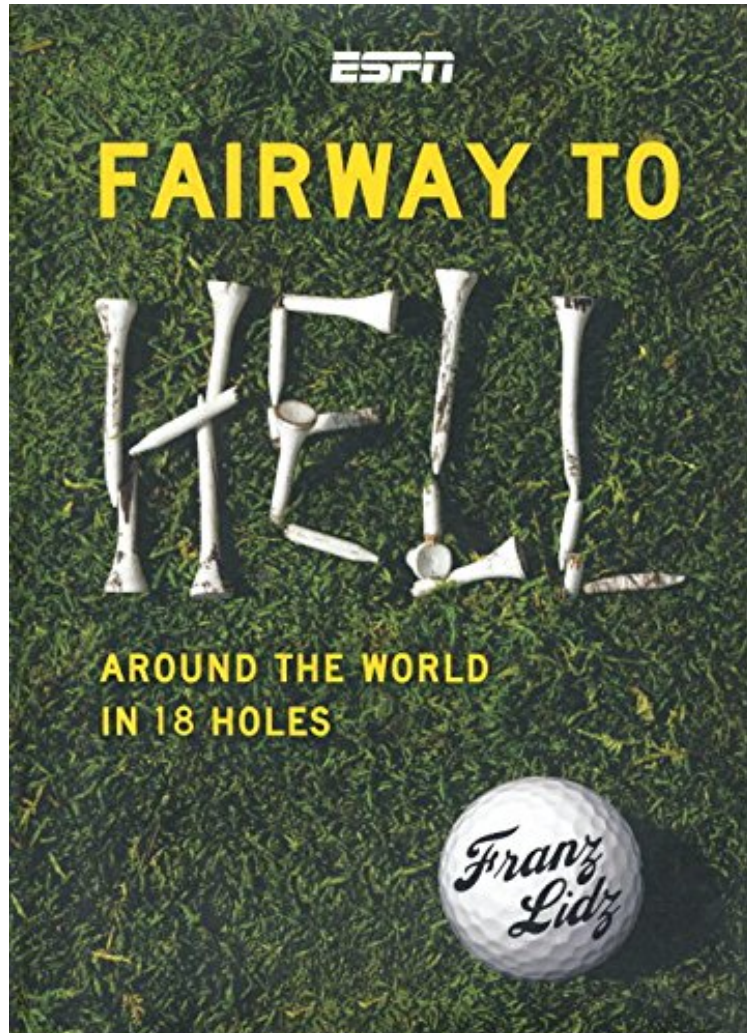


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Frank Lidz : Fairway to Hell: Around the World in 18 Holes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fairway to Hell: Around the World in 18 Holes:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Funniest golf book in memoryBy Emma SteedThere seems to be a run lately on golf books in which the objective, it seems, is to show how many wild, wacky and - yes - wonderfully diverse ways the sport is played and enjoyed. But for my greens fee, few do it better than Lidz, a former Sports Illustrated writer who now writes for Smithsonian magazine and the New York Times. All that experience no doubt came in handy as the author offers up such gems as golf with shock rockers Judas Priest; coverage of the Fatty Open, where contestants are penalized for every pound under 250; outings with the American Singles Golf Association and golfing nudists (not the same story); and profiles of CBS funny man David Feherty and "Caddyshack" star Carl

Spackler, aka comedian Bill Murray. For a local touch, revel in Lidz's attempts (with buddies, and later with his preteen daughter) to play every mini-golf course in Myrtle Beach. Less local is golf in Zambia, where the "hazards" are crocodiles. All the stories (30; the original plan for 18 went awry) come via Lidz's hilarious, if slightly warped, perspective - though a few, notably the Murray story and one about Peanuts cartoonist Charles Schultz are poignant and touching. If you have ever enjoyed the golf humor of P.G. Wodehouse (and even if you haven't), Lidz is a worthy successor. He keeps you reading and chuckling until you wonder where the time went - and when he might be writing more.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Better than most
By P. Flanagan
This book contains a very nice balance of the real spirit of golf and the fun side of golf. Some of the chapters are questionable but others are touching and funny at the same time. The author has found the right people to show how deep this game can go into the human condition. But unlike other books that try to do the same, this one avoids taking itself too seriously. Most books of this type just plain fail. This one does not and deserves attention. Seriously, a mini-golf marathon in Myrtle Beach, sign me up.

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. not all that funny
By J. Rodman
I bought this for my brother, who is a golf nut. I read just the first couple of stories, but really didn't find them as uproariously funny as the reviews I had read indicated they would be. Maybe you have to play golf to get it.

Presents a collection of humorous stories about golf around the world gleaned from the author's personal experience, including stories about a golf tournament for fat people and a course where the caddies are llamas.

About the Author
Franz Lidz, a longtime senior writer for Sports Illustrated and a contributing editor at Golf Connoisseur, is the author of *Unstrung Heroes: My Improbable Life With Four Impossible Uncles*, which was made into a film by Diane Keaton. He has also written for The New York Times, been a commentator on NPR's Morning Edition, and a reporter for ABC's Wide World of Sports. He lives on a farm in Pennsylvania's Brandywine Valley with two llamas, three Great Pyrenees, two cats, three dozen chickens and guinea fowl, two daughters, and one wife.