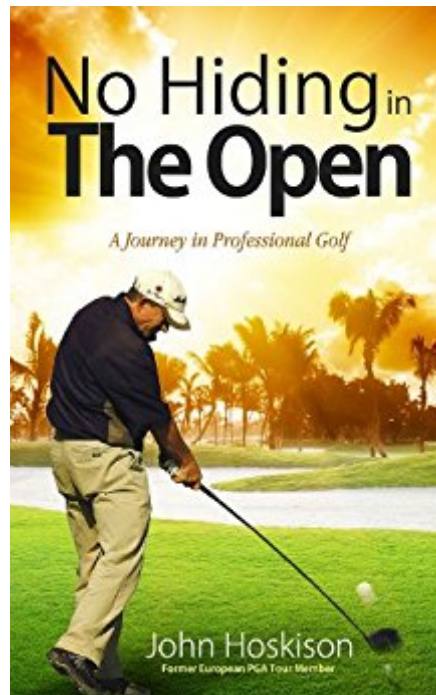




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No Hiding In The Open: A Journey In Professional Golf



Synopsis

John Hoskison dreams of making it as a successful golf pro on the European PGA Tour. When he meets Seve Ballesteros for the first time and makes the cut in the Martini International he looks set for success. Then reality kicks in at Royal Birkdale in the PGA Championships. This is a true story of how someone has to deal with life's ups and downs. With confidence in tatters John Hoskison sets out on a quest to find a golf swing that will work and stand the ultimate test of playing in The Open. But there are no psychologists or coaches to help. Like the rest of the young pros, he has to find the solution himself and no stone is left unturned. From trying crazy superstitions to simply copying the top players like Tom Watson and Nick Faldo, this book shows the difference between the modern day tour pro and the young men who went into battle with blindfolds on. The account of John Hoskison's life on tour is funny, sad and brutally honest. This book will be a fascinating read for any keen golfer or sportsman and the sting in the tail will surprise everyone who reads it. Excerpt from the book: Just before driving home the chairman of West Surrey came to shake my hand. 'John - you're a star,' he said. I smiled. I had felt like one all day. The Titleist Tour clothes designer, proving himself a colour-blind schizophrenic, had far outstripped his previous three design attempts taking 'conspicuous' to new heights. The pattern on my sweater that day was literally stunning. I knew it was power dressing by the reaction of the players in front of me when I had earlier stepped onto the first tee and whipped off my waterproof jacket. Both Craig Stadler and Tom Weiskopf looked stunned. 'Wow,' said Craig. 'You should warn people before you do that.' (The book is approximately 44,500 words)

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A slow moving story told by a professional golfer. Enjoyable with a surprise at the end. Truly well written with a inspiring story.

Wow, I have read almost everything on golf and there are some great reads. A few duds but most non-fiction is really well done. This will not disappoint and I was really surprised I had not caught wind of it earlier. Written by a golfer turned pro on the UK it is unique in its authenticity and presents a genuine and relatable look into the life and struggles of playing this crazy game. I will go so far to say that if you have played in any competitions you will relate to the mental and physical struggles the author faces. Always searching for the 'answer' only to find out how fleeting it can be from one round to the next. A very good read. You will not be disappointed.

This is a wonderful book to read. We never really hear the stories of someone whose played professional golf and relates their struggles. The book has a twist I wasn't expecting at all. John, I loved your book. I hope many aspiring golfers get to read it and next time I'm on the course I'm going to be the female James Bond.

I am a serious golf nut and have read lots of publications. This book by John Hoskison is a gem of a book. It is gut wrenching (if you understand golf at the highest level), funny and informative. John is one of those rare breeds that can tell a gripping tale openly and with humour. I seriously endorse this book to any avid reader of golf literature.

Great read. I didn't see what happens toward the end coming, and if you haven't started: don't read ahead! It was just a fun, and enjoyable read at first, but it became a very powerful message. To the author - thank you for sharing your story with us!

Well written story of success and failure as a professional golfer who few may know. An unfortunate incident covered in another book by the same author puts quite a damper on the brighter side of this story. If you like stories about overcoming or at least coming through the darker moments of life, you will enjoy this and the other book by this author, the main title of which is INSIDE.

This book is by far the best book to do with golf I have had the chance to read. A open and honest account of a young golfer moving into the pro ranks. It was funny and also touching at times, very well written. It's a pity that an unfortunate incident happened when it did because I am sure there would have been a lot more pages that could have been added to the book further down the track.

Fantastic book of one man's journey through life and golf. Look forward to reading more of John's books.

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