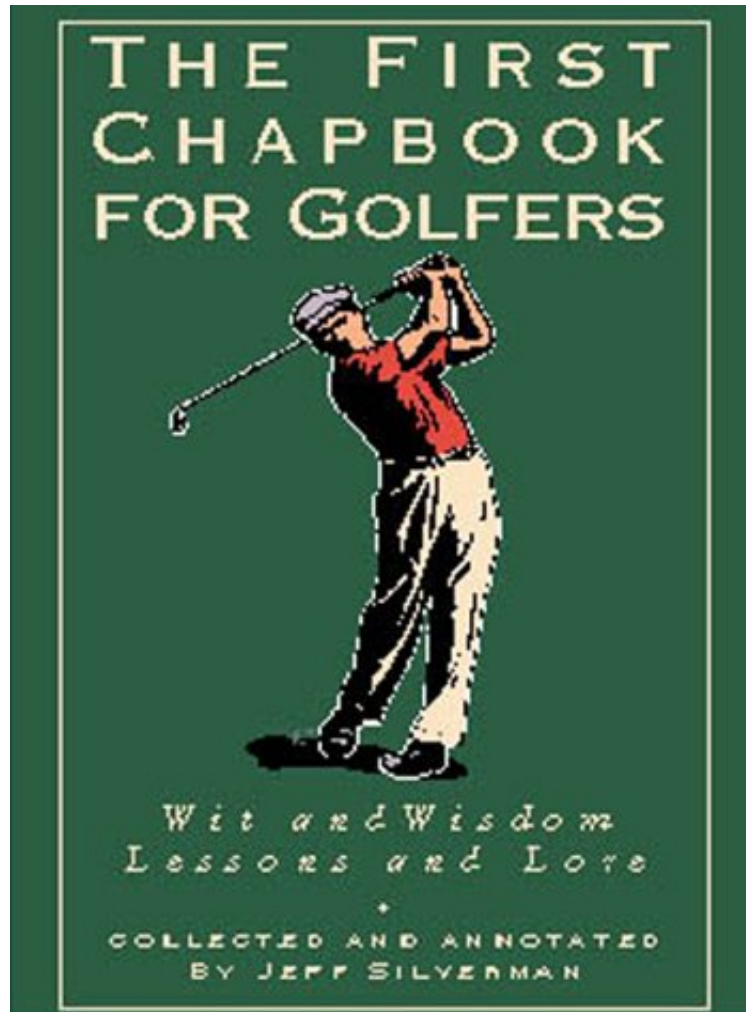


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.com The old saying, "The smaller the ball, the better the lit" doesn't always hold true--where are the great Ping-Pong novels?--but Jeff Silverman presents plenty of great golf writing in *The First Chapbook for Golfers*. From the good times ("The Sweet Spot") to the bad times ("Golf Spelled Backwards is 'Flog'"), Silverman has compiled an excellent collection of brief texts on the royal and ancient game by such links legends as Sam Snead, Ben Crenshaw, and Harvey Penick--as well as pieces from writers as diverse as John Updike, Ian Fleming, and Art Buchwald. This treasure chest of golf lore includes discussions of everything from psychology to etiquette, from the elements of course design to a breakdown of the real cost of your \$400 driver, from golf legends to golf advice, and even a section on "The Fairwayest of Them All"--women and golf. Some will undoubtedly be familiar ("Golf is the one game I know which becomes more and more difficult the longer you play it"--Bobby Jones), others perhaps less so ("Golf would be a very dull game if it were entirely a matter of skill"--A.A. Milne), but all will ring true to the duffer. A great little gem of a book. --M. Stein

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