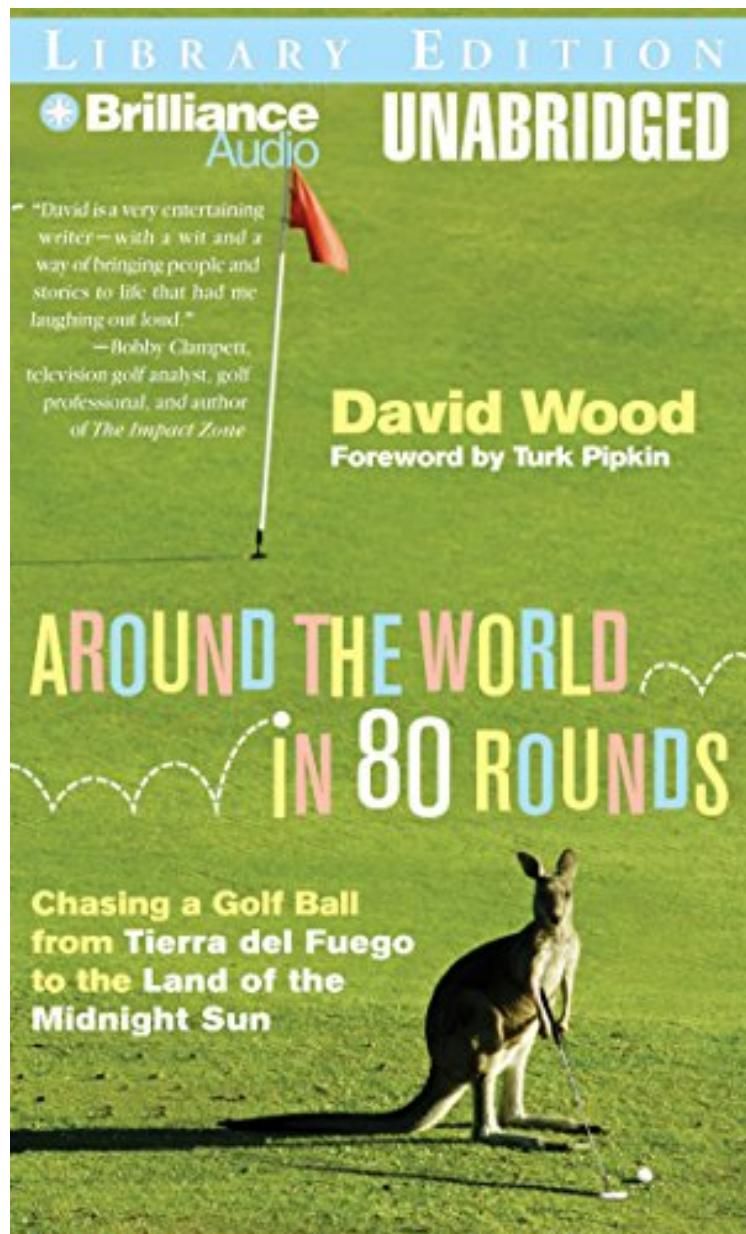


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Around the World in 80 Rounds: Chasing a Golf Ball from Tierra del Fuego to the Land of the Midnight Sun*:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for Golfers Who Dream of Wandering
By William C. Great fun read especially if you have played some of these courses. On a recent golf trip I shared the book with others who had played courses in Southeast Asia, China, Australia, and New Zealand. This was while we were playing one of the courses in the book. I am nearing retirement and will be inspired to track down some of the courses I haven't yet played.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great book "fore" everyone!
By Marc Hershon I haven't played golf since I was 19 years old, threw my club in a water hazard and stalked off the course. But David's book intrigued me and I ate it up over the course of two lazy afternoons in my backyard, laying in a hammock with a cold brew. (Two Person Jumbo Hammock ~ 100% Polyester with Oak Spreaders I say go ahead and spring for the hammock along with the book - you'll be glad you did!) My minimal amount of time on the links gave me enough knowledge to follow his references to the game, but it was his briskly humorous spinning the tale of his around-the-world adventure that grabbed me up when he left Seattle and didn't set me back down until he landed safely home again. What a fabulous experience -- and brightly told! While it didn't do anything to spark my desire to tie on a pair of spikes again, *Around The World In 80 Rounds* did whet my appetite to be a bit more bold and try to see some of the more obscure corners of the world. Maybe David needs a caddy for his back 80...
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a fun read!
By Golf fan Heard this author interviewed on a local sports station. He seemed engaging and funny, so I hopped on . Received the book pronto and took it on a long trip (too much time in the airport). The book helped the time fly and it was fun! Author's style of writing makes you feel as if you are his caddy and standing by his side. You could almost feel the altitude sickness as well. I will be on the lookout for other books of his creation and hope he follows in the steps of other world travelers and has many more adventures. Well worth the price and time.

