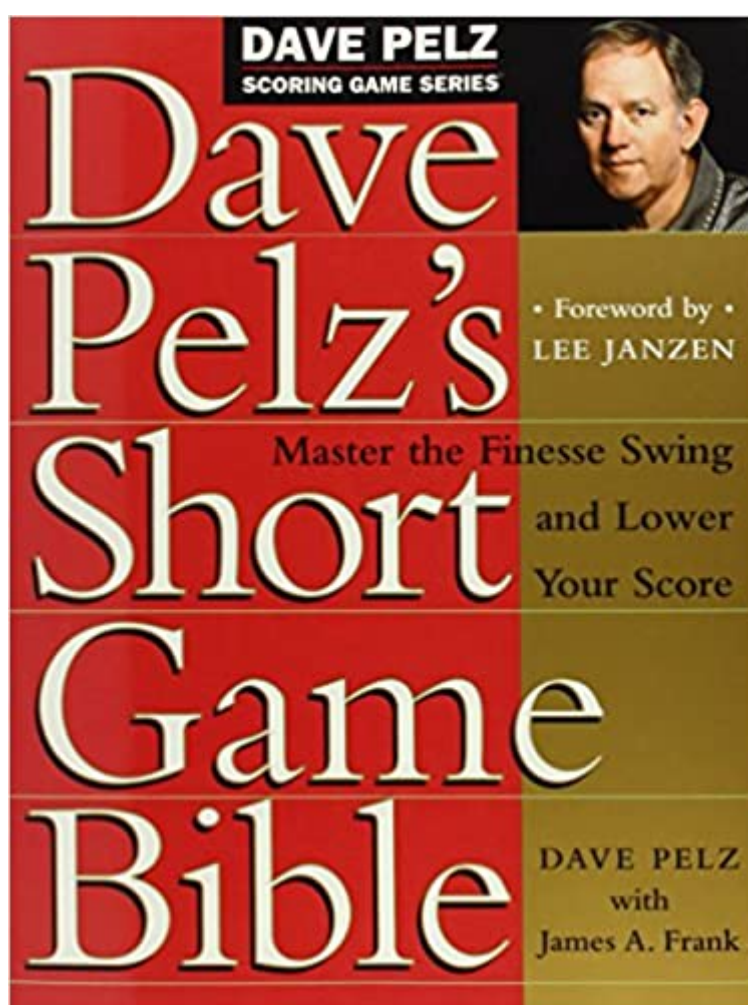


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# Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible: Master The Finesse Swing And Lower Your Score (Dave Pelz Scoring Game Series)



## Synopsis

Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible is the first book in a four-book series, The Dave Pelz Scoring Game Series. The next volume in the series will be Dave Pelz's Putting Bible. "He who rules the short game collects the gold."--Dave Pelz's Golden Rule of Golf

Fed up with trying to imitate the pros, buying the latest expensive equipment, and seeing your handicap stay the same? The first book by bestselling author and internationally revered golf instructor Dave Pelz since *Putt Like the Pros*, his bestselling classic, *Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible* can show you the way to lower scores by improving your short game. The result of decades of scientific research studying thousands of golfers, Dave's philosophy is as simple as it is revolutionary and groundbreaking: Instead of practicing the wrong things the right way, or the right things the wrong way, Pelz shows you how to find your own personal weaknesses and how to improve them to efficiently lower your scores. Packed with all the knowledge, charts, and photos needed to learn from the master, Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible is the essential book for every golfer who's looking to improve his or her game. Dave's approach to golf is easy to understand: 80 percent of the strokes golfers lose to par are determined by their play within 100 yards of the green--the crucial scoring game. The most important and yet the least focused-on aspect of golf, your short game, can indeed make or break your entire game. And nobody teaches the short game like Dave Pelz. His renowned golf schools and clinics focus exclusively on putting and the short game, attracting top players like Tom Kite, Colin Montgomerie, two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen, reigning PGA champion Vijay Singh, Steve Elkington, Payne Stewart, Peter Jacobsen, and many LPGA players including Annika Sorenstam and Liselotte Neumann. The pros know, as you are about to learn, that while others teach golfers how to swing, Dave Pelz teaches golfers how to score . . . and win. A former physicist for NASA, Dave brings a scientific rigor to his research and instruction that has made him the top short-game expert in the world. Dave has observed and then taught thousands of golfers to improve their ability to score better. The years he has spent studying the short game, including chipping, lobes, pitches, distance wedges, and bunker play, have resulted in an unequaled expertise and a fascinating body of knowledge on golf, with the statistics and data to back it up. In this new book, Dave for the first time shares the understanding and techniques he has taught the pros, including a wide array of innovative tests and exercises for mastering those deceptive and high-pressure shots of the short game. *Dave Pelz's Short Game Bible* is an essential book for golfers of all levels. Covering everything golfers need to know to improve their short game, Dave's system can--and will--help you to consistently shoot lower scores.

