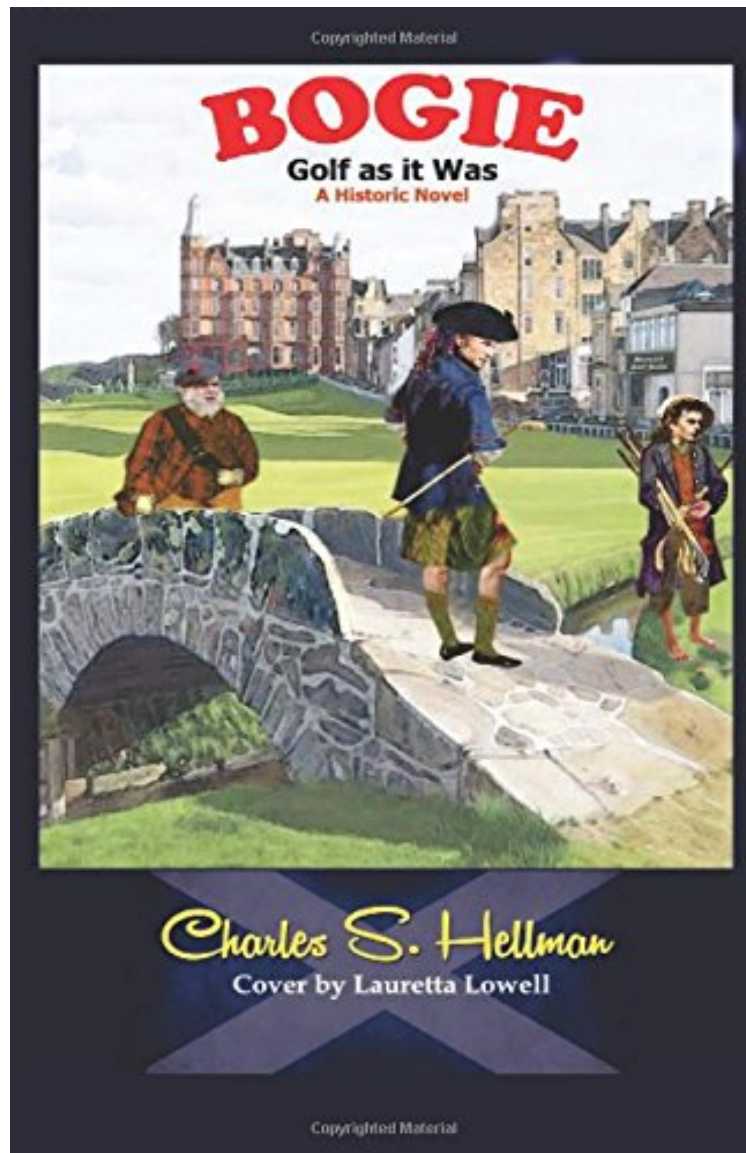


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Step back in time to the mid-18th century and experience a whimsical romp through golf's unrecorded, early years in St. Andrews, Scotland. Charles Hellman combines his life experiences, intense research, and skillful storytelling to produce an incredible chronicle describing the struggles of ancient golfers and caddies on the Links of St. Andrews. You can feel the chill of the Scottish wind on your face as you read this historical novel about a mischievous, teenaged, orphan boy named Bogie and an alcoholic pirate, named Mulligan. Neither one has never met each other before. Mulligan was estranged from his son for many years while he was out to sea. United for the first time when Mulligan adopts Bogie. The irony of this 18th-century story is that Mulligan is Bogie's biological father. The bonding of this dysfunctional father-and-son dual is unique as Mr. Hellman paints a vivid portrait of their relationship. The adventures of this dubious father-and-son team start when they set sail from Ireland to St. Andrews, Scotland. They have high hopes to make a fortune "carrying sticks" and developing a meaningful relationship with each other before they anchored in St. Andrews. Once on land, they learned the ropes quickly about golf and the lowly social status of caddies — lower than the bottom of a parrot's cage. Hellman tells an appreciable story about this father-and-son relationship, and the game they loved and played...as unbeknown to them, they would become the patriarchs of the greatest game in the world. Hellman takes you through Mulligan's life as a battle-scarred pirate. Mulligan relives his younger days as a pirate to Bogie. Mulligan tells about the hard life he experienced as a pirate. Once arriving in St. Andrews, Mulligan changes professions from a pirate to a common "carrier of sticks", when he and Bogie become caddies. Mr. Hellman describes the barriers that existed during the 18th century between the gentlemen gentry and the working class. Similar, to the private country clubbers and the public fee players of today. The author weaves a

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"BOGIE is a brilliant and whimsical recollection of golf's early years at St. Andrews' Old Course." -- Ben Crenshaw - PGA and Golf Historian
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