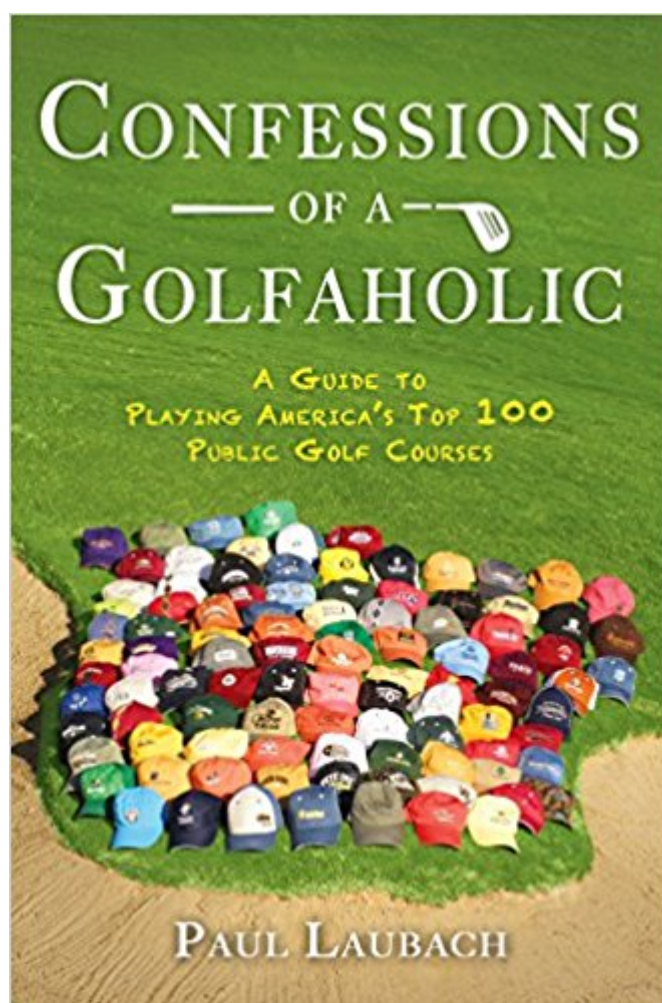


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# Confessions Of A Golfaholic: A Guide To Playing America's Top 100 Public Golf Courses



## Synopsis

Rated as a "Top 10 Favorite Golf Book" by Golf Advisor  
In June 2010, Paul Laubach made the unfortunate decision to play all of GOLF Magazine's top 100 golf courses available to the public. Spread over 45 months, he managed to complete his goal despite numerous weather, course maintenance and other logistical issues...not to mention his own "senior moment."  
The journey covered 87,814 air miles and another 17,051 by automobile. During the trek he suffered two frozen shoulders, a bad lower back, golfer's elbow (left), tennis elbow (right), three major sunburns, hundreds of mosquito bites, poison oak, plus numerous cuts and bruises chasing errant shots into the woods, desert and other prickly flora. None of this was as painful as the cost associated with losing 117 Pro V1s. A confirmed golf addict and cheapskate, he is now chronicling his adventures for his heirs (who will probably get nothing else, as he wasted the estate on this boondoggle).

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## Customer Reviews

"What a fun and relaxing way to both revisit and explore the great golf courses of America! Confessions of a Golfaholic is an easy and enjoyable read that makes you feel like you are actually with Paul as he experiences both the fun and frustrations of the ultimate golf road trip!"  
Mike Small  
Head Coach, Men's Golf, University of Illinois  
2015 GCAA Coach of the Year  
"Paul Laubach needs help. But until he gets it, good for him for seeing his obsession to its logical end. I'd play Pebble Beach with him anytime."  
Cameron Morfit  
Senior Writer, GOLF Magazine and Sports Illustrated  
Laubach's book was a breezy read about the do's and don'ts while chasing down playing

