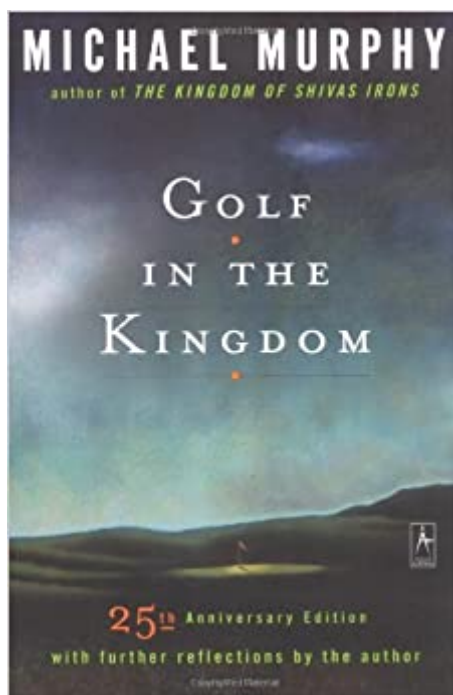


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# Golf In The Kingdom



## Synopsis

Since its first publication, *Golf in the Kingdom* has been recognized as a classic work on the deeper mysteries of golf—a gospel of those who suspect, or know, that golf is more than a mere pastime. A young man en route to India stops in Scotland to play at the legendary Burningbush golf club and in twenty-four hours, his life is transformed. Paired with a mysterious teacher named Shivas Irons, he is led through a round of phenomenal golf, swept into a world where extraordinary powers are unleashed in a backswing governed by true gravity. A night of adventure and revelation follow, and lead to a glimpse of Seamus MacDuff, the holy man who haunts a ravine off Burningbush's thirteenth fairway—one they call Lucifer's Rug. Murphy's account reveals the possibilities for transcendence that resides in the human soul, and through mystic-philosopher Shivas Irons, the reader, like Murphy, becomes drawn into new worlds by this ancient and haunting game.

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Esalen Institute founder Michael Murphy's divine meditation on the royal and ancient game defied categorization when it was first published in 1972, and it still does. Instantly hailed as a classic, *Golf in the Kingdom* is an altogether unique confluence of fiction, philosophy, myth, mysticism, enchantment, and golf instruction. The central character is a wily Scotsman named Shivas Irons, a golf professional by vocation and a shaman by design, whom Murphy, as participant in his own novel, meets in 1956 on the links of Burningbush, in Fife. The story of their round of golf together culminates in a wild night of whiskey and wisdom where, as Shivas demonstrates how the swing

reflects the soul, their golf quite literally takes on a metaphysical glow. The events alter not only Murphy's game, but they also radically alter his mind and inner vision; it's truly unforgettable. For a golfer, Murphy's masterpiece is as essential as a set of clubs.

This book offers a view of golf in a more philosophical and even mystical light. This 25th-anniversary edition includes additional reflections by Murphy. Though golf is definitely a fanatic's game, half of this is written for laughs. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I enjoyed this book a lot. I was trying to figure out if it was a good book for non golfers, and that is harder to evaluate. But if you like golf, I think you'll like this book a lot. If you like golf and eastern philosophy, I think you'll love it. There is so much to relate to about the game and so many eye and mind opening lines of thought. I can see why forty five years after its publication it is still popular.

Meh. So so. I am as much for the Zen of golf as any other avid player but really could not get into this book. Plodding reading

I LOVE this book! It's inspired, fantastical, goes way beyond the norm in such an unusual, entertaining way. It's not really about golf, it's about living life in a powerful, remarkable way. This book inspired me so much I am now learning how to play golf AND it's improved my game so much my teacher doesn't believe I've never played golf before.

A great little book about golf and life!

This book is the essence of the game of golf. It is a must read for all golf afficianados. It proclaims the zen of the game, the honor of the rules, the character of all who play, and an intrspection to self and honor. It is the bible behind the game and Shivas Irons is the holy ghost of the links. Bagger Vance learned from reading Golf in the Kingdom.

Golf in the Kingdom is a classic I've read it many times over the years. Michael this is the best one in the series of books. Have one on my book self and one on my tablet. Thank you PS everyone that likes golf or just likes a good book should read this story

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Although the creation of Esalen pre-dated me, the reading of Jeffrey Kripal's book about the iconic center of the Human Potential Movement in Big Sur by Michael Murphy and Dick Price in the 60s wetted my appetite for more (about co-founder Murphy). It has led me on a journey including other Murphy books such as *The Future of the Body* and *The Life We are Given*. In various ways, all of the above detail approaches to evolutionary human growth -- approaches and strategies which are informed by philosophies both East and West.

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