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Herman "Hank" Fins-Winston was a pro golfer destined for greatness. Now he lives in a condominium on the thirteenth fairway of one of heaven's glorious courses – a fact he finds surprising and amusing, since for one reason or another, a fair percentage of golfers never make it to paradise. Hank is having the time of his afterlife until he's summoned one idyllic morning to play a round with the Almighty. It seems that God is having some trouble with His game. As they play the heavenly courses, both in paradise and back on earth, Hank comes to realize that what began as a golf lesson has become a spiritual journey.

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# **From Reader Review Golfing with God: A Novel of Heaven and Earth for online ebook**

## **Susan says**

Liked the book even though i don't play golf. I would suppose a golfer would enjoy it even more.

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## **Karen Jett says**

I probably would have rated this book higher if I hadn't just read Breakfast with Buddha. In fact, I read this because Breakfast with Buddha was so good I was intrigued by the title "Golfing with God". The story is good, but it took a little while before I was totally absorbed and it just doesn't have the humor that Breakfast with Buddha does.

If you are a golfer, this book may be a more compelling read as it uses a golfing metaphor to help explain why we should be more present and in the moment. And to illustrate how we are prone to undermining our true potential. I found it's message to be uplifting and inspiring and a great reminder to stay in the moment.

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## **Brian O'Leary says**

Fascinating concept, didn't quite pull it off and tie it all together.

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## **Leslie Fenik says**

This was a good, quick read. Enjoyable as long as you don't get hung up on someone else's opinion of what heaven is like.

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## **Steve Booth says**

Enjoyed quick read on flight to Tucson.

Clever format of moving between heaven and earth and seeing God in different incarnations. Did not need to be a golfer, but it did enhance the read when describing some of the fabled courses.

Most struck by the change in perspective that occurred during his journey when he could see beyond his prejudices and preconceptions.

Last 50 pages were the best. It was the closest to a spiritual description of golf and how it transcends every day life.

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## **Paul McDonald says**

So this book took a little bit to get into. I started reading a couple weeks ago and to through the first 40 pages or so. I put it aside and wasn't even sure I would finish it. While I know this is a novel, I wasn't crazy about the loose perspective of God and world religions. I kept going, and was really drawn in by the author's description of how God works and uses events in our lives to prepare us for what's next and teach us. There was even an element of restoration, which God is definitely all about. I found this to be a great allegory and enjoyed this unorthodox story of God and golf.

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## **Sue says**

I am hooked on Merullo's books that include god. This is the third one I've read and liked allot. Here are some quotes: pg 82" But why? ..why does god allow it? It's like golf, if life were too easy, most souls would flounder, it's really human's troubles that move them toward grace. The pain is very real- sometimes it even cripples a soul for a life or two, but it's not forever. Just do your best. Go forward with courage and good will. pg 137: Everyone gets the punishment he deserves. Sometimes certain especially generous or courageous souls choose to take the suffering of another soul upon themselves, just as one might pay the debt for a close friend. pg 173: Yet you humans spend so little time in mental cultivation \_ I don't mean learning, cramming your head with facts; I mean prayer, meditation, contemplation, even just the simple effort of changing a thought pattern in a positive direction. pg 175: Everything we experience in the external world, good fortune and bad, has its root in the subtle workings of the mind. And it turns out that those subtle workings, those patterns, can be changed. It's exactly like golf. The change occurs slowly, practice round by practice round year by year, life by life. That's our real work though. pg 178: You have to take the very center of yourself, every ounce, every drop, every nerve and muscle, every cell, and concentrate it on the golf ball, on the shot you are playing and nothing else. pg 189

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## **Sharon E. says**

It warms my heart to read about golf, and listen to golf stories... My husband, Jeff had a very sudden and unexpected heart attack almost 3 years ago, and passed away. Golf was his game, and I miss him tremendously but also miss hearing his stories about how he played, what his golf buddies were up to and so on...

Anyway I started reading this book because I was enthralled by the title and wondered if it would give me insight into why Jeff loved the game so much. I enjoyed the story very much! I believe the book would be enjoyed by golfers and non-golfers, as it is a story about life, and the importance of living each day to its fullest!

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## **Henry Le Nav says**

There is a lot of golf in this book which I don't really care about, but Merullo is a good writer and makes it fairly interesting. There is also a lot of spirituality in this book and it really appealed to my fuzzy--I believe

in everything--version of God. Some may find certain notions in the book offensive. Free love is available in Heaven, if you want free love, but it is not Heavenly hooking up, it is the union of Souls. I found the ideas in this book to parallel many of my own, and the notion that my wife and I may continue rolling in the hay in the Elysian Fields for centuries to come is very appealing to me. Once or twice the book got a bit too golfy but for the most part, I really enjoyed this book.

(view spoiler)

I can't recommend this book to people with an interest in golf but not spirituality. I will highly recommend it to people interested in spirituality with no interest in golf.

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### **Alyse says**

#### **A joyful journey**

A delightful read no matter your thoughts on God or religion. Using golf as the metaphor created a wonderful way to see the world.

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### **Keith says**

Golf, after-life, God, gods

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### **Tim Owens says**

Golfing with God is similar to the Greek Tragedies in that God is interfering in the life of a human. Unlike the stories of old, this God is not meddling to create moral delimas, but rather to help the hero, Hank, to become a more self-actualized person. The theme that wisdom can be attained only through suffering is present like in the Greek stories. Like Dante 19s Devine Comedies, Golfing with God gives us a tour of heaven. The book also combines current religious belief so Hank is in a reincarnation cycle. The quest to perfect the game of golf becomes a spiritual journey one more time for Hank on earth. I like this book, but for a non-golfer it might not be too appealing and I suggest you read Breakfast with Buddha. What ever I encourage you to read a book of Merullo 19s. Best of all is the idea that golf can be the purpose of life

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### **Pam says**

Roland is funny, has a great wide sense of God and therefore is always inspiring as well as fun to read.

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**Christina Hurley says**

My go in position was that I thought this was a memoir. Not so. This is fiction. Fun fiction at that. Enjoyed both the writing and the story.

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**Tom Kammerer says**

Creative story draws u along...bit of a flat ending

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