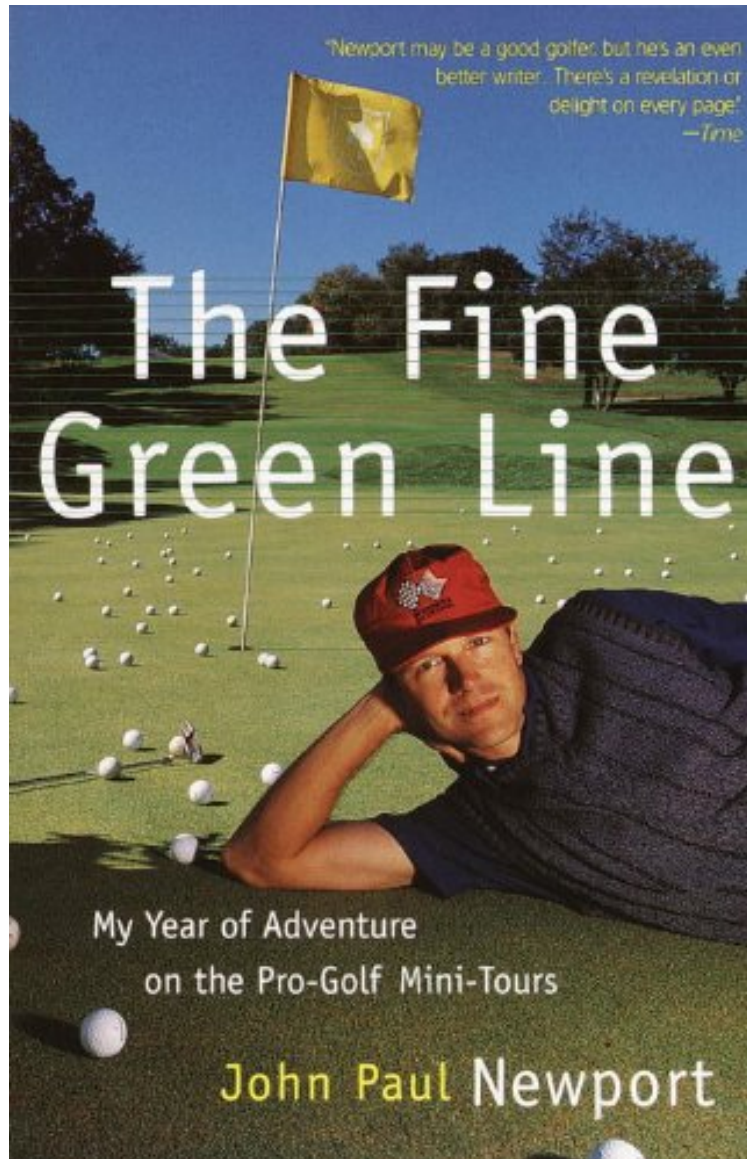


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read but less than inspiring Von G. L. Harvie Mr. Newport is certainly a golfer of the caliber I would like to attain and an even better writer! After reading this book I realized he must have been a definite wizard with the English language for me not to walk away from his never ending self defeating diatribe, nothing very inspiring thank you. He does however not blame anything else than himself for his performances (a conclusion definitely not along the lines of his political beliefs) and does not preach equalizing legislation! This is not an inspiring book for golfers. There are never-ending descriptions of hooks, slices, missed putts and rounds in the 80's. I do admire the respect and endorsement he received from his direct family. But all in all I feel more like I sponsored his trek by purchasing his book than anything I will ever get out of it. Then again I'm the only one responsible for my actions. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting, amusing book Von Ein Kunde It's an entertaining, easy, fun to read book. Funny parts, poignant parts, interesting and insightful parts on the nature of golf and the professionals who dream to play the game well. The author writes skillfully, hinting that he writes better than indicated in the book. He falls into that trap of many a golf writer, writing down to an imagined audience of dumb golf nuts. Give the numbskull run of the mill non-literate golfer the quick easy non-challenging golf book they want...after all that's what'll sell. For this reason, I'd have to say that while JP Newport is a great mass-market golf writer, he's unlikely to generate a prose style within the category of a GREAT one. Fun book! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful and fun read Von hank Like John Newport I once shot a round under par but have never found it again. Since then I have searched for the mystical zone but nada. Even if not too many of us can afford to take a yr off to see how good we can get... this book gives us a brutal but honest glimpse into what our fate would most probably be if we tried. The secret maybe you have to be born with a little talent but we can never make ourselves believe that in this day and age of unlikely persons overcoming obstacles. I found the book very well written and an easy read. I would recommend it to any serious golfer.

