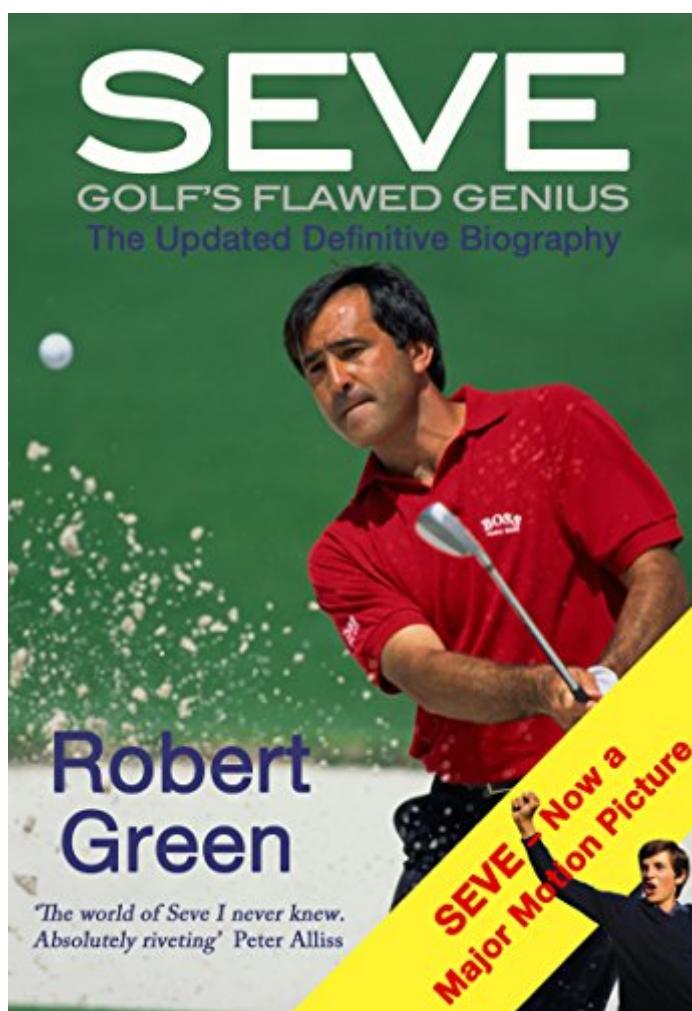


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Seve: Golf's Flawed Genius (The Updated Definitive Biography)



Synopsis

Shortlisted for BEST GOLF BOOK OF THE YEAR at the British Sports Book Awards 2013A golfing legend with five major championships to his credit, Severiano Ballesteros was one of the game's great heroes – a charismatic, charming, fiery, unpredictable. His untimely death in May 2011, after a prolonged struggle with cancer, left his sport bereft. Over the course of Seve's career, no other golf writer enjoyed such regular contact with him as Robert Green did – meetings, interviews, conversations and meals together, all of which led to a video and a golf instruction book. This book draws on the material and insights gathered during those collaborative years to capture the real Seve. It describes his family and upbringing in Spain and recalls his great on-course triumphs – not least his enormous role in the revival of the fortunes of the Ryder Cup, which thanks to him is today one of the world's great sporting events – as well as his calamities. Dramatically and insightfully, Green recalls the great wins in the Open and the Masters, and also those titles that excruciatingly slipped from Seve's grasp. The book also examines Seve's darker side: his controversial and very public spats with officialdom and his sometimes tempestuous private life, including his divorce from Carmen, the daughter of one of Spain's wealthiest men and mother of his three children, to whom he was married for 17 years. And even after his death, his legacy could not rest. Above all, though, it is Seve the golfer who takes centre stage, resulting in a portrait that does full justice to its colourful and mercurial subject. It is a story which will enthral all those who watched and admired this golfing icon throughout his remarkable career. 'I look into their eyes, shake their hand, pat their back, and wish them luck, but I'm thinking, "I'm going to bury you.' Seve Ballesteros' Encyclopaedic insight, framed within a compelling narrative – the definitive account of a sporting icon.' Stephen Evans, BAFTA award-winner and producer of the upcoming film of Seve's life

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Customer Reviews

For anyone interested in the famed golfers in the world this book certainly is one of the best. Seve was certainly a genius and his story is told very well by the author. His golf exploits are well documented but this book provides much more depth and insight into this man. It is always a challenge to anyone that is leading the charge to improve things within his environment. To get things changed requires a certain personality and perseverance. Seve did not back down on any of his causes which may appear to be somewhat self serving but in the end was for the overall betterment of the European Tour. Seve has been the inspiration for the success the European Tour has had over the last so many years and in particular the Euro's performance in the Ryder Cup. Seve certainly knew he was a genius and was not shy to let anyone know. A great read.

I am a little too young to have witnessed Seve first hand as a force in golf, but have relied on hearing the stories of the legend. Wanting to know more about Seve I read this biography not sure knowing what I had coming, and I wasn't let down. An excellent book about the legend that is Seve, with all his bravour and flaws.

The book really brings out the greatness and the struggles of Seve and at times was very riveting. Although overall I really liked the book at times it was too detailed about some of the golf matches and there were quite a few syntactical errors probably caused by its conversion to digital.

The early chapters were a little heavy on the hole by hole descriptive but once past all that the real Seve emerged in the chapters on his life, relationships and sad final days. Shame the author uses

words us mere mortals have seldom heard of....a sign of a public school background? Overall a good read on a legend of the sport.

The book was crafted with great insights on the most charismatic golfer worthy of the world's #1 ranking. The behind the scenes and feelings off all mentioned gave this golfer a true understanding of the pressures of being in the spotlight and required to play well GOTY TO READ IT if you plsy

I learned many new things about Seve's life, and it was enlightening to learn of all of the struggles he experienced in his golf career and personal life.

Great book

The writing was uneven and hard to follow as the author would jump back and forth from one time frame to another.

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