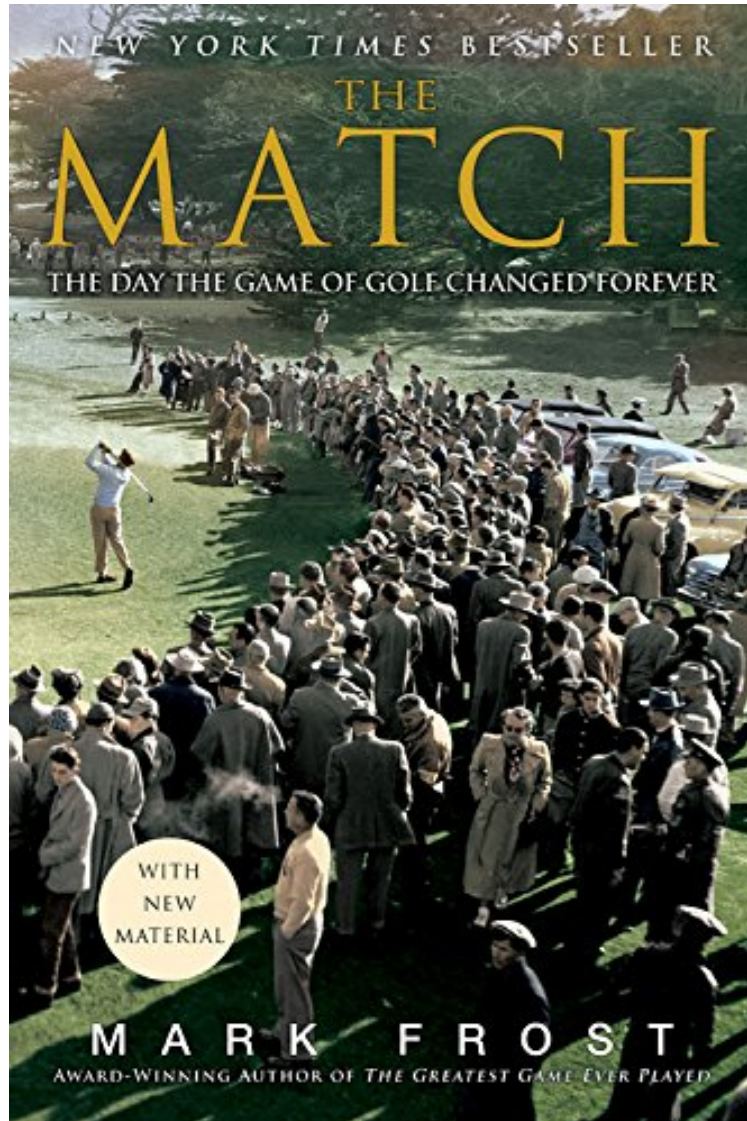


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Harvie Ward. Frost is a good golf story teller whose occasional run-on sentences could use a decent editor, but otherwise, entertaining account of a spectacular one off match and the complete life stories of four successful golfers who paved the way for fellows named Palmer and Nicklaus, and yes, the entire PGA. A must read for any serious golf history understanding. Includes a short history of the development of Cypress Point and the Monterey Peninsula. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A surprisingly delightful read for me, a non golfer. By Mary I don't play golf but my husband and son do so I read this book to be able to discuss it with them. I was surprised to find that it was a wonderful read that gave me real insight to the people who played the game for all the right reasons. I loved hearing about how some of the women influenced the game and the description of Cypress Point. It is amazing to know how the game got its start in America and how much it has improved over the years. Very enjoyable. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well-Written Non-Fiction By David Hall I really enjoyed this in-depth story of some of America's greatest amateur and professional golfers! While "The Match" itself is somewhat anti-climatic, I didn't care... This non-fiction book is filled with rich, well-researched detail, and is an enjoyable read.

