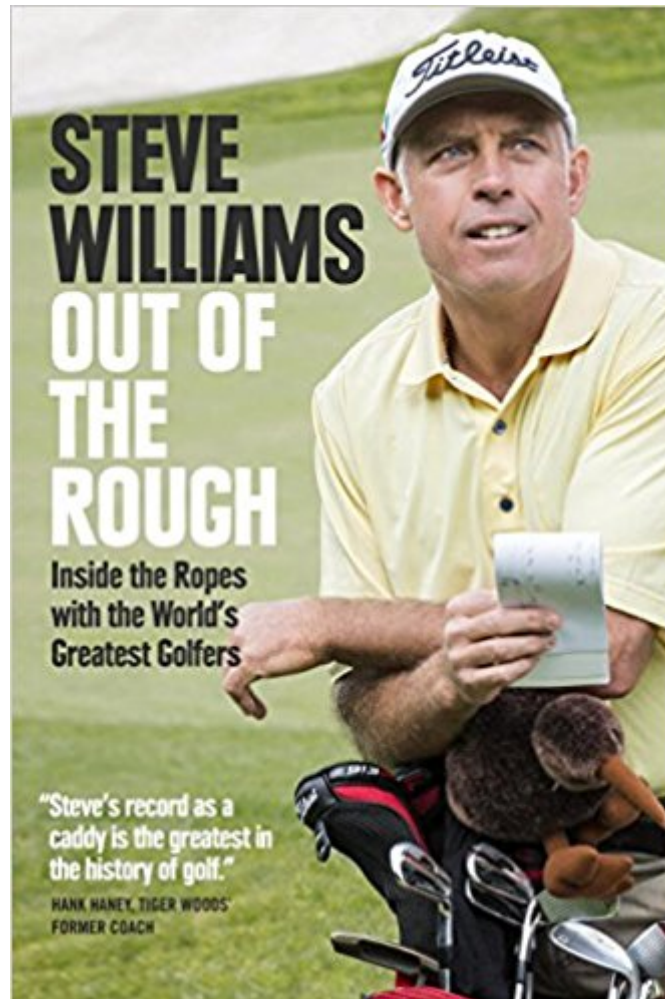


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# Out Of The Rough: Inside The Ropes With The World's Greatest Golfers



## Synopsis

With 150 wins to his name, Steve Williams is one of the most successful caddies of the modern era. From his modest start in freelancing his way around the world's golf courses, he became a man in demand, working with some of the golfing world's best. Greg Norman, Raymond Floyd, Terry Gale, Ian Baker-Finch, and Adam Scott all benefitted from the knowledge, experience, and honesty for which Williams is known. Williams is perhaps best known, however, for his triumphant thirteen years on the bag of Tiger Woods. Together, Woods and Williams won more than 80 tournaments with 13 major championships among them. But it wasn't all celebrations. Despite his best efforts, Williams could only watch as Woods fell from the podium, his game in decline ignorant of the scandal about to make headlines around the world that would nearly ruin Tiger's pro career. In this candid book, Williams tells the stories of golf's elites that you won't hear anywhere else the highs and lows of their careers, and the critical role of a caddie in both spots. Bold and entertaining, his story offers a rare insider's view of the professional golfing world.

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## Customer Reviews

This was an awesome read. I am not really a golfer per say, but like the sport. I never realized how much impact a caddy had on a golfer's performance. Some stories about "Tiger", good and bad and other pro golfers that Steve had caddied for. Couldn't wait to get to the next page.

As a former mini tour and club professional I love the many behind the scenes going on. I was

never a tiger fan but always appreciated his talent. I always suspected he was not what you saw up front but a self absolved individual. Thanks Steve for the great read.

I was pleasantly surprised by Steve Williams book and by how he accepted the blame for a few dumb things he said over the years. But we've all said things we regret. Steve happened to have live microphones when he popped off.

A good read, some nice insight but some quite unbelievable claims. I have watched tiger play, up close on more than 100 occasions and have NEVER seen him spit at the hole. That's simply untrue. Steve also claims he felt like a slave for over \$1 million a year? Come on.

This autobiography has many candid observations of the professional golfers this elite caddie worked with over his career, to very recent times. It's not a polished literary work and doesn't pretend to be. But some of the insights and memories of truly famous moments in the modern history of golf are recounted from the unique vantage of Steve Williams, the man on the bag, speaking to the players who together created history. I appreciated the potential role and value of a talented caddie working with an elite professional golfer after reading Steve's book. If you're a serious fan of the professional game, this book should be in your library.

I am halfway through this book and I am really having trouble finishing it. So far the theme of the book has been four things:1. 'I am so great. I am the best caddy ever.'2. If you say anything or chide Steve or Tiger you are a "whiner" (Sergio), a "prick" (Phil) or "dishonest" (Vijay).3. If Steve or Tiger chides or slams someone it is just fine. Example, during the Ryder Cup Tiger is paired with Andrew Coltart on the Sunday's singles. Andrew had not played up to that point. On the first tee, Tiger turned to Andrew and said, "In case you don't know, this is a slight dogleg left." Steve's response? 'Talk about putting him in his place'. So that kind of sportsmanship is okay with Steve? Another example was at Pebble Beach where it is normal courtesy to mark your ball on the 7th green and wait for the players on the 8th to tee off. "I asked Tiger are you going to wait for them?" "No," he said, "I'm going to make them stand there and watch me bury this putt." Steve's comment? 'It was [Tiger's] way of making sure they knew who was going to win this tournament.' So being a jerk in a golf tournament is okay if you are Tiger and Steve.4. Try to turn the tables on Steve or Tiger? At the President's Cup Vijay's caddy had the words "Tiger Who?" on the back of his cap and Steve's response is "It was totally disrespectful, not in the spirit of the game, and a ridiculous thing to do..."

Just a little bit of hypocrisy, no? I'll try to finish the book and correct this review if the book merits it, but up to this point it's been painful to read.

I enjoy watching the best golfers on the Pro Tour. I bought this book OUT OF THE ROUGH because I wanted to read about the best caddy ever tell his story. I wanted to hear from the very best and I really enjoyed reading this book from cover to cover. Outstanding. I will pass this book along to others who I know who also feel that Steve Willaims is the best of the best caddy's ever.

Good to read about the rest of Stevie's life, before and after Tiger. I was hoping to find new stories of good things about Tiger. But there are none.

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