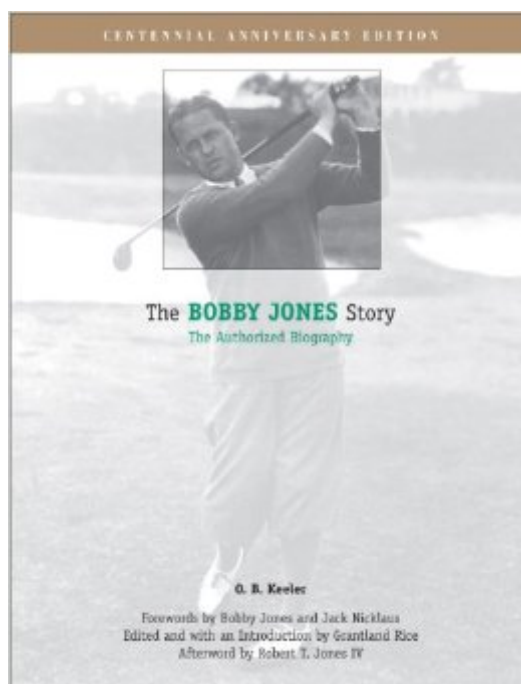


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Synopsis

The Bobby Jones Story: The Authorized Biography by O.B. Keeler is the most unprecedented publication about golf's first international icon. This classic edition is back with a fresh look 50 years after its original printing to celebrate the centennial birthday of golf's greatest legend. No other writer had the access and inside knowledge of Jones's life and game as Jones grew up down the road from Keeler, who was already entrenched as a reporter in Atlanta. Once he saw what Jones could do for the sport in his first shocking appearance in the U.S. Amateur tournament in 1916, Keeler knew this was a golfer destined to leave his mark on the sport. Over the next two decades, Keeler traveled more than 120,000 miles to cover Jones in 27 Majors. The two became more than working associates, they were close friends. When Jones went through an early dry spell of losing 10 straight major championships and questioned if he would ever win a Major, Keeler was there to assure the legend that nobody could beat him if he would only realize it. Keeler proved to be prophetic. At one point Jones won 13 of 21 Major championships including the famous 1930 season when he captured the "Impregnable Quadrilateral," better known today as "The Grand Slam." One month later, at the age of 28, Jones announced his retirement. Jones continued to steer the future of the sport as a golf course designer, golf club designer, teacher, and writer. But he will never be forgotten as the first world star in golf.

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Customer Reviews

Bobby Jones is one of the most revered names in the rich history of golf. However, beyond the fact that all golf fans, and many casual observers, know that Jones won what was golf's Grand Slam in

1930 (U.S. Open, British Open, U.S. Amateur, British Amateur) and created Augusta National Golf Club and the Master's tournament, little is known about the man beyond a few blurbs. What better way to really learn about the man than to read the authorized biography penned by Jones' personal confidante, journalist O.B. Keeler. Unfortunately, a great opportunity seems to have been missed here. While "The Bobby Jones Story" does capture the amazing feats of golf career, it gives very little insight into the man himself. Keeler writes this biography less as a study of Bobby Jones and more as just an excited observer who was present for much of Jones' accomplishments. Let it not be said that there isn't anything of worth in this book, though. The three-star rating obviously means that there are enough redeeming qualities to recommend it. The reader is able to get some insight into the pressures golf placed upon Jones. Pressure so great that he had decided to retire from competitive play following the 1930 season, Grand Slam or not. It also shows that earlier in his career, before he started winning majors, Jones could be considered by the Phil Mickelson of his era. He was gambler with his game who often went for too much with tournaments on the line and was frequently the victim of just horrible luck in tournaments, not unlike Mickelson today. This book also benefits from detailing the amazing golf accomplishments of Jones.

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