America's top 100 public courses. It sold me on my opinion that I shouldn't really bother to try it. The only detail missing was his personal ranking of the top 100 to compare against mine. Jason Scott Deegan Senior Writer, Golf Advisor "Congratulations on being the only person to play the top 100 golf courses and not be invited back to play any of them." Fred Lynn 1975 MLB MVP and Fellow Dewsweeper

Paul Laubach is a 50-something obsessive, opinionated and "cheap" golf addict. He can usually be found strolling the fairways at La Costa Resort and Spa where he plays numerous rounds each year. He cannot reveal how many rounds as he wishes to hide this figure from his employer and wife (just one symptom of the addiction). His index generally falls between 5 and 7, suggesting occasional rounds in the 70's. Mr. Laubach recently completed a 3.5 year chaotic journey to play all of GOLF Magazine's 2010 Top 100 Golf Courses You Can Play. His foibles are chronicled in his book, Confessions of a Golfaholic: A Guide to Playing America's Top 100 Public Golf Courses. He resides in Encinitas, California, with his wife, Pat.

On the day my "road warrior" husband ended up in Savannah when trying to fly to Albuquerque, I hunted around on for a humorous book on business travel for his birthday. What I found instead was much better: a guy fantasy book on golfing the top 100 public golf courses. My husband has read me so many passages from the book that I have been reading it! It actually has helped me to understand the allure of golf and why so many high achievers love golf. The author set a goal and was determined to achieve that goal no matter what. He's quite the storyteller. Here is an example of a trip. He combined a visit to a daughter in Boston with golfing at 3 courses. Everything was set except the tee time at one course which could only be scheduled seven days in advance and which was at a golf course in western Massachusetts that was "easily accessible from nowhere." He assessed the situation this way: "No problem, there are only 8,000 residents in Williamstown, nobody goes off first thing and the local college students would be in class, right?" Of course, he did not get the time and had to reschedule tee times at other courses. There is a lot of humor in the book, much of it focused on the hassles of travel and weather that included frost delays and thunderstorms, but there is also a lot of detailed information on each course, including green fees and descriptions of specific holes. That information is what most interested my husband. What most interested me was the list of recommended family vacations which can be combined with golf. My husband often wants to be home rather than travel when he is off work. One of our children is,

according to her, "desperate" for a trip to Harry Potter World in Orlando now that Diagon Alley is open. Maybe she should be promoting Bay Hill, where Dad can use his new set of golf clubs!

While browsing through some golf books on last week, I came across this one and thought I would give it a try. What a treat! A fun, easy to read adventure through one man's fulfillment of a dream...or should I say obsession. As a closet golfaholic, I found the information about the various courses beneficial and hope to make a few trips of my own. But the real treat is the humor and wit of the author. Poking fun at his game, all the while showing a genuine respect for the sport. The excuses for not breaking 80 were my favorite. If you have a golfer in the family who has been known to shoot some great scores, and some really bad ones, make sure you get this in their hands. It's an Eagle on my scorecard.

This is a great read! I got it for my brother in law who is another self proclaimed "Golfaholic" and ended up reading most of it myself before I gifted it on. Easy to pick up and read/chuckle through a course and bounce around the book from chapter and chapter... its well written and humorous. Plus its a great snapshot of many of the places all of us golfers aspire to play. If you have any golfers in your life this is a much better gift than the "potty putter" or a "Born to Golf, Forced to Work" bumper sticker!

I picked this up for my dad for father's day. Every avid golfer would love to be able to play the country's best courses, so reading about it has got to be the next best thing. It was cool to be able to watch the pros playing Chambers Bay at the US Open, and then read about the course from the perspective of an average fan.

Bought this for my husband for Christmas. He loved it and has shared several things from the book.

An impressive (and expensive!) undertaking. Although I like golfing, I'm not a "golfaholic." Still, this book was an enjoyable and entertaining read. I highly recommend it.

Extremely Informative, witty and humorous! A great combination and perfect book for any proclaimed or aspiring golfaholic.

Boring! Not much human interest, mostly just facts about playing different courses. It's the stuff you

hate to hear about someones round while having a beverage at the '19 hole'. I lost interest and couldn't finish it.

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