Kurzbeschreibung What happens when a man leaves home for a year to pursue his dream? One day, playing a particularly spectacular round of golf, husband and father John Paul Newport suddenly tastes what it's like to be a pro. Deciding to take a year off and hit the road playing golf's mini-tour circuit, Newport embarks on a wild trip through America's fairways. Over the course of his journey inside the somewhat shady, often hilarious underbelly of professional golf, he uncovers a world of people so totally addicted to golf, to the delusion of achievable perfection, that they sacrifice everything else to the quest. He also discovers the nature of his own obsession with the game, and how this constant pursuit of perfection on the golf course reflects the same challenges and frustrations one encounters in life. What does it take to master such an intricate, unpredictable game? In golf, as in life, why is one so consistently incapable of acting up to one's clearly established potential? As Newport struggles to cross that Fine Green Line--the infinitely subtle yet critical difference between the top golf professionals and those who never quite make it--he realizes that life, like golf, doesn't let you get away with anything. This is a story about letting go of fear, facing challenges, and embracing risks--a compelling personal journey that captures many of the frustrations and elations of midlife both on and off the course. From the Trade Paperback edition. de Some stories regularly refresh themselves. The Walter Mitty-esque tale of the dreamer chasing the dream is one of them. In *The Fine Green Line*, John Paul Newport's dream is a golf dream, and he relates it with good grace and humor, quite willing to analyze its inherent improbability and interpret the mysteries at its core. In his mid-30s, recently remarried, a new father, and playing to a handicap of less than 3, he sets out to focus on his game for a year, take his lumps on the minor-league tours, see how much he can improve, and finally test how he and his game stand up by trying to qualify for the PGA Tour via the murderous Q School tournament in the fall. Like all worthwhile journeys, the destination is of less consequence than the trip itself. Newport's is a long and strange one, filled with small successes, big humiliations, reality checks, the kindness of strangers, and a colorful cast of wannabes on the golfing fringe, guys who live from week to week out of the back of their cars. Ultimately, Newport must come to terms with his own obsession with the game as he tries to figure out exactly where the fine green line of his title falls. He searches on and off the course for this abstract and invisible--and, he finally accepts, insurmountable--barrier that keeps the game's aristocracy on one side and those who can post the occasional 69 on the other. It's a search that takes him within himself and to anyone--such as Golf in the Kingdom's Michael Murphy, respected teaching pro Michael Hebron, swing doctors, and psychologists--who might be able to shed enlightenment, improve his swing, or focus his mind with laserlike intensity. It also sets off on some pretty memorable rounds of golf and the kind of grip-it-and-rip-it soul-searching that every hacker who's ever hit a ball with purpose--and shanked it anyway--is bound to understand. --Jeff Silverman.com Some stories regularly refresh themselves. The Walter Mitty-esque tale of the dreamer chasing the dream is one of them. In *The Fine Green Line*, John Paul Newport's dream is a golf dream, and he relates it with good grace and humor, quite willing to analyze its inherent improbability and interpret the mysteries at its core. In his mid-30s, recently remarried, a new father, and playing to a handicap of less than 3, he sets out to focus on his game for a year, take his lumps on the minor-league tours, see how much he can improve, and finally test how he and his game stand up by trying to qualify for the PGA

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