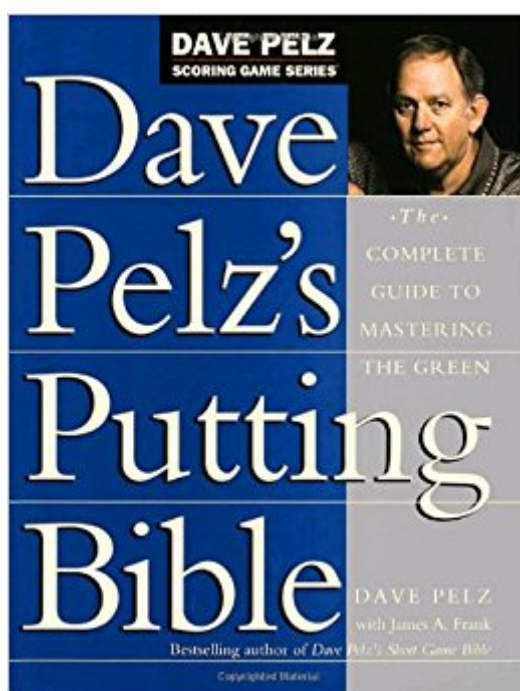


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Dave Pelz's Putting Bible: The Complete Guide To Mastering The Green (Dave Pelz Scoring Game Series)



Synopsis

Dave Pelz's Putting Bible is the second book in a four-book series, the Dave Pelz Scoring Game Series. Over 150,000 readers have purchased Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible after just its first year of release publication, making the book an instant classic. Now, let Dave help you shape up your game on the greens with his new Putting Bible, which is sure to make all other putting manuals obsolete. Dave Pelz looks at putting, golf's least-understood skill, as no one has ever approached it before. Because a putt is the terminal shot on every hole and there is no possibility of recovery from short misses, putts count almost a disproportionate amount. Every golfer knows a 2-foot putt counts the same as a 300-yard drive--one stroke. And while the putting stroke is only one of several types of swings golfers make, it accounts for nearly half of all the swings made--43 percent--and perhaps as much as 80 percent of all the anguish and frustration involved in the game. These are some of the reasons every golfer needs Dave's insights into the putting game and the simplicity he brings to improving their ability to putt. Putting is also different in another way: It is one of the few skills in all of sport in which any player, regardless of size, strength, speed, gender, or education, can compete equally with--and have a realistic chance to surpass the skills of--the best professionals in the world. As Dave explains, putting is actually simple to understand and do. Once golfers grasp his concepts, they can perform on the greens as never before. Using decades of scientific research from studying thousands of golfers, Dave shows readers the simplicity of putting that escapes most golfers and lays out the fifteen well-defined building blocks of the putting game that each of us already has and owns. This comprehensive guide from the internationally revered master of the short game and putting game--packed with charts, photos, and easy-to-understand instruction--will be the essential volume for all golfers who want to take strokes off their score with better putting. A former NASA physicist and founder of the World Putting Championship, Dave brings a scientific rigor to his instruction that has made him the top putting expert in the world. Observing and teaching thousands of golfers to better their scores, Dave's body of knowledge in putting is unequalled. By uncovering the mysteries of this part of the game, Dave Pelz's Putting Bible raises putting instruction to a new level. Dave Pelz's Scoring Game Schools and clinics are renowned worldwide, attracting top players like Jesper Parnevik, Tom Kite, Colin Montgomerie, two-time U.S. Open Champion Lee Janzen, Vijay Singh, Steve Elkington, and many LPGA players including Annika Sorenstam and Liselotte Neumann.

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Customer Reviews

Golf's foremost apostle from 100 yards in, Dave Pelz follows up the bestselling Short Game Bible--his essential testament on how to get on the green--with chapter and verse on what to do once you're finally there. The lower your handicap, the more of a religious experience it should be. While you don't have to be a rocket scientist to explain the forces at work in rolling a small, dimpled ball over changing terrain toward a cup that looks far too small for its purpose, Pelz was in fact a rocket scientist by trade. His approach is analytical, theoretical, mechanical, and systematic, brimming with graphs, charts, and illustrations. But don't let that scare you--for all the science, Pelz and the gospel he preaches are as inspiring as a good sermon and readily understandable regardless of your skill level. Yes, advanced players will no doubt be more intrigued with the depths Pelz plumbs, but high handicappers can draw solace from the quality of the supplicants who've sought his counsel--Lee Janzen, Annika Sorenstam, Steve Elkington, and Colin Montgomery, for starters--and proceed from there. Numbers, charts, and graphs aside, Pelz preaches good grip and stroke, proper reading of lines and distances, the importance of leaving a ball in the best location (that only seems obvious), and the need to identify your putting weaknesses, learn why they're your weaknesses, and address the proper fixes. "Never give up on putting well," Pelz stresses. By studying his bible and heeding his golden rules, you'll find yourself standing over those knee-rattling, downhill 4-footers with a lot more going for you than just a prayer. --Jeff Silverman

"Do I believe in Dave Pelz? I paid full price to go to his school, and it was the best money I've ever spent. I could not have won my second U.S. Open without his help. I am a believer."--Lee Janzen
"Dave Pelz has added more irrefutable knowledge to golf instruction than any man

