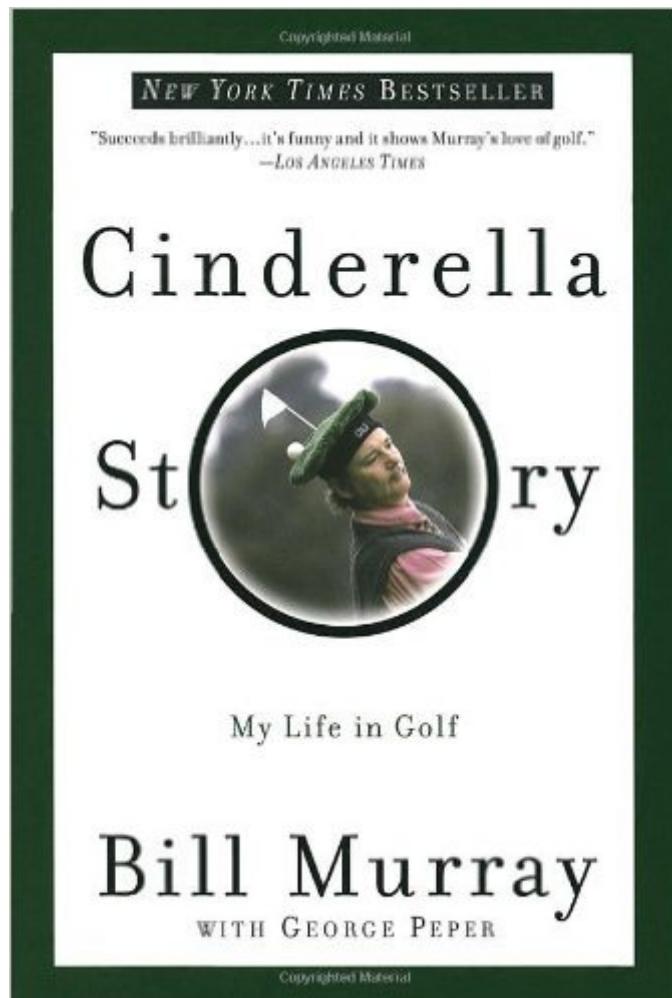


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Synopsis

One of the funniest, most beloved, and most often quoted entertainers in the world tells his tale of Life and Golf--and of somehow surviving both. With his brilliant creation, groundskeeper Carl Spackler, and the outrageous success of the film *Caddyshack* firmly etched into the American consciousness, Bill Murray and golf have become synonymous. Filled with Murray's trademark deadpan and dead-on humor, *Cinderella Story* chronicles his love affair with golf from the life lessons he learned as a caddy--"how to smoke, curse, play cards. But more important, when to"--to his escapades on the Pro-Am golf circuit at the Augusta National and as a fan at the Masters, the U.S. Open, and the Western Open. An up-by-the-bootstraps tale of a man, his muse, and our society's fascination with a little white ball, *Cinderella Story* is one pilgrim's bemused path through the doglegs.

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Customer Reviews

One of the funniest books I've read in a long time. Not strictly a golf book, but about Bill Murray's life framed by his love of golf. While his writing style darts from fairway to bunker to rough, no matter to me. A life and golf game can be similar. A great book to read aloud next to a crackling fire.

If you are a fan of Bill Murray's and a golfer you want to like this book a lot. Little disappoints in this column and it is a lot of fun to read. I laughed out loud at least once in every chapter. The remarkable thing about this book is just how much a part of Bill Murray's life golf really is -- and just how much a part of golf Bill Murray has become. This is by no means a literary masterpiece, in fact,

in several spots the reader is sure to wonder if any one proof-read this for continuity. However, this book does a great job in bringing the reader into the "never a dull moment" golf-life of Bill Murray. I'm left to wonder what would a Bill Murray celebrity pro-am be like -- probably a "caddy challenge match" and more fun people have had in years. A good read, that leaves you happier, if not better, for having read it.

A clever look at Murray's life long fascination with golf, but lacking in depth. For those looking for any insight into Murray look elsewhere. Padded with extra commentary by golf pros, PGA officials and friends this book will often bring a smile to your face but it is ultimately forgettable.

I purchased this book as I am a golf fan who greatly enjoys this game. I saw this book by Bill Murray and thought it would be comical and entertaining. Sadly, I'm greatly disappointed. This book flits around from topic to topic without any coherent story line or plot. I found myself going back after turning a page to check if I had skipped a page because the story line was so incoherent. The story flows like the drunken ramblings of that old guy in the clubhouse with a funny smell who can't wait to tell you about how he started playing golf in 1930. Do yourself a favor and skip this purchase, or just light your cigar with the \$10 bill you would have spent on this book.

I bought this book for my brother, a golf enthusiast who understands Bill Murray's offbeat sense of humor. It combines golf name dropping, hilarious stories of misfit golf moves on Bill Murray's part, and an autobiography threaded throughout the book. It also contains photos of Murray both as a child & as an adult. Tongue-in-cheek, Murray explains his view of golf and the folks who live in that world.

This book is pathetic. Even Murray admits he did it under duress with little to no enthusiasm and this is evident in his writing, the blank pages, full page photos and other means used to meet his publisher's minimum page count requirements. Murray, like many comedians, has a dark heart; his book contains a mean streak as well.

This is the first book that Bill Murray has written. I must say that Murray has really done a good job! He's funny, kinda touching and appealing all the way! He talks about his life in golf from his childhood to the present. From being a caddy, then starring in the greatest golf movie ever made, *Caddyshack*; and finally become a golfer himself. Some great stories about playing golf with Michael

Jordan, Clint Eastwood, Scott Simpson, and Kevin Costner, etc. Murray also talks about his family and his will to be in show business. There're occasionally some special sections with other people's comments on Bill like Chevy Chase, etc. Furthermore, you can see some pictures of baby Murray and Murray as Pat Boone! You don't have to be a Bill Murray fan to like this book. This is a book for those who are interested in humor, movies, golf, comedy, and biography!! Read this! I enjoy every page of the book and so would you!

Yes, Bill Murray is one of the best comedic actors of any Hollywood era. Yes, "Caddyshack" is every bit the cinematic masterpiece people in the know tout it as, even if no published critic in the world agrees. Yes, Murray's persona and his golf background would seemingly make for a diverting read. But Cinderella Story is decidedly not that read. It's a mess of a book, written sloppily and fairly joke-free. Big type and generous spacing make Cinderella Story about as long as this review (not very). But even in that small a frame, it becomes clear that Murray's gifts are strictly in performance and not in writing. Stories run into each other, coming out of nowhere, and only to mention some of the famous folks Murray has hit the links with (Michael Jordan, Clint Eastwood, etc.). Those stories are rarely interesting, and are told without any sense of structure. Murray (or his ghostwriter George Peper, who apparently needs a ghostwriter of his own) jumps from one story to another and back without helping the reader keep everything sorted out. Superior literary humorists, like Bill Bryson, have a talent for telling anecdotes in a concise, purposeful fashion. That's what's missing here. Only a brief, and I mean brief, recalling of the original "Cinderella story" scene from "Caddyshack" offers readers any enjoyment. The rest is muddled and ultimately boring. Other sections of the book include pictures and filler anecdotes from other people telling stories about how funny Murray is. If only this book was. Look, Bill Murray is an outstanding comedian who is woefully underrated as a true actor. But Cinderella Story only makes you want to see him do what he does best, and not read what does poorly.

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