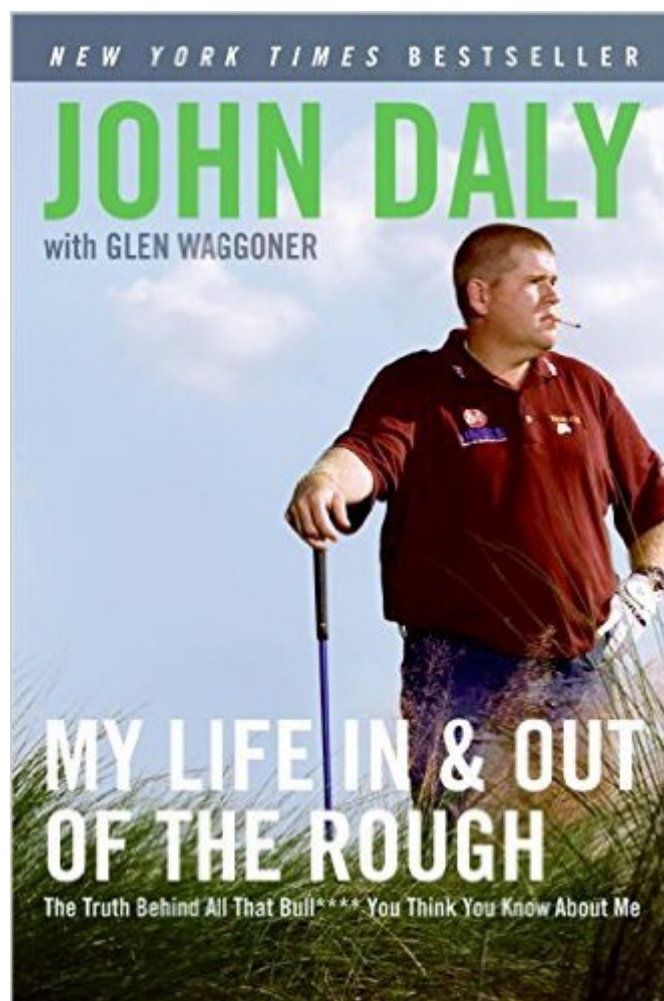


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My Life In And Out Of The Rough: The Truth Behind All That Bull**** You Think You Know About Me



Synopsis

Ever since his astonishing victory in the 1991 PGA Championship, John Daly has enthralled fans with his big drives, bigger personality, and his "grip it and rip it" approach to golf . . . and to life. Usually seen with a cigarette dangling from his lip, Long John is the unchained, unpredictable, unapologetic bad boy of professional golf. *My Life In and Out of the Rough* is the thrillingly "and sometimes shockingly" candid memoir of a larger-than-life athlete battling assorted addictions (alcohol, gambling, chocolate, sex), his weight, and divorce lawyers (having been married four times). Carrying readers off the fairway and into his \$1.5-million motor home, Daly takes us on a rollicking ride through his ever-churning world of burgers, booze, casinos, country music, and breathtaking moon shots "and reveals how a down-home Arkansas Everyman rose to the pinnacle of the golf world, escaped from the depths of abject depression, and, ultimately, took control of his life. Well, sort of . . .

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The sports autobiography may be one of the few genres in which the publishing industry has realized strong growth as there is no shortage of new releases concerning the athletes that so many of us admire. Golfer John Daly is the latest to tempt readers with an autobiography. Just after it was issued, it received considerable media attention, mostly due to its admission that the author gambled away, in the course of his career, over 50 to 60 million dollars. *My Life in and Out of the Rough: The Truth Behind All that Bull**** You Think You Know About Me* promises to be a wild and "shocking" ride, but, strangely enough, it isn't as John Daly is one of the few people on this earth

whose personality and essence closely correspond with his physical appearance. Simply due to repeated observation, readers will not be surprised to learn that he is impulsive, undisciplined, gluttonous, financially reckless, extremely emotional, friendly, kind, prone to bad habits, and a complete "Razorback Redneck" (in his own words). Golf is the only thing in life that he's ever been really good at, and the links were the only place he felt comfortable during his troubled childhood. We can sum him up by saying that he is the epitome of a southern good old boy who happens to be plagued by, in the vernacular of our day, some serious issues. His daily behaviors exemplify that he is not one to idly chat about personal philosophy. Daly follows his mantra and is what he is which means he has little interest in self-improvement. "The Lion," the nickname he most prefers, will smoke, drink beer, and eat at McDonalds until one of the habits kill him. Intentional exercise also is not something to which he can relate.

First off, let me start out by saying I've always been a John Daly fan, so I had to read this book. Daly has so much natural talent that it makes most golf pros sick just to watch this guy, especially when they know he's wasted some of his best years on women and addictions. And you notice, I say addictions. Daly freely admits being addicted to sex and gambling, but refuses to admit being an alcoholic. Well, anyone who has ever dealt with alcoholics, or lived with one, would be the first to step up to the tee box and tell John he has a drinking problem. But until the day arrives when he'll admit it, mostly to himself, he'll always have a drinking problem. My guess is, as long as Daly can afford to drink, he won't stop. However, if he doesn't quit gambling, he'll see the day that he can't afford to buy the booze, and that will happen as sure as God made little green apples. But those problems are Daly's to overcome and not for the rest of the world to judge. He isn't alone in a constant battle to overcome his addictions. He told his story in this book and I, an avid reader, happen to think he's told it well. I picked up the book at the local library, but I'm planning to order a copy for my library collection. Daly has admitted to his mistakes, but the press decided to hammer him about the dark side of his life, and didn't give Daly a fair shake when it came to reporting about the domestic abuse ordeal. When the press decides to hammer on a guy, they can be so merciless even when so totally wrong. It's not about who's right or who's wrong, it's about the story. And most people are gullible enough to believe what they read, some even want to believe it when in their heart they know it probably isn't true. That's just journalism, nothing fair or right about it at times.

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