At forty-seven, David Wood sold everything he owned and set out to fulfill every golfer's dream: For one year, he traveled the world (covering sixty thousand miles and every continent except Antarctica) by plane, boat, train, motorcycle, and rickshaw, to play the game he loves in the most exotic locales, including the world's highest, driest, hottest, coldest, and most remote golf courses, and lived to tell the tale. Along the way, he met a bevy of fascinating characters, including surly cabbies, taxi drivers with a death wish, welcoming golf-course managers, threatening kangaroos, and golf pros out for a quick game. David faced dire situations, such as bouts of food poisoning in India and Egypt, altitude sickness in Argentina, getting booted out of the Ukraine by armed guards, and muddling about with limited language skills. But through it all he maintained a sense of humor and, of course, his passion for golf, which he played every chance he got.

From Publishers Weekly
Former standup comedian and humor columnist Wood sold his condo in Seattle and set out on a yearlong global golfing journey. He tells a highly entertaining tale of his trip through 22 countries far off the beaten path from the typical golf vacation. He played the first of his 80 rounds on the world's southernmost course at the tip of Argentina and finished in the northernmost climes of the upper reaches of Norway. In between he played a vast range of layouts: a grassless brown track in the Atacama Desert of Chile; spectacular courses in New Zealand and Australia; a course adjacent to the pyramids and sphinx in Egypt; and the only golf course in all of Russia. He suffered various setbacks, such as golf clubs temporarily lost on a South American bus line. He writes well about the terrain and local atmosphere, and provides a deft mix of golf and travel writing. His take on the people of the world is a 48-year-old bachelor's perspective, as he judges Argentina, Chile and Hungary to have the best-looking women and writes longingly of a beautiful foot masseuse in China. Wood's humor is sometimes forced, but like a few shanked shots in an otherwise well-played round of golf, it doesn't spoil the whole. (Mar.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "David is a very entertaining writer - with a wit and a way of bringing people and stories to life that had me laughing out loud. I look forward to visiting some of the courses he played - hopefully without having to sell everything like he had to do!" Bobby Clampett, television golf analyst, golf professional, and author of *The Impact Zone* "David Wood's story joyously captures the maddening yet addictive allure of golf as he takes us on a journey every golfer would envy." -Rick Lipsey, golf writer at *Sports Illustrated* and author of *Golfing on the Roof of the World* "David Wood will be a hero to many. He cast off all responsibility except that linked to the pursuit of golf and self actualization. From distant lands he brings rich stories of interesting and amusing endeavors and a picture of a diverse world connected via that ridiculous, compelling and wonderful game of golf. Give this to your friends, they'll love it." --Charles Lindsay, author of *Lost Balls: Great Holes, Tough Shots and Bad Lies* David Wood's entertaining and exciting 60,000-mile odyssey reveals the game of golf not as a chin-on-chest battle with the scorecard, but as the perfect medium through which to explore and enjoy the world around you. This is a book that proves golf has far more to offer than most of us take from it and inspires us to broaden our relationship with the game. --Duncan Lennard, author of *Extreme Golf and 112 Miles to the Pin* David Wood has written an inspiring,

attention-holding and humorous golfing travelogue. Unencumbered by the trappings of life, David set off on his voyage of discovery to far-flung destinations, armed with a vague itinerary, personal documents, a set of ten golf clubs and minimal clothing. Paramount was his eleventh club a razor-sharp sense of humor that enabled him to cope with the ebb and flow of world travel. *Around the World in 80 Rounds* is more than merely a regurgitation of golf, golf, and more golf. Sure, this all-important aspect holds sway, but ample text is accorded to village and city life, and landmarks of note encountered. Indeed, Wood's excellent narrative provides insight as to how citizens around the globe conduct their lives both on, and off, the golf course. Paul Daley, publisher and author of *Golf Architecture*, *Links Golf*, and *Favorite Holes by Design* Forget Jack and Tiger, David is now my favorite golfer! Keep this away from the responsible crowd, they will certainly get grandiose ideas of great golf trips that might not go over so well with spouses, bosses and financial advisors. --Mike Brabham, modestly average golfer