Kris Tschetter fan and have always admired Ben Hogan. Hogan has frequently been singled out as aloof and I have heard many unfavorable anecdotes about him. This book has set the record straight on many of these anecdotes. While he may have been a somewhat quirky person it was because he was a very private person. Kris has managed to penetrate that veneer and brought out the warm side of him. Their relationship evolved into a grandfather-granddaughter type of relationship. I downloaded this book at 9am and finished it by 4pm the same day. If one

starts to read the book, one cannot put it down. One of the top five golf books I have ever read and I have read many of them.

I have read several books on Ben Hogan and this was one that really presented a side of him that is different from others. Kris did a great job telling her stories of her time with Mr. Hogan and made me feel like I was part of her experience. This is a must read for anyone who is a Ben Hogan fan.

I went back and forth several times trying to figure out if I should buy this book or not. Was it real knowledge or just someone trying to make money from phony stories they made up was my dilemma. I of course bought it, and then couldn't put it down it was so fascinating. I've read many golf books and know so much about Hogan to begin with, and this book is truly a gem that can't be simply made up. It all fits together perfectly with other inside information about Ben, but this has even more things I never knew. Even "The Secret" is explained perfectly in this book, and what it was or more precisely what it wasn't. If you love golf or Ben Hogan or just looking at someones life that is an icon, this is a really good book. It's one draw-back is, it's too short and I wish it would have gone on for 400 pages, but of course you can only remark about what really happened and Kris does a wonderful job at that. I got WAY more than I expected here, and am really glad I read this wonderful work on the other side of Ben Hogan that most people didn't get to see. The book made me smile and laugh and yeah, I cried like a baby as well and think much better of Mr. Hogan that I did before I read it. Just a great read, written by a woman that seems like she has a wonderful, beautiful heart as well. This could be one of the best, most touching books I've ever read to be honest, and that says volumes about the woman behind this beautiful gift to us all, thanks Kris....job well done, and Ben must be so proud of you to have been his friend as well. I recommend everyone get this book. Just beautiful.

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