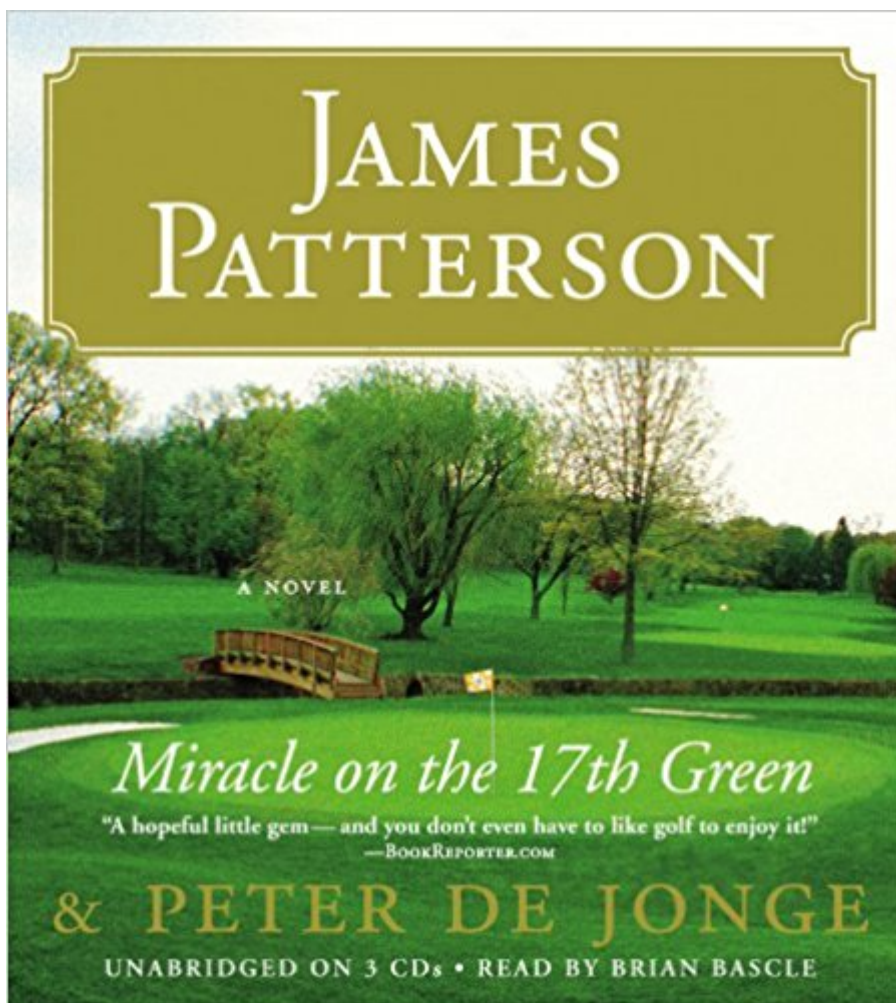




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Miracle On The 17th Green



Synopsis

Just when we need some magic in our lives, bestselling author James Patterson and Peter de Jonge bring us a stirring tale of life, love, and the power of miracles. Travis McKinley is an ordinary man living an ordinary life - he has a job that he despises, a marriage that has lost its passion, children from whom he feels disconnected, and at age fifty, a sense that he has accomplished nothing of consequence with his life. But on Christmas Day, he goes out to play a round of golf, and for the first time, he finds himself in the "zone". He sees the putting line that has eluded him for years. Always a fairly good golfer, he finds himself playing like a pro and is so caught up in his excitement that he continues to play, sinking putt after putt, missing Christmas dinner with his wife and family. It is too much for his already troubled marriage. His family collapses--but Travis is soon too busy living his dream to notice. His amazing new golf skills catapult him into the PGA Senior Open at Pebble Beach, where he advances to the final round with two of his heroes, Jack Nicklaus and Raymond Floyd. And with his wife, children, and a live television audience watching, a miracle takes place on the 17th green that will change Travis, and his family, forever.

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Customer Reviews

While it isn't quite the literary equivalent of a hole-in-one, this fast-moving golf fantasy about an amateur golfer who decides to try out for the PGA Senior Tour has enough sweetness and humor to overcome its obvious plot cliches. Middle-aged and happily married, Travis McKinley does the unthinkable: he misses Christmas dinner after getting caught up in a divinely inspired streak of great putting during an outing on the country club course in Winnetka, Ill. As Travis's obsession with his

newfound talent takes over his life, his obstetrician wife, Sarah, expresses increasing dismay over his inability to grow up, a domestic crisis that reaches a boiling point when Travis loses his job and journeys to Tallahassee, Fla., to try to qualify for the Senior Tour. Competing against overwhelming odds, Travis earns a place on the tour, only to have his dream spoiled when he learns that Sarah intends to file for divorce. As he continues to compete against the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, the victory that will fulfill Travis's dream and reunite him with his family is as improbable as it is inevitable. Plot issues aside, Patterson (whose newest thriller is *Jack and Jill*) and de Jonge succeed admirably in creating a winning character who is enough of a child to believe his dreams and is also mature enough to offer some gently humorous reflections on our national obsession with an engaging sport. Christmas shoppers take note: vigorous, straightforward prose and solid characterization put this second golf fable of the season in a far different league from the mystical, romantic *The Legend of Tommy Morris* (Forecasts, Sept. 2) Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Think of this short novel by best-selling thriller writer Patterson (*Hide and Seek*, LJ 12/95) and journalist de Jonge as a cross between *It's a Wonderful Life* and a masculine version of *Sleeping Beauty*. On Christmas Day, Travis McKinley is playing golf when suddenly he acquires perfect vision for the putt. In a zone, he plays brilliant golf and misses Christmas dinner with his family, where things are already rocky. The wife he adores wants to leave him, and he doesn't know why, although it may be because working 30 years in an advertising job he hates has strangled his growth and enthusiasm. When he's fired, he is liberated to see whether he really can play professional golf. Travis qualifies for the Professional Golfers Association Senior Tour, and it changes him and his family forever. Buy this for all the middle-aged male golfers who still have the spark of a dream left in them, as well as for those who've given up. Marylaine Block, St. Ambrose Univ. