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Rick Reilly : WHO'S YOUR CADDY?: LOOPING for the GREAT, NEAR GREAT, and REPROBATES (UNABRIDGED) (2003) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised WHO'S YOUR CADDY?: LOOPING for the GREAT, NEAR GREAT, and REPROBATES (UNABRIDGED) (2003):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Want your fix without the greens fees? Reilly does the trick. By J. A. Walsh I was really pleased with Reilly's effort here. After initially hearing the author shilling the book on Jim Rome back when it was first released on hardcover, I never had much of an inclination to read it. I've found the bits of Reilly's work that I've read in SI often too sentimental and too snarky. In the meantime I have picked up a fairly serious interest in golf, and when I stumbled across the book again, I thought I would pick it up. "Who's Your Caddy?" won me over and proved that I had been harboring a number of misconceptions. First, you needn't be a golfer to enjoy the work. There are some moments where Reilly sinks into golf-speak of the kind that I think every weekend player grows tired of by about the second tee when you're out playing with that clown from work or the brother-in-law who's sporting a [...] putter, [...] irons, and a \$1 million ego because he's a 4 handicapper. But, the book mostly takes a trip around the course that is accessible to golf novices. Especially when Reilly joins amateurs like Donald Trump (I've always wanted to find a way to plausibly refer to Trump as an amaetur) and Deepak Chopra for a round, the story moves quickly and humorously. Reilly even convinced me that he isn't the guy I would have thought he had to be after

reading his SI work. Like the [...], naked under his raincoat, Reilly can't seem to help himself from unleashing overweight sarcastic sidebars. These inhibit the best parts of the story, but with a self-deprecating twist that usually leaves him as his own target, these diversions actually contained some redeeming moments. Finally, he does descend into melodrama (the typical golf schlock type stuff, i.e. golf is the great game that challenges your will and quickens your mind and personifies American freedom), but only very rarely, and that restraint rescues the book from what might have become the nonfiction take on Bagger Vance. Other reviews are right on target, this is not the kind of Updike, Heinz, etc. sports writing that actually captures the humanity and value of sports on paper - its silliness. But, on a summer afternoon when you'd rather save the \$250 in greens fees and lost balls, this book should do the trick. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great insight into the world of professional golf and professional ...By james g exum Great insight into the world of professional golf and professional gambling. Rick Reilly puts himself out there and is not afraid of self deprecating positions or honest comments about many egocentric celebrities. Who's Your Caddy is a great read! J.g exum Greensboro NC 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By SDL53 As always Rick Reilly's perspective on golf and life is a laugh a minute.....