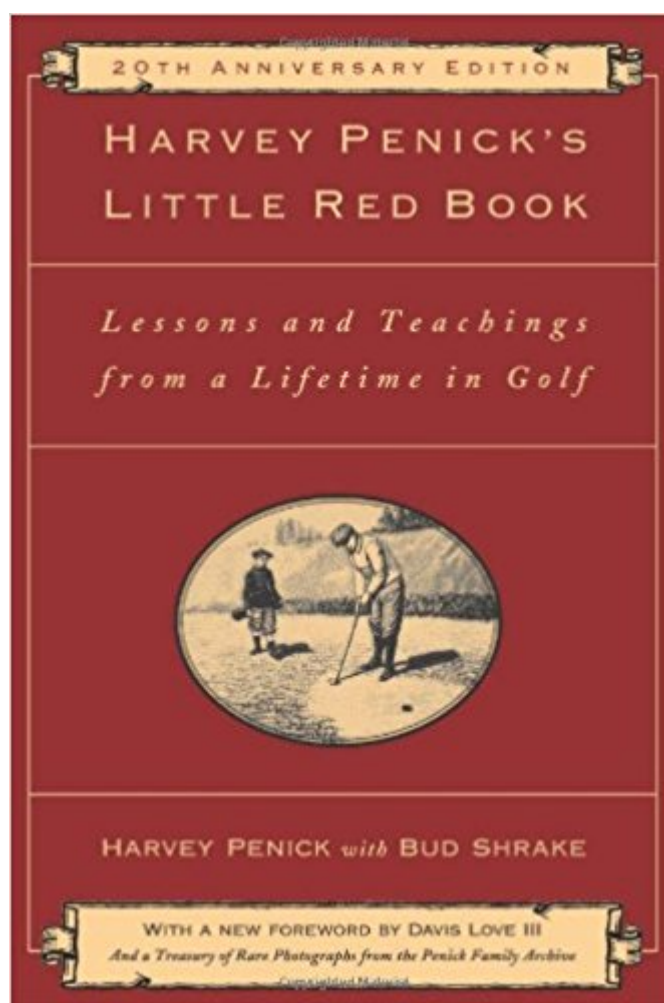


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# Harvey Penick's Little Red Book: Lessons And Teachings From A Lifetime In Golf



## Synopsis

The twentieth anniversary edition of this classic work—the bestselling golf instruction book of all time and hailed as “the golfer’s equivalent of *The Elements of Style*” (The New York Times)—includes a new introduction by a prominent golfer, twenty new illustrations, and never-before-published materials from the Penick family archives. The most beloved golf book of all time, Harvey Penick’s *Little Red Book* has become required reading for all players and fans of the game, from beginners to seasoned pros. The legendary Harvey Penick, whom Sports Illustrated called the “Socrates of the golf world,” began his golfing career as a caddie in Austin, Texas, at the age of eight, and over the course of nearly a century worked with an amazing array of champions. In this classic book, which is named for the red notebook he always kept, Penick’s simple, direct, practical wisdom pares away the hypertechnical jargon that’s grown up around the golf swing, and lets all golfers, whatever their level, play their best. This twentieth-anniversary edition features a treasure trove of rare images from the Penick family archives, commemorates Penick’s lasting achievement with a moving new foreword by 2012 Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III—whose father learned the game under Penick’s tutelage—and reminds golfers everywhere to “take dead aim.”

## Book Information

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Before titanium drivers, before oversized heads and bubble shafts, before electronic systems to tell you how far you are from the pin, golf was much the same game it is today. The lessons Harvey

Penick taught in the pre-gadget days still stand. The golf swing is basically the same, and Penick could teach it better than anybody. For most of his life, he never intended to publish his Little Red Book, a notebook of golf wisdom and anecdotes that he compiled with the idea that he'd pass it on to his son. But, for the sake of history, it's a good thing that he changed his mind. Contained in its 175 pages is just about all you need to know about golf from a technical standpoint, along with Penick's priceless memories of working with famous pros, teaching absolute nobodies to get the ball in the air, and finding a horde of bat guano and hauling it across town in a pickup truck to fertilize his golf course. This book makes you feel good about playing golf, that you're part of something steeped in ritual and mystery and tradition, and that the game was played perfectly well before perimeter-weighted, graphite-shafted irons came along. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Penick, a golf instructor who has been credited with improving the scores of several professionals on the mens and ladies' tours (including Tom Kite and Sandra Palmer) here provides both physical and psychological tips for golfers. He also instructs on the preparation required before approaching the first tee. Though the value of this book is its information, libraries owning previous works on the mental aspects of golf (e.g., Peter Cranford's *The Winning Touch in Golf: A Psychological Approach*, 1961. o.p.) can pass. Illustrations not seen.- Jim Paxman, Tennessee State Univ., Nashville Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Always great to read what the "masters" have to say about golf and the golf swing! I enjoyed reading this book very much and picked up a few pointers along the way. Mr. Penick tends to repeat himself from time to time throughout the book. And, for that reason I gave it 4, instead of 5, stars. Nonetheless, I highly recommend every serious golfer to thoughtfully read this book. Modern swing theory probably outdates some of the swing fundamentals taught by Mr. Penick, but he includes so many common sense tips that probably get lost in the mental game of golf.

Good book, some of his comments have since been disproved with new ball flight laws or golf science, but generally, he has some great advice. I found 3 pages that really stuck out to me that have helped my game. A big thing he mentioned was not following the clubhead on your practice swings. I've definitely developed a poor habit of that and have since been working to fix it. I liked the snippets of concepts/lessons, it kept it interesting to me. The book started out great and became

less appealing towards the end when he moved from lessons/golf concepts to more stories about his students.

The book is stuffed with some good stories and it'll make you smile. It really lacks a lot of technical details but I will say Penick makes it a point that he is not an overly technical teacher. He does mention "the move" about turning the hips to the left and tucking the right elbow to the body (the tucking of the right elbow is not explicitly mentioned in Hogan's five fundamentals, Hogan explains it with the downswing plane). If you really want to learn how to play golf I'd say read Hogan's five fundamentals. This book is heart warming and positive and does contain things such as the mind set you should take to the course but if you gave this book to a beginner they'd have a hard time translating most of it to a good swing in my opinion.

I went from a 25 handicapper to a scratch golfer after reading this book. All kidding aside, it is an interesting book. Some good tips but didn't quite make me a scratch golfer yet. Maybe I will have to read it a few more times

Great read..have bought several for gifts. Always well-received and I enjoy my own copy

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