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## Customer Reviews

As the reigning rabbi on the mysteries of golf from 100 yards in, Pelz has earned the right to anoint his expansive instruction on the short game a "Bible." A scientist by training, he's analyzed the macros and dissected the micros to come up with a gospel for pros (Lee Janzen, Vijay Singh, and Anika Sorenstam, to name a few disciples) and weekend hackers alike. Pelz fills his scripture with photos, illustrations, charts, and plenty of sage advice on pitching, chipping, sandplay, putting, equipment, execution, mechanics, technique, practice, attitude, lots of questions, and plenty of answers. Much of the Short Game Bible is pretty sophisticated stuff aimed toward better players--or, at least, players who take their golf seriously. But its basics are appropriate to any skill level of the game: Accurately assess your own weaknesses, and then go about improving them systematically with the author's carefully researched and tested plan. It seems so obvious, but the truth is, most golfers either beat balls on the range in search of distance or slave over eight-foot putts on the practice green; they fail to pay enough attention to the shots in between. Pelz does the math for you here; his figures add up, so that yours can go down--the golfing equivalent of forgiving sins and absolving trespasses. --Jeff Silverman

Ah, the short game, many a golfer's worst nightmare. It is certainly one of the most difficult aspects of golf, prompting author Pelz to state simply, "He who rules the short game collects the gold." Pelz, a former NASA physicist and the founder of the Pelz Golf Institute, has devoted the last two

decades to the physics of golf. He is a consultant to the Professional Golfers Association and contributes regularly to golf periodicals. Pelz and coauthor Frank, editor of Golf Magazine, have collaborated on a useful publication that will assist players of all ages and abilities. According to Pelz, 80 percent of a golfer's handicap is determined by what happens within 100 yards of the green. Complete with numerous photos, drawings, and graphs, plus a list of resources that includes web sites and FAX and phone numbers, this is recommended for all public libraries. ALarry R. Little, Penticton P.L., BC Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Dave Pelz hits the nail squarely on the head. Just within the first couple of chapters, I have learned so much information to help me so profoundly - I only wish I had had this many years ago. Just three things that I could mention, right up front: I have suffered from "chili-dip itus," for many years, and had no idea why it would happen. All I knew is that it would absolutely ruin my mood, and almost my whole day, whenever it did happen. But I found that simply playing the ball squarely in the middle of your stance, rather than too far forward, solves the problem, instantly. Secondly, I have long wanted to be able to hit a sand wedge on my short approach shots, but was petrified, like most guys are, of using a sand wedge - even in the sand trap. But I find, with his instruction, it's a piece of cake - really - and I have practiced it, and found almost immediately that my fondest desire will be easily doable next spring, and it will transform my game, I'm sure. Thirdly - sand trap shots have bedeviled me virtually every time I have ever been in a sand trap. I'll bet I could count on one hand the really good sand trap shots I have ever made in my life. But he - who actually does know whereof he speaks - makes it simple, by explaining, step-by-step, exactly how to do it, and also explains why you do it that way, and what happens when you do, and why it works. I'm not finished with the book yet - I've barely cracked the cover - but I can tell you it is a wonderful find for a golfer, and makes you realize that there are actually simple solutions to problems that have overwhelmed you for a long time.

I was happy to learn that I had already figured out about 70% of this material and really happy that there was 30% material that was new or refined what I was starting to suspect. From my perspective, that was a HUGE amount/value of new/great information. I would guess the book has resulted in saving about 5 shots per round, and I know what to work on now. I would recommend/and/or loaned this book to most of my golfing friends.

I am new to the game of golf (3 years) but old to the game of life (don't go there!). One would hope that wisdom would trump years of golf played, but not so much. This is a maddening game that I

punish myself with at least 4 times a week. Perhaps it is that one perfect shot in each round that keeps me coming back. As a beginner, it did not take me long to figure out that the secret to taking strokes off the game is to learn a good short game and to putt well and with confidence. I am a natural at the putting but until I read and have reread many times, David Peltz "Short Game Bible", I really did not understand the many subtle ways the short game is played. It did not take me long to figure out that the score was made within 67 yards of the green, but what club to use and how to use it was a continual frustration. Although his formula will work for someone who has played a long time or has hours to practice the short game, I just needed insight on how this part of the game is different. Understanding the concept of the finesse swing and still hands has helped me come a long way in a short time. Getting adrenaline under control and staying calm are as important to the perfect chip and pitch as club selection. I know this because I have an evil sand wedge that does not know how to get the ball out of the bunkers and a buried lie is an instant unplayable lie still. The book is not an easy read and must be consulted almost after each round when I freeze over the ball and try to remember what I am supposed to do and which club to do it with; a review of the book at this time is a good reinforcement. One thing about golf, unlike other sports, is the course is different and plays different with each round because you seldom end up in the same place on a course played on a regular basis. Knowing the short game principles as laid out in this book has helped a beginner like me. I watch experienced golfers with low handicaps and sometimes feel they could do with a refresher course in the principles of the short game!

This book is great! I have learned so much and my short game has definitely improved. The book starts off a little slow so jumping forward a bit is advised. This book doesn't require much experience in golf to follow. It is geared to the beginner but is definitely beneficial for the low handicappers. I am no longer afraid hitting it within a hundred yards like I was before. I have saved pars on holes where I chunk my approach shot and can still fly the ball within a few yards of the pin. I am very pleased with this purchase and would recommend it to anyone having problems with short game.

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