I expected to open this book and discover how to play golf "by the numbers" or to be told to "fall in" at address or something like that, but I was pleasantly surprised. Although there are occasional pointers called "Orville's Orders," Moody and Jim Hiskey have put together a very candid, flowing story of what it's like to join the tour.

In the introduction, Moody informs the reader that he personally doesn't believe in instruction golf books and has, instead, strived to narrate the circumstances that pushed him onto the circuit. Many of these narrations become funny stories involving Moody and his backers or Moody and his skeptics.

He traces the decisions and problems an aspiring tour golfer encounters from the first overtures made by backers to the first time he steps onto the tee for a regular PGA event.

Moody also gives us a good picture of the tour's "Bible Cult," the group of pros who meet every week to read and discuss the Bible. "Sarge" is a religious man and he feels he owes much of his success to a faith in prayer, a feeling he shares with many other tour regulars.

There are scattered instructive notes throughout the book, but these are kept to a minimum and the theme is that golf should be fun, not an all-encompassing passion that prevents enjoyment.

If you've got a notion that you'd like to play golf for a living, you'll find this book a good guideline to what you'll encounter along the way. If you're just a fan, you'll find this a good story of a man in quest of himself.

—Parker Smith