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"Rosen's exegesis is delightful for its Gita scholarship, for the fun he has integrating the language of golf with the language of yoga ("yoga means 'to link'"), and especially for his deconstruction of the novel in light of the Gita. Those of us who love this kind of literary-spiritual excavation will find great satisfaction in curling up with the quasi-holy trinity of the Gita, the Pressfield novel, and Rosen's Gita on the Green."-Yoga Journal

"Gita on the Green shows how a long-honored spiritual substance can be...made viable for a modern-day audience....For those of us who have been long in the Ramakrishna Vedanta tradition, Gita on the Green provides a fresh approach."-American Vedantist

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"Very readable....Rosen is truly one of those rare writers who is qualified to depict this epic treatise of a man facing his own nature and arising victorious in this battle of life over the 'lower self.'" -Hare Krishna World

"In the Bhagavad-gita, the heroic if spiritually challenged Arjuna asks his charioteer Krishna for good advice. He discovers half-way through their exchange that all the while he had been receiving God-advice. . . . Hmmm . . . Now what if Arjuna were a golfer, and God was his caddie? That would no doubt transform the classic text into something more readable for Westerners. This was accomplished in *The Legend of Bagger Vance* and taken further by Steven Rosen, who, in *Gita on the Green*, puts us all on the playing field with Bagger and Bhagavan Sri Krishna. The result is indeed edifying!"-Arvind Sharma, Birks Professor of Comparative Religion, McGill University, and author of *The Hindu Gita*

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