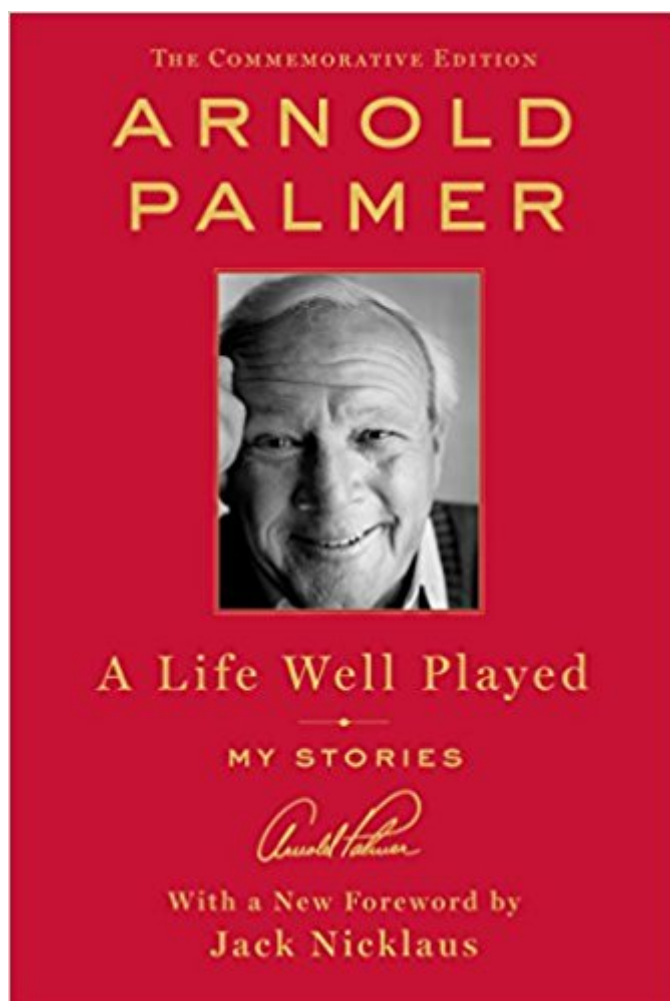




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# A Life Well Played: My Stories (Commemorative Edition)



## Synopsis

The commemorative edition of the instant New York Times bestseller--now with a foreword by Jack Nicklaus!"A wonderful compilation that reflects who he was as a person, as a golfer, and as someone who believed in giving back. He was a champion at each turn, and it was an honor not just knowing him and competing against him for nearly 60 years, but also being his friend."

Jack Nicklaus, from the forewordThis book is Palmer's parting gift to the world -- a treasure trove of entertaining anecdotes and timeless wisdom that readers, golfers and non-golfers alike, will celebrate and cherish. No one has won more fans around the world and no player has had a bigger impact on the sport of golf than Arnold Palmer. In fact, Palmer is considered by many to be the most important professional golfer in history, an American icon. In *A Life Well Played*, Palmer takes stock of the many experiences of his life, bringing new details and insights to some familiar stories and sharing new ones. This book is for Arnie's Army and all golf fans but it is more than just a golf book; Palmer had tremendous success off the course as well and is most notable for his exemplary sportsmanship and business success, while always giving back to the fans who made it all possible. Gracious, fair, and a true gentleman, "Arnie" was the gold standard of how to conduct yourself in your career, life, and relationships. Perfect for men and women of all ages, his final book offers advice and guidance, sharing personal stories of his career on the course, success in business, and the great relationships that gave meaning to his life.

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"A warm good-bye from the great man himself. . . . We can picture Palmer in his dotage, sitting back in an easy chair, telling us short nuggets about the life he led, still feeling, as he writes, that he

