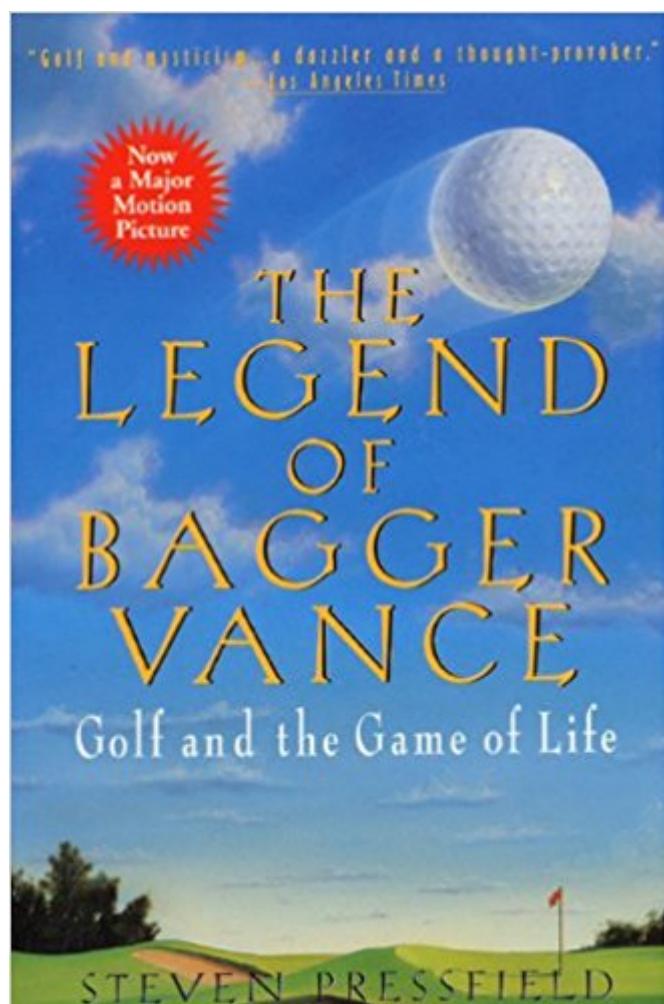


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# The Legend Of Bagger Vance: A Novel Of Golf And The Game Of Life



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In the Depression year of 1931, on the golf links at Krewe Island off Savannah's windswept shore, two legends of the game—“Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen”—meet for a mesmerizing thirty-six-hole showdown. Another golfer will also compete—a troubled local war hero, once a champion, who comes with his mentor and caddie, the mysterious Bagger Vance. It is Vance, sage and charismatic, who will ultimately guide the match, for he holds the secret of the Authentic Swing. And he alone can show his protege the way back to glory. Written in the spirit of *Golf in the Kingdom* and *The Natural*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* reveals the true nature of the game in a story that is unforgettable.

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Arjuna understand who he really is, who God is, and what the nature of reality is. Along the way, he explains how to find peace in the midst of action, and to discover our true nature. The Bhagavad Gita explains how to find union with God in the midst of daily life, and "The Legend of Bagger Vance" gives a very readable restatement of how to live a truly authentic life (and play great "golf" - whatever your form of "golf" is). In "Legend," our hero, Rannulph Junah (R.Junah for those who like things spelled out) is a world-weary war veteran who is asked to play a game of golf with Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones.

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