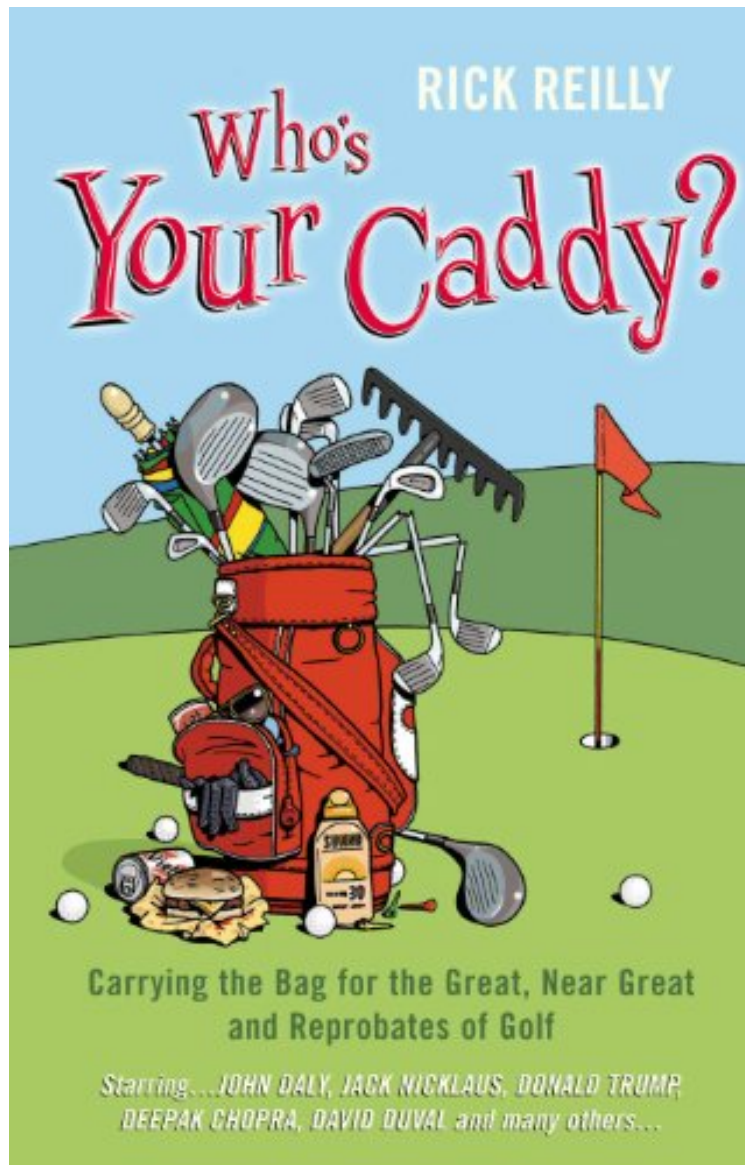


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Kurzbeschreibung For "caddy" read confessor, punch-bag, psychotherapist, life-coach, general dogsbody, friend. It's all in a day's work for the men who carry the bag. And if you want to get behind the Pringle sweaters and PR there's no better place to be. Who knows a golfer best? Who's with them every minute of every round, hears their every word, witnesses their despair and triumph? Who knows if, when and how they cheat? The caddy, of course. So when, Rick Reilly, America's most celebrated sportswriter decided he wanted to write a book about golf he put down his pen,

picked up the phone, and hired himself out to the great, near great and the reprobates of golf. The results were amazing - John Daly, Tom Lehman, Donald Trump, Deepak Chopra, a blind player, David Duval, a couple of high-rolling hustlers in Vegas and even Jack Nicklaus himself, put their doubts behind them and hand over the bag. In the resulting account Reilly chronicles his experiences in the same inimitable style that makes his back-page column for Sports Illustrated a must-read for more than twenty million people every week. Combining a wicked wit with an expert's eye *Who's Your Caddy?* gives us an insight into what makes the game of golf so great. So if you can't get to the course, your short game is in tatters and Big Bertha can no longer deliver on her promises, give yourself a break and sit down and read what it's like for the rest of the world's population of golfers. In *Who's Your Caddy?* you'll find out - you're not alone...deTo really know someone, as the saying goes, you must walk a mile in their shoes. But to really understand a golfer, you've got to work as their caddy. Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly managed to get some very intriguing golfers to let him lug their bag and write what he learned both about the game and the folks who play it. Going hole to hole with them let Reilly know a different side of veterans such as John Daly, David Duval, Tom Lehman, and Jack Nicklaus. But Reilly also went beyond the pros to caddy for Deepak Chopra, Donald Trump, professional gambler Dewey Tomko, and Bob Newhart. In some cases, the portraits that emerge fall directly in line with the popular image but at other times it's just the opposite. Daly is sober but has shifted his addiction to massive amounts of Diet Coke, candy, and marriages; Duval is intensely driven during rounds but surprisingly laid back and friendly off the course; Chopra's inner peace is locked in a mortal battle with the inherent frustrations of golf; and Trump manages to be both an egomaniac and a pretty nice fellow. And although he's on assignment to profile his temporary employers, Reilly emerges as an entertaining figure in his own right as he commits numerous faux pas, breaks taboos, infuriates multiple golfers and caddies, accidentally dumps all of Nicklaus's clubs onto the turf in the middle of a round, and discovers that caddying is tougher than it looks. Reilly walks a nice line with the tone of *Who's Your Caddy?*: it's reverent to the game without becoming a misty-eyed poetic ode, and it's laugh-out-loud funny without being nasty or low brow. And while golf fans will certainly appreciate it, *Who's Your Caddy?* is an impressive book for fans of biography in general. --John Moe.com

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