In 1956, a casual bet between two millionaires eventually pitted two of the greatest golfers of the era-Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan-against top amateurs Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi. The year: 1956. Four decades have passed since Eddie Lowery came to fame as the ten-year-old caddie to U.S. Open Champion Francis Ouimet. Now a wealthy car dealer and avid supporter of amateur golf, Lowery has just made a bet with fellow millionaire George Coleman. Lowery claims that two of his employees, amateur golfers Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi, cannot be beaten in a best-ball match, and challenges Coleman to bring any two golfers of his choice to the course at 10 a.m. the next day to settle the issue. Coleman accepts the challenge and shows up with his own power team: Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, the game's greatest living professionals, with fourteen major championships between them. In Mark Frost's peerless hands, complete with the recollections of all the participants, the story of this immortal foursome and the game they played that day-legendarily known in golf circles as the greatest private match ever played-comes to life with powerful, emotional impact and edge-of-your-seat suspense.

From Publishers Weekly In 1956, millionaires Eddie Lowery and George Coleman made an off-the-cuff bet on a golf match and inadvertently set up one of the sport's most climactic duels; this one casual game has become the sport's great suburban legend. Frost (*The Greatest Game Ever Played*) diligently covers the two pros slightly past their prime, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, who squared off against two top amateurs, Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi. It happened in the last hours of Hogan's playing career, and ten years after Byron had left the stage, but at the near pinnacle of the amateurs', whose personalities couldn't have been more diametrically opposed (Venturi the classic up-and-comer, and Ward the inveterate playboy who performed hungover on two hours' sleep). The match itself, scrupulously teased out by Frost for maximum drama, is less interesting than the people involved and the historical backdrop. The match happened near the sport's great cusp, as it transitioned from something for amateurs to a professional career, from a pastime for wastrel aristocrats and entertainers (and Bing Crosby, with his annual booze-soaked Clambake charity matches) to a mainstream suburban obsession. Frost has a penchant toward the florid, but as he writes, Because he was Ben Hogan, and it was just past twilight, and his like would never pass this way again, he captures an elusive magic in this improbable matchup and what it meant for those who played and witnessed it. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Frost weaves an exceptional narrative . . . It's a gripping tale--as good as James Patterson, John Grisham, or any other contemporary novelist could create. And all true. The match comes down to the 18th hole, and you'll be the winner once you turn the last page." *Met Golfer* "Frost masterfully puts the reader not just on the scene, but in the time, too, with terrific storytelling." *The State* (South Carolina) "It's difficult to beat a good golf book, be it a good yarn or a picture book. . . . The golf is spectacular, the course more so, the descriptions luminous." *USA Today* "The untold story of golf's greatest money match, featuring Hogan and Nelson at Cypress Point, comes to life in Mark Frost's gripping new book, *The Match*." *Golf Magazine* "Frost captures an elusive magic in this improbable matchup and what it meant for those who played and witnessed it." *Publishers Weekly* "The Match was a dream I never thought would come true. If I hadn't been there I wouldn't believe it myself, and if you know anything about sports or the game of golf, once you pick up this book you won't put it down. No one will ever see an event like this again. Fiction can't touch it." *Ken Venturi* From the Inside Flap The bestselling author of *The Greatest Game Ever Played* returns with the story of the little-known match that forever changed the history of golf. The year: 1956. Four decades have passed since Eddie Lowery came to fame as the ten-year-old caddie to U.S. Open Champion Francis Ouimet. Now a wealthy car dealer and avid supporter of amateur golf, Lowery has just made a bet with fellow millionaire George Coleman. Lowery claims that two of his employees, amateur golfers Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi, cannot be beaten in a best-ball match. Lowery challenges Coleman to bring any two golfers of his choice to the course at 10 a.m. the next day to settle the issue. Coleman accepts the challenge and shows up with his own power team: Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, the game's greatest living professionals, with fourteen major championships between them. In Mark Frost's peerless hands, complete with the recollections of all the participants, the story of this immortal foursome and the game they played that day--

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