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The reviewer's name is Cheryl but I'm her husband giving this review. I'm also going to post this review with the Pelz Short Game Bible also since most comments apply to both books. The big caveat mentioned is that I took the Pelz 3-day short game school and then bought and read the Putting and Short Game Bibles. Because I went to his school these books are invaluable as resource material and as reminders of the tools and techniques we learned in the school. I have friends who've read the books and have tried to apply the techniques without the advantage of having had personal instruction and they've had less success. If you're reading this you're a golfer who wants to improve but you probably understand it's hard (impossible in my opinion) to self-teach and self-correct putting and swing flaws. For example, I read Pelz's earlier book "Putting Like the Pros" and followed the techniques to a tee (no pun intended) or so I thought. I thought I was doing everything right but was still putting poorly. I learned in the school I was doing several things incorrectly even though I thought I was doing what Dave outlined in his book. That's not to poo-poo the Putting or Short Game Bibles if you haven't, or don't intend to take one of his schools, because there's a lot of valuable information in both books that should improve your game. Just be aware that much of the material is difficult to fully comprehend via the written word as opposed to visual input from real professionals. As an example of some changes that I made that you wouldn't get from the book had to do with my putter. I had a standard lie putter that was 35 1/2 inches long. I'm 6'3" so that sounds reasonable, right? Well, it was determined in class based on my set-up, posture, putter path, eye-line, etc., that I really needed a putter that was 33 1/2" long which "forced" me to get into a proper posture and set-up. I also had to change the putter head weight, lie angle, and grip. These are things that you won't get from the book but may be critical to your ultimate success. There's some other things too, like the "finesse grip" and 7:30-9:00-10:30 swing positions in the short game that some might find confusing. Also, be aware that even though I went to the school making changes to your putting set-up, putter, stroke, etc., can be very frustrating and it will take time and require some serious practice. The same applies to the short game. Nobody ever said golf is easy though great players make it look as though it is. There are two putting aids that I will

highly recommend if your serious enough to get the book and work on your putting and that's Dave's "Putting Tutor" and his "Teacher Putting Clips". He has a bunch of aids but these two are the best if you want to improve your putting. They can make a real difference in your putting accuracy. The Clips give you feed back on hitting putts on the putter sweet-spot (a critical element to good putting), and the putting tutor will confirm that your eyes are over the line of the putt and that you are able to stroke the putt along the intended path. The nice thing is that they can, and should, be used in your home. The putting tutor can be used on the practice green but that's not necessary except perhaps as a periodic check. These can purchased on Pelz' web site. I do have one criticism of the Short Game Bible and that has to do with the pitch shot (3-30 yards from the green) situations that you will confront on any course. That chapter is too general and I think more time should have been devoted to the numerous situations and alternative shot options and techniques that you should consider. In short, if your serious about learning some new putting skills and enjoy practicing you'll be please with the book. Best of luck.

4 stars for great content. You probably already know a lot of the issues with putting, but this will definitely add some more things to consider. I like the stats and data on what the pros experience. Lots of exercises given to help refine the different areas of putting. I believe most of friends and I focus on getting the speed of the greens before the game and warming up muscle memory. But the book has exercises showing there are other things to work on.1 star deduction ... it is a little too conversational and repetitive, so this is more about the writing style than the content. Also, there are a couple of things and exercises that I've learned over the years that are not discussed in the book. For example, popping a chalk line and seeing if you can put straight, which also shows you how your putt drifts if you hit off center (by as little as a 1/8"). Or how to putt with feet at 45 degrees to target so that the pivot point of the putt is one shoulder socket (as opposed to trying to make 2 shoulders lock-in as one effective pivot point) and helps take the putter straight back for a longer distance. So it wasn't a complete 'bible' ... but again, I gave it 4 stars overall. I mostly enjoyed reading it and I would recommend it to others that really want to understand the nuances of putting.

Mostly because it's 400+ pages. Granted Dave Pelz and his editors do a great job of adding illustrations and pictures to match the content of the book. But there is also a lot of REALLY boring stuff in there about data collection and tour averages. I would have personally preferred if Pelz just got to the point. Don't get me wrong, there is some invaluable stuff in there about reading greens (have you ever thought about the donut that is created around the hold as players avoid stepping

within 6 inches of the cup), understanding the putting stroke, and even the not so perfectly round nature of your golf ball. Personally I'm not a big fan of just one way to play golf. Pelz is a big believer in the straight back, straight forward putting stroke, and he goes to great lengths to explain why. But golf history shows that there are hundreds of strokes that produce great results. So I would recommend skipping through the first few chapters and moving on to the meat of the book, and then take the information and try it out. I found that his green reading tips probably saved me a stroke every round (amateurs don't read enough break). But try it out and see if it works for you.

Pelz has lots to say, and much of it is smart and great teaching. But it's so wordy and tedious, that it's impossible to get through it. He keeps saying to read this section before the important section, so I kept listening. But it's so tedious and boring, I ran out of steam and interest and never got to the lessons

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