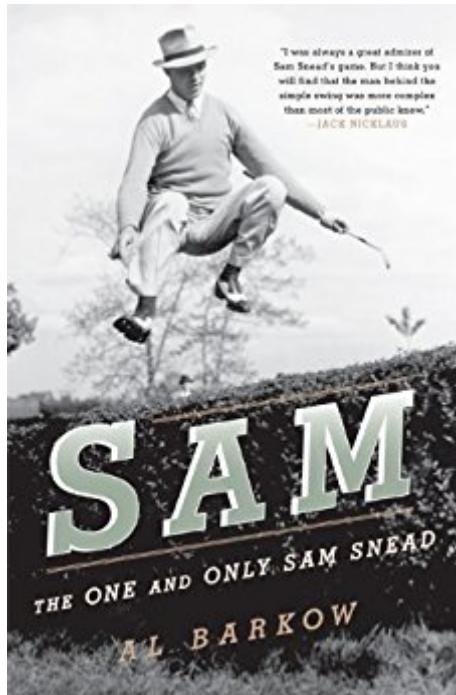


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# Sam: The One And Only Sam Snead



## **Synopsis**

Until now, few people could truly say they knew Sam Sneadâ "his fears, his secrets, his dark side. Until today, there has never been a definitive biography of one of the greatest golfers of all time. Sam is not only a peek behind the mask, but an arresting look into the life of one of the game's most engaging yet enigmatic figures.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Al Barkow has created a winner with his book - "SAM - The One and Only Sam Snead." For those who only know the current crop of golfers, e.e., Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, as being outstanding, there just happened to be an abundance of great golfers more than fifty years ago. The likes of Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Demaret, Jackie Burke, Jr., Lloyd Mangrum, Bobbie Locke, Julius Boros, Porky Oliver, Henry Picard, Johnny Bulla....and a host of others, most of whom have long been forgotten... and then, the one-and-only Sam Snead, take a back seat to no one. Snead was probably the greatest golfer of them all, although Hogan and Nelson followers may not agree with that statement. Unfortunately, golf greatness is often measured by victories in majors, especially the US Open. Since Sam never won one of these, his name doesn't

surface to the top when evaluating the greats. Wisconsin's own Andy North, won two US Opens, but he doesn't come close to Snead's accomplishments. Snead's eighty-four PGA Tour victories, and more than one hundred tournament wins, easily outdistances him from all the other golfers. Aside from Sam's golf achievements, Barkow has wonderfully described Snead's heritage and upbringing, along with the many tragedies that occurred in his life. Somehow, after reading the book you feel that you've known Sam Snead all your life. The unshameful manner that he conducted himself with other people, regardless of their status in life, set Sam aside from his peers. His down-home style of conversation, and even his raunchy joke story-telling before large social groups, told everyone that "this was Sam speaking.

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