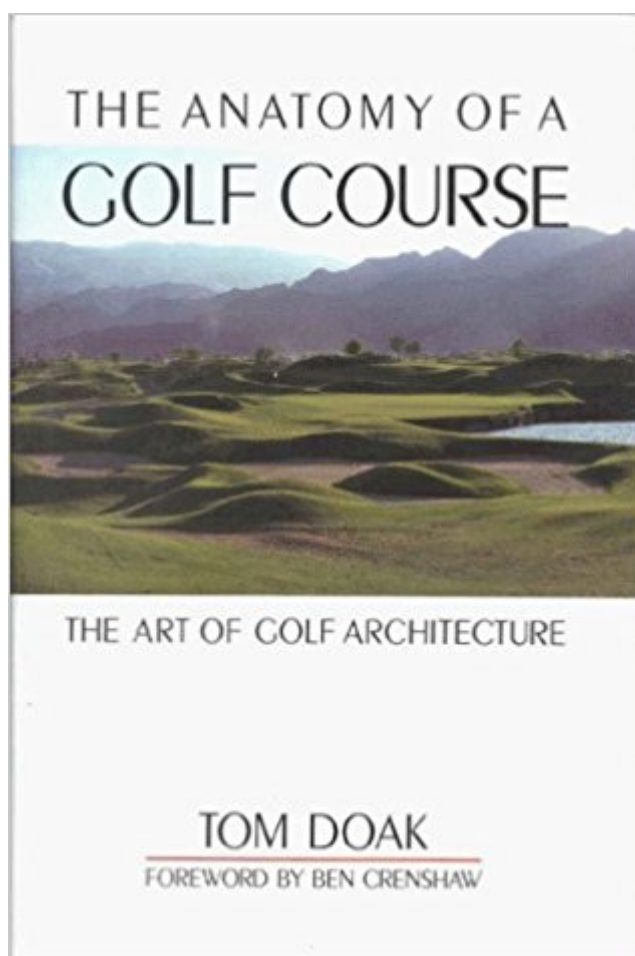


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The Anatomy Of A Golf Course: The Art Of Golf Architecture



Synopsis

Behind every golf hole lies an influence on every golfer's game that few golfers ever contemplate: the course architect. Why a hole dog-legs left and not right, why bunkers end up where they are, the length of a hole, the view from the tee--all these factors and many more are the result of choices made by the golf architect to challenge, and sometimes intimidate, any golfer's game. Tom Doak, one of America's youngest and most successful golf architects, here discusses his craft and explains the strategies behind a golf architect's decisions. Knowing why a course is laid out is critical to how the course should be played. Knowledgeable golfers and beginners alike will find *The Anatomy of a Golf Course* fascinating--and stroke saving--reading.

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"Tom Doak is a brilliant and innovative course architect who has created courses which excite the imagination and reveal his mastery of the art. Every golfer, from scratch to 36, will benefit from reading this book (Joseph S. F. Murdoch, President, Golf Collector's Society)" "On one level, this is a lucid look inside the mind of a golf architect. On a second, more important level, it's an instruction book--it tells you exactly how to read a course." (George F. Pepper, Editor-In-Chief, "Golf Magazine)" "Tom Doak is a practicing golf architect and a dedicated student of golf design. He is also quite good at explaining many of the more technical aspects of golf literature in easily-understood terms. This book will appeal to the many golfers who find golf architecture a fascinating subject and want to learn more about it." (Tom Fazio)

Tom Doak learned golf-course design as a member of Pete Dye's legendary course-architecture

staff, and is now a highly regarded course architect in his own right, having designed and built courses throughout the United States. He is also a contributing editor for Golf Magazine. He lives in Traverse City, Michigan.

I really enjoyed this book. I've been slowly growing my library of golf books and this was a welcome addition. With so many memoirs and books on swing advice, this book was a breath of fresh air. This is a great read for anyone interested in the mindset of a golf architect as it is written by one of the modern great designers. You'll find some practical advice on how to approach certain situations and start to see what is expected of golfers of different levels from different shots around the golf course.

Covers everything from design through construction maintenance and even the practice range. Explains how good design makes holes challenging for low handicappers and playable for high handicappers. An easy read And actually quite compelling in a weird way - found myself reading it in 3 evenings. - if you play golf at all you will get something out of this. If your club is updating or renovating the course this should be a must read for the people managing it.

"The Anatomy of a Golf Course: The Art of Golf Architecture" is a great book for anybody who wants to get into golf course design. I'm currently a Landscape Architecture major in college and when I went to the library to find a book about golf course design, I found this. I re-checked it out 4 times before they asked for it back. When they did, I bought it here on in excellent condition and it was a fantastic decision. The only qualm I have with this book is that the publication date is 1998 and some of the golf hole examples (Augusta National, to be precise) are out dated because the courses have been lengthened or somewhat re-designed. That being said, the ideas behind the outdated examples are still great and relevant.

There are quite a few books out there that discuss course design. I actually read two other books first about course design and then came across the book "Dream Golf" that described the building of the Bandon Dune courses...I followed up "Dream Golf" with Doak's book. Tom is a bit of a blunt speaker and, I believe, that has gotten him in a bit of hot water with his fellow designers. But....he's truthful about his views and doesn't seem to mind being straightforward in his analysis of course design and where it's heading....This was a good book....

No golfer who walks the links and makes suggestion regarding the nature of a course should do so without reading this fascinating book. It is very well laid out so that Mr. Doak's concise explanations and great examples makes it simple for the layman to come to grips with the many disciplines which concern the golf course architect. A book I will read many times.

Doak has a deep understanding of golf course design and is able to impart his knowledge to the casual fan. This is an excellent read for any golf fan. Doak's appreciation for the surrounding environment allows him to use the natural terrain to develop golf courses that will test the average golfer as well as a low handicapper.

The basic guide to golf course architecture. Doesn't get too deep, but covers all of the basics.

Architect Tom Doak expertly lays out the fundamentals of golf architecture for the layman. Any serious golfer should try to develop an understanding of the science and art of course design and construction. This book is not a substitute for reading the classics, but it is a great place to start -- a good first book. Doak, like all great architects, has his own opinions and is not afraid to share them, but at the same time does not unfairly denigrate the work of others with whom he might disagree. Many of Doak's important points are illustrated in clear, excellent drawings.

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