



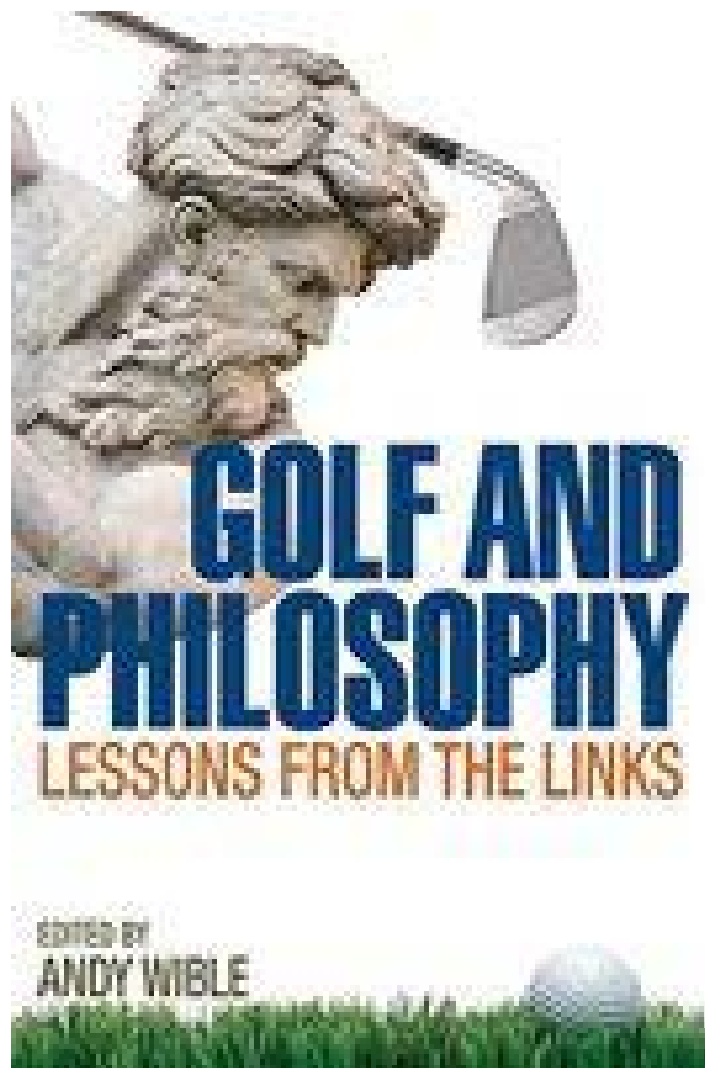
USING GOLF TO EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

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ESSENCE

- What is the essential nature of something? What make X an X? What is it fundamentally?
- Think of something simple such as a table.



CASEY MARTIN

- Should Casey Martin be allowed to ride a cart on the PGA tour?
- The answer has to do with the essence of golf. Can you play golf and not walk?
- Is golf a sport?



PERSONAL IDENTITY:

CHAPTER 12

- What am I essentially? What makes me the same person that I was 5 years ago?
 - Am I my job?
 - Am I my body?
 - Am I my soul?
 - Am I my memory?
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- Golf can help us to see memory as a necessary requirement. If we can control our memories, we control who we are.



GOLF AND A MEANINGFUL LIFE:

CHAPTER 16

- Is enjoyment sufficient for a meaningful life? Is hedonism right? (Nozick's Experience Machine, or the happy madman)
- What else is needed? Perhaps acting morally is needed as well.



GOLF AND FRIENDSHIP:

CHAPTER 17

- What is a friend?
 - Someone that you care about.
 - Someone that you know well.
 - Someone that you enjoy being around.
 - Someone you respect as a moral person.

- Does golf develop true friendships? It can!
 - It allows time for conversation.
 - Shared experience.
 - It encourages civil and ethical behavior.



ETHICS AND GOLF: THE FRONT NINE

- Does golf make its players more ethical? Tiger problems.
- Ethics and the importance of civility. The Villages?? Justice and civility.
- Is golf better than other sports?



TURNING GOLF AND YOURSELF FROM GOOD TO GREAT

- Lumpkin: Golf is unique for the pros are more ethical than the amateurs.
- Stoll and Beller: The more people golf the better their moral reasoning skills.
- Problems: Race and Sex



GOLF AND JUSTICE

- Socrates explored the issue.
- Golf is currently exploring the issue.
- The world is exploring a just society.

