Where Golf Is Great: The Finest Courses of Scotland and Ireland by James W. Finegan

A Beautiful Coffee Table Book For Golf Lovers

Every golfer who’s worth his favorite putter knows where golf is great: Scotland, birthplace of the game and still its most important shrine, from the splendor of St. Andrews to the regal resort at Gleneagles; and Ireland, where the links like Ballybunion and Royal County Down are of unsurpassed beauty and challenge. Whether golfers actually make the pilgrimage or arm-chair it, Where Golf Is Great is indispensable: the most luxurious, entertaining, informative, and exhaustive book on these most important destinations. Written by the bard of Scottish and Irish golf, it combines the most authoritative information with the most beautiful prose and the most stunning color photographs—an unsurpassed celebration of the places where golf is, indeed, great.

Not only is the golf great, but so are the sights, the dining, the lodging—and it’s all here: the pub lunches and three-star dinners; the country-house hotels and full-service resorts. Jim Finegan’s singularly insightful advice includes the very best play-and-stay combinations for once-in-a-lifetime perfect golf days, in this once-in-a-lifetime perfect golf book.

My Personal Review:
In the world’s "Top 100 of golf books" this is, for me, alone at 1. We are planning our fourth trip to Ireland/Scotland (3 to Ireland, the next to Scotland) and have used this book as a starting point for each. We have found Mr. Finegan to be most accurate in his assessments of the courses (along with the "Hidden Links" group), and, more importantly that he devotes the proper coverage proportionately to the proper courses. (We go for 11 or 12 days, play between 8 and 11 courses, and may not get there again, so it is important to us to put together the best group of courses possible). The photographs alone make this book a bargain.
There are a ton of them. They are full-page and they are stunning. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Finegan. Extraordinary at $38.

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