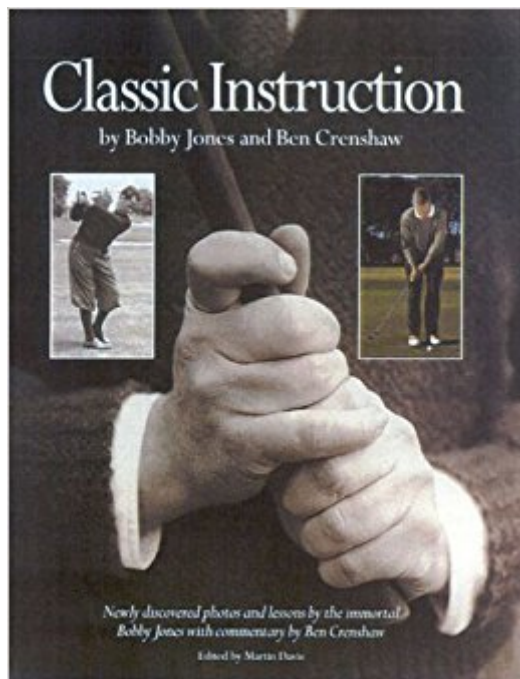


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The story behind the publication of Classic Instruction is almost as good as the book itself, which is saying a lot, because the book is an instant classic, and a must for any serious golfer's bookshelf, regardless of skill level. The great Bobby Jones left several boxes behind in his old law offices where they gathered dust through the decades until Martin Davis gained access to them while researching his massive pictorial biography Bobby Jones: The Greatest of Them All. In one of those boxes, he discovered the golfing equivalent of King Tut's tomb: more than 100 photographs of Jones demonstrating the game's fundamentals--grip, woods, irons, sand, chipping, putting, and the lost art of the stymie--with explanatory notes attached in Jones' hand. Jones used the photos in a limited series of film strips that he sold in the '30s, but never got around to writing the book.

(Interestingly, the enduring instructional he did manage to write--Bobby Jones on Golf--is, solid as it may be, sadly lacking in illustration.) Davis got the picture--and the pictures--and set out to rectify Jones' oversight. He immediately called Ben Crenshaw. Like Jones, two-time Masters' champion Crenshaw is a dedicated student of the game, and, in his extensive writings, an artful communicator. For Classic Instruction, he virtually collaborates with Jones. He carefully analyzes Jones' original text and the photos (many taken in detailed close-up); then, through added commentary attached to photographs of himself in similar swing positions and close-ups, Crenshaw updates the master to accommodate changes to the game and equipment that have evolved in the ensuing 60 years. In the end, the real revelation of Classic Instruction is how fundamentally sound and thoroughly modern Jones' game was. With a few minor adjustments here and there and a snappy new set of titanium heads with graphite shafts to replace his old hickories, there's no telling what kind of damage the young Bobby Jones could wreak on the PGA Tour today. --Jeff Silverman

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This is real good book for anyone who likes golf, to read and with a lot of pictures to look at. Real good instructions.

Thrilled with the writings of Bobby Jones and the Ben Crenshaw commentary. Almost everything still applies to today's golf game.

Really enjoyed hearing what such a great golfer thought.

has some good tips.

This book is quite old and still as pertinent as it was when it was printed. Bobby Jones is a master teacher. The essays are wonderful to read.

This is a very fine (and unusual) book on golf instruction. Using original photos and text from the old master Bob Jones, modern master Ben Crenshaw compares his swing and golf philosophy to Jones' swing and golf philosophy. This is also a very fine gift book--handsome and not too expensive. I recommend it highly to golf enthusiasts and neophytes alike.

5 stars because it is a first edition. interesting insight....watched all vids available on you tube also.if you like the game and the early pioneers you have to get this...at the current price,a steal.

If your game is off track, this will do much to get you back to the simple fundamentals that will make the game fun again. It boils down to swinging! Not jabbing, hitting, punching, jerking, heaving, lurching, etc., etc. You'll appreciate the need for a relaxed swing of the clubhead for all shots from the wonderful insights of Jones and Crenshaw.

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