



The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf

By Mark Frost

Download now

Read Online ➔

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost

THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED is the story of Francis Ouimet and Harry Vardon, who in pursuit of their passion for a game that captivated them as children, broke down rigid social barriers that made their sport accessible to everyone on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond, positioning golf as one of the most widely played games in the world. Ouimet and Vardon were two men from different generations and vastly different corners of the world whose lives, unbeknownst to them at the time, bore remarkable similarities, setting them on parallel paths that led with a kind of fated inevitability to their epic battle at Brookline years in the future. This collision resulted in the big bang' that gave rise to the sport of golf as we know it today.

For Mark Frost, Francis Ouimet and Harry Vardon represent everything that's right about sports in general and sportsmen in particular; gentlemen, champions, teachers, leaders, and each in their own quiet way, heroes. In THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED, Frost attempts to create penetrating studies of both of these men, along with over dozens of the game's seminal figures, within the dramatic framework offered by the tournament when they finally met, one of the most thrilling sports events in history, the 1913 U.S. Open.

📄 [Download The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Franc ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Fra ...pdf](#)

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf

By Mark Frost

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost

THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED is the story of Francis Ouimet and Harry Vardon, who in pursuit of their passion for a game that captivated them as children, broke down rigid social barriers that made their sport accessible to everyone on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond, positioning golf as one of the most widely played games in the world. Ouimet and Vardon were two men from different generations and vastly different corners of the world whose lives, unbeknownst to them at the time, bore remarkable similarities, setting them on parallel paths that led with a kind of fated inevitability to their epic battle at Brookline years in the future. This collision resulted in the big bang' that gave rise to the sport of golf as we know it today.

For Mark Frost, Francis Ouimet and Harry Vardon represent everything that's right about sports in general and sportsmen in particular; gentlemen, champions, teachers, leaders, and each in their own quiet way, heroes. In THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED, Frost attempts to create penetrating studies of both of these men, along with over dozens of the game's seminal figures, within the dramatic framework offered by the tournament when they finally met, one of the most thrilling sports events in history, the 1913 U.S. Open.

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost Bibliography

- Rank: #90428 in Books
- Brand: Hyperion
- Published on: 2004-11-03
- Released on: 2004-11-03
- Ingredients: Example Ingredients
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.00" h x 1.25" w x 5.25" l, .90 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 496 pages

 [Download The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Franc ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Fra ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This first nonfiction effort by Frost, who is a novelist (*The List of Seven*), television producer (*Twin Peaks*) and scriptwriter (*Hill Street Blues*), deftly tells the story behind the legendary 1913 U.S. Open, in which Francis Ouimet, a 20-year-old golf amateur from Massachusetts, shocked the genteel golf world by defeating British champion Harry Vardon, the most famous pro golfer of his time and the inventor of what today is still considered the modern grip and swing. Frost knows he has a good story and manages to touch on all the right elements of the plot: Ouimet and Vardon not only represent two different social worlds and two different generations, but also share a number of key personal facts and traits. Ouimet was "the boy-next-door amateur, young and modest and free from affectation," while Vardon was the consummate professional whose record of six British Open victories has never been matched. Yet Frost superbly shows how both shared a steely drive to succeed that helped Vardon overcome a long bout with tuberculosis and Ouimet to overcome a working-class background in which golf was seen (especially by his father) as a wealthy man's game, the perfect example of the evils of capitalism. Frost beautifully weaves history into his narrative, clearly showing the long-term impact this duel had on the game and how it helped propel the U.S. Open into the arena of world-class golf. Frost's final chapters on the last two rounds of the 1913 Open have all the page-turning excitement of a blockbuster novel.

Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

Starred Review The story of Francis Ouimet, the first amateur to win the U.S. Open golf tournament, is just too good to be true: it's *Rocky* without the sequels, it's Jack without his beanstalk, it's Tiger without Nike. But it's true, and as told by veteran thriller writer Frost, it's the most compelling sports book since Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling *Seabiscuit*. Born in 1893, Ouimet grew up poor, directly across the street from The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, where Boston's blue bloods tried their hands at the new sport of golf. The game caught young Francis in its grip, and despite his father's disapproval, he became a caddy at the club and taught himself to play. Frost jumps between Ouimet's story and the surprisingly similar saga of British champion Harry Vardon, who was also born poor and contended with a disapproving father. Frost builds his characters--not just Ouimet and Vardon but also Francis' caddy, 10-year-old Eddie Lowery--with the skill of a novelist (occasionally but believably using invented dialogue). The climax of the narrative--the recounting of the 1913 U.S. Open at Brookline, where the unheralded, 20-year-old Ouimet beat both his idol Vardon and the other reigning British professional, Ted Ray--is genuinely exciting, a marvelous re-creation of a signature moment in golf history. Underdog stories have become among the sappiest clichés in pop-culture's arsenal, but this one reminds us why they worked in the first place. *Bill Ott*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Review

"One of the best golf books ever written."

?Travel & Leisure Golf Magazine

"Stirring Frost tells this story at the perfect pitch."

?New York Times Book Review

"The most compelling sports book since *Seabiscuit*."

?Booklist

"Anyone who loves golf, history, or just a great story will relish this wonderful book."

?Scott Turow

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Bobby Bagwell:

The actual book *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf* has a lot of information on it. So when you make sure to read this book you can get a lot of profit. The book was compiled by the very famous author. The author makes some research previous to write this book. This specific book very easy to read you can obtain the point easily after looking over this book.

Donald Cortes:

You may get this *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf* by visit the bookstore or Mall. Only viewing or reviewing it can to be your solve challenge if you get difficulties on your knowledge. Kinds of this guide are various. Not only simply by written or printed and also can you enjoy this book through e-book. In the modern era like now, you just looking from your mobile phone and searching what their problem. Right now, choose your personal ways to get more information about your reserve. It is most important to arrange yourself to make your knowledge are still revise. Let's try to choose right ways for you.

Melissa Fanning:

As a college student exactly feel bored for you to reading. If their teacher expected them to go to the library as well as to make summary for some e-book, they are complained. Just tiny students that has reading's heart or real their hobby. They just do what the instructor want, like asked to the library. They go to at this time there but nothing reading seriously. Any students feel that reading through is not important, boring along with can't see colorful images on there. Yeah, it is to become complicated. Book is very important for you. As we know that on this period, many ways to get whatever you want. Likewise word says, many ways to reach Chinese's country. So , this *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf* can make you experience more interested to read.

Mary Brown:

Book is one of source of understanding. We can add our knowledge from it. Not only for students and also native or citizen need book to know the update information of year for you to year. As we know those books have many advantages. Beside all of us add our knowledge, could also bring us to around the world. With the book *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf* we can take more advantage. Don't you to definitely be creative people? To get creative person must choose to read a book. Merely choose the best book that ideal with your aim. Don't be doubt to change your life at this time book *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf*. You can more attractive than now.

Download and Read Online *The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf* By Mark Frost #82YQ1MU9ARL

Read The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost for online ebook

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost books to read online.

Online The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost ebook PDF download

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost Doc

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost Mobipocket

The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost EPub

82YQ1MU9ARL: The Greatest Game Ever Played: Harry Vardon, Francis Ouimet, and the Birth of Modern Golf By Mark Frost