wants to share what he learned with people one more time." *— Golf Digest* "The definitive final word on Palmer's legacy from the man himself. The tome's pages capture the warm, humble confidence of its author, the qualities that made Palmer not just a great athlete but a great man and role model. . . . An invaluable insight into the mind of a champion." *— Newsweek* "A fast-paced reflection from the man who many consider the gold standard of conduct in his sport, with plenty of life lessons about how to remain humble and gracious while achieving superstardom." *— Christian Science Monitor* "A treasure trove of entertaining anecdotes and timeless wisdom that readers will celebrate and cherish on the memory and impact of a true global icon. . . . Every chapter grabbed my attention. . . . I can't recommend this book highly enough." - *The Sports Page Weekly* "Eminently readable and delightfully Arnie, *A Life Well Played* is a must for any of his many admirers." *— BookPage* "Arnold Palmer has lived an incredible life, and the King now wants to share some of what's he experienced and what he's learned along the way...With Palmer being one of professional golf's greatest success stories, he should have plenty to offer readers." -- *Golf News Net* "Palmer's story is inextricably linked to a mentoring father: in Arnie's case, a greenskeeper and eventual club pro who first put Arnie's hands on a golf club and told him, 'Boy, don't you ever change that.' Inevitably, this volume strikes a (hopefully premature) valedictory note, but that will make it all the more popular with the King's still-thriving army." - *Booklist* "Packed with stories and a few tips . . . . A heartfelt, sincere, mini-self-portrait by a man who epitomizes class." *— Kirkus Reviews* "The late golfer's last accomplishment in a life that, by any standard, was well-lived." *— The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

ARNOLD PALMER is regarded as one of the greatest players in professional golf history. He has won seven major championships: The Masters four times, the U.S. Open once, and the Open Championship twice. "The King" was the first superstar of the sport's television age and is one of the athletes credited with popularizing and commercializing the sport. Palmer won the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998 and, in 1974, was one of the original inductees into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

What a great story. I felt like I was walking with Mr. Palmer through his life. He has always been an inspiration to me. I cried when I heard of his passing. No line will ever fill his shoes. Society could learn so much by reading this book. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if we treated people the Mr. Palmer did. It was indeed a life well played.

The sad part about this review is that Mr. Palmer won't be able to read it. This book was on my "wish list" before he died and it was released a couple of weeks early after he did. There is only one book to read about Mr. Palmer and *A Life Well Played* is that book. The chapters are short and many topics are covered. The reader feels as if he's actually having an Arnold Palmer while Mr. Palmer shares his take on a variety of subjects. There is no gossip here, nothing controversial -- it's just Mr. Palmer talking about this and that. The world lost someone special when Mr. Palmer died. When is the last time you ever heard something bad about Mr. Palmer? Never. What a great compliment and thankfully he was able to pen this book as the unexpected end was so near -- his last gift to us. Rest in peace Mr. Palmer and Thank You!!!!!!!

Fans of Arnie, of golf or of sports in general should love this book. Mixed in with the stories are lessons he learned and values he held to over the course of a remarkable life. The wisdom is old fashioned, the love of people is obvious and the humility is endearing. There's just a genuineness about the man that comes through in the book. I'd especially recommend this book for young people who are sports fans. The chapters are usually 3 to 6 pages in length and cover a stand-alone topic or anecdote. This makes for manageable chapter-a-night bedtime reading.

Good read. A little to much from the early days to the time the book was written, mentioning things more than once. Certainly his father was very influential to his life and it was nice to read the credit he gave to him. His father started him out at a very young age and credit is given in a very positive manner. without his father's early hands on he never would have become who he did become.

This is a beautiful little book, a great read, the perfect gift for the golfers and Arnie fans on your list. It includes current stories-- In one chapter Mr. Palmer writes about challenges a well known golfer faced in 2015. This little book gives me a greater appreciation of Mr Palmer's *Well Played Life*.

I was unexpectedly disappointed by *A Life Well Played*. The stories are interesting enough, but exclusively self-focused -- the word "I" is unusually prominent even for autobiographical material -- and the insights into the many fascinating people with whom Arnie shared his life, on and off the golf course, are sparse and shallow. The writing is earnest and cautious, almost stilted. And most surprising of all for a guy with a big laugh who could tell great stories, Arnie left out the humor. This volume is utterly bereft of funny anecdotes, with only a few of the stories even reaching mild

amusement level. I recommend this only for real Palmer fans. On the golf course, Arnie always shot for the flag. At his writing desk, he laid up well short of the green.

The perfect golf role model Palmer's death was felt personally by many including me who have a love affair with golf. I was raised in a city near Latrobe and actually played in a couple amateur tournaments in which Arnie played (and which he won) so I always followed his career feeling elated when he won and sorry when he lost as with the 62 US Open. At 85 I hope I can keep playing until my final shot as like Arnie I never give up.

great advice from a great golfer and lover of the game. worth reading by anyone seeking a path to better results in golf and in life.

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