

At last—the secrets of the world's greatest money golfer

# SAM SNEAD SHOWS YOU HOW TO PLAY TO WIN



**S**AMUEL JACKSON SNEAD started golfing in the hills of Virginia with a club carved from a swamp maple. He was so poor that "money thought I was dead." But today, after winning 110 tournaments, he has collected a fortune in prize money.

What makes Sammy win? He tells you in his new book, *THE EDUCATION OF A GOLFER*. He tells you, for example

- What the #1 Golf Disease is and how to cure it
- Why you should think *with* your swing and not *ahead* of it
- How to overcome the "yips" in putting, and why the prime rule in putting *doesn't hold water*
- What to beware of when you gamble in golf

Here, for the first time, is the colorful story of golf's most successful player. There has never been a golf book like it. Only Sam Snead could take you behind the scenes of top tournament play, tell you how he solves golf problems, and (at the end of each chapter) show you precisely how his experience can be applied to pare strokes off your score:

- How he took a tip from Vic Ghezzi and blazed home with a pair of 67's to overcome an 8-stroke deficit and win the Masters
- The worst experience he's had in 25 golfing years — and how you can benefit from it
- What he said to President Eisenhower that made the Secret Service man blanch — but took five strokes off the presidential game
- Why Sam has *never* lost to Ben Hogan in a playoff
- How he corrected his early hooking and smothering
- Golf Course Diplomacy: "The Brazil Story"
- The putting mistake that lost him a National Open playoff — and how even a beginner can avoid it

Sam not only gives you priceless "how-to" instruction — more important, you get the *think-*

*ing* behind his game: *winner-thinking*. And he regales you with pungent inside-golf anecdotes, never before in a book — every one of which contains golf savvy from which you can profit.

### How to improve your game sitting down!

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You learn how to shrug off an opponent's needling — and perhaps do some of your own . . . why footwork is so important . . . how to get better distance on woodshots . . . how to correct knee and wrist tension . . . when to underclub your irons.

You'll find out Sam's special techniques on tricky lies, dog-legs, water holes, rough . . . how to play a sand trap better, and how to avoid an almost universal error in trap strategy . . . 4 common putting situations and how to play them . . . how to stay "cool-mad when hexed" . . . and much, much more.

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