

Brassies, Mashies, and Bootleg Scotch

*Growing Up on America's First
Historic Golf Course*

Bill Kilpatrick

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A charming narrative of a boy’s relationship with his adored, occasionally impatient, and always forgiving father, *Brassies, Mashies, and Bootleg Scotch* takes us to some of the most notable golf clubs in America and introduces us to a delightful cast of characters, from giants of golf history to behind-the-scenes eccentrics to walk-on stars like New York Giants pitcher Hal Schumacher. Readers get a rare glimpse of a vanished world through Kilpatrick’s recollections of the daily routines of his father as a dedicated greenkeeper and of his own experiences as a caddy on the courses that were his family’s way of life.

Pre-Publication Praise

“I enjoyed this immensely. Beautifully written, I was transported back in time and imagined I was on the links playing along with the author.”—Iain Mossman, PGA professional

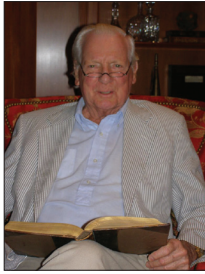
“A unique perspective on golf as it used to be.”—Peter Jacobsen, professional golfer and winner of the 2004 U.S. Senior Open

“While reading *Brassies, Mashies, and Bootleg Scotch*, I couldn’t help reflecting on my days as a caddy, but I must say I never received a stick of gum as a tip.”—Bobby Nichols, professional golfer and winner of the 1964 PGA Championship

Post-Publication Praise

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Author Biography



Bill Kilpatrick has written articles for magazines such as *Parade*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Field & Stream*, *Esquire*, *Fly Fishing*, and *True*. Before “retiring” he was a general features writer, columnist, and golf writer for the *Fort Myers News-Press*.

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