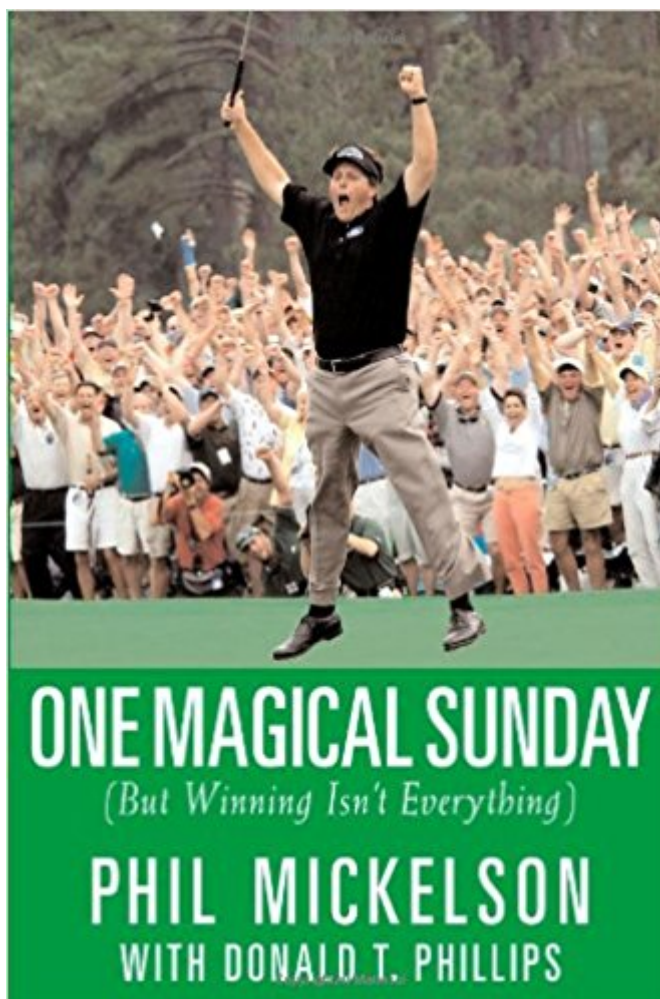


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One Magical Sunday: (But Winning Isn't Everything)



Synopsis

Every year, he became so close only to fall short. Every year, the dream grew larger, only to fade away. Yet every year, his gallery of fans grew in support of his quest. Then on April 11, 2004, for the most beloved golfer of the decade, everything changed. In **ONE MAGICAL SUNDAY**, Phil Mickelson takes us on a magical journey inside a life few have seen up close, but a life whose lessons can be cherished forever. As we travel hole-by-hole through the triumphant Sunday at the Masters, Phil looks back at the influences that made him the man he is today: his mom and dad, who mentored him on the balance between family and golf; his wife, Amy, who has given him so much happiness and fulfillment; and their three children, who remain their top priority. With personal insights from Phil's family and never before seen photos of his most treasured moments, **ONE MAGICAL SUNDAY** is a book not only for Phil's millions of fans, but for everyone who finds inspiration in reading about a champion on and off the course.

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Customer Reviews

Mickelson was long known as "golf's most lovable runner-up" until he finally won the Masters in 2004... He's become a crowd favorite second only to Tiger Woods not only because of his dry spell but also because of his legendary work ethic. Indeed, he begins this book by describing his famous pretournament routine of hitting 100 three-foot putts in a row without missing, no matter how many shots it takes. This and other insights into the methods of a pro golfer are the most fascinating parts of Mickelson's text. Each of the 18 chapters begins and ends with detailed descriptions of how Mickelson played each hole of his Masters' victory (e.g., how he "analyzed the shot dispersion

patterns for both right-handed and left-handed golfers" to figure out that the tournament's 12th hole is "set up perfectly for a left-handed player" such as himself). However, the bulk of the book is devoted to the story of Mickelson's life. Although these passages are often moving (concerning his battle to overcome a deep playing slump and his wife's nearly fatal delivery of their third child), the story is marred by frequent generalizations like "success is more rewarding when it is difficult to achieve" and "picking your life partner is a critical decision" for "personal happiness." More golfing and fewer inspirational insights would've strengthened Mickelson's eventually triumphant tale.

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Mickelson's victory in the 2004 Masters golf tournament, his first "major" tournament win after 42 tries, was one of the most exciting, fan-friendly moments in recent sports history. The inevitable follow-up book has arrived right on schedule, just in time for this year's Masters. Perhaps it's the fault of all that visualization top golfers employ to hit their best shots, but their autobiographies rarely remove the rose-colored glasses. This one doesn't either, as Mickelson combines a shot-by-shot replay of his triumphant Masters final round with backstory on his life up to that point. The string of homilies about the importance of family, his love for his children, and his respect for his parents is clearly heartfelt, though the blandness of the telling will inspire most readers to skip quickly to the golf parts. Fortunately, Mickelson's shot-by-shot narrative has all the crispness and detail-rich insight that his personal reflections lack. As we walk the azalea-lined Augusta National fairways with Mickelson, we see how his course knowledge affects his decisions on club selection and shot shape--common themes of golf commentators--but we see these matters in a much more personalized and precise way than we hear about them on TV. Golf fans will want to hear what Phil has to say about each of Augusta's 18 holes before watching this year's tournament.

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What a great book, especially for Phil fans! Not only does it tell about the winning of his first Master's, hole by hole! But it weaves in stories of his life from birth to the present. Gave it to our twelve year old grandson, an avid golfer. He has been regaling his parents with "Phil" stories ever since. If you're a Phil fan , a golf fan, or just enjoy a very entertaining read this is for you!!

Professional golfer Phil Mickelson and Donald T. Phillips (internationally acclaimed author of more than 20 books on history and leadership) have collaborated on this fascinating book about golf; and, even more importantly, about living an exemplary responsible life as a man. Entitled "One Magical

Sunday (But Winning Isn't Everything)," this book takes the reader through the final eighteen holes of the 2004 Masters Golf Tournament--won by Mickelson, the first of his four Major Championship victories. Woven effectively against this backdrop of his great achievement in golf is an account of some of the major situations in his life--his ups and his downs. This book, throughout, reveals Phil Mickelson as a loving, responsible family man... a true gentleman who is so refreshing to compare to the many who are involved in activities which convey that they are anything but gentlemen. Congratulations, and thank you, to Phil and his co-author, Donald Phillips for writing a book which is both interesting and inspirational... and sets a truly fine example of what a real man--golfer, husband and father of two daughters and a son--can accomplish!--R. HOWE / ERSKINE, MINNESOTA

It's rare that an athlete or to be more specific, an athlete's accomplishment can capture the attention and hearts of an entire nation. But that is exactly what happened on that April day in 2004, that One Magical Sunday when the entire country became enthralled with the left-handed "lovable loser" from San Diego. I am not sure what it is about Phil Mickelson that earned the love and respect of nearly every golf fan, and in this book, Mickelson wonders the same thing. There is something about us as Americans that makes us root for the underdog - the Rocky Balboas, the Boston Redsoxes, and the Phil Mickelsons of the world seem to epitomize everything that is America - the belief that dreams can come true, even in the face of adversity. And as quaint as that may sound, those beliefs come to life in this book. This book takes us on a roller coaster ride of all 18 final holes at Augusta National, but much more than that, this is a story of a man who truly feels he is more blessed to have the love and support of his family more so than a major championship. Sprinkled between a play-by-play recap of the final round of the 2004 Master's, are little anecdotes about Phil's life - from his childhood in San Diego through his college years at ASU through the birth of his three children, we become privy to a world of Phil Mickelson that most of us never knew, and we get to meet the people who helped shape Phil's life and influence him the most - from his parents to his college golf coach to his wife and kids. The result? You walk away liking the guy even more than you already did, which is no small feat considering how much he was admired to begin with. This is a quick read and a real gem for golf fans and anyone who loves a great story of an underdog's triumph.

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Excellent, EXCELLENT read. Phil Mickelson is a true gentleman and father, as well as one of the greatest golfers of our generation. Lots of insight into his personal life and the manner in which he

gets things done. I'd recommend for any Mickelson fan.

Excellent breakdown of the magical sunday when Phil captured his first green jacket and first major. As a golfer its very interesting to get a glimpse inside the inner workings of the mind of the professional shot by shot around Augusta, how and why specific shots are choosen and how to strategically "miss" your way around the course as Mickelson put ut.

Excellent book. I am not a golfer, but admire Phil Mickelson because it has always seemed to me that he has his priorities straight. His wife and his children are uppermost in his list of what life means to him. Must confess that I merely skimmed the details of the hole to hole play in the Masters tournament being described since I had purchased the book to read about his personal life. However, my husband, who IS a golfer, very much enjoyed the "play by play" in addition to more information on the personal side of Phil. This is an athlete children can look up to and admire without parents fearing an ugly, hidden side. That simply doesn't exist in this athlete. I have always enjoyed watching him play; now I will enjoy those tournaments even more.

I loved this book and loved the presentation. It totally shows that you can be a good human being and still be a winner unlike Tiger Woods lets say that is a wonderful player but an awful human being that tears the game of golf done. Phil on the other hand, brings the game up and proves you can be loved for who you are and golf isn't he most important thing.If I had a son...I would love to have him be just exactly like Phil, and this book gives you the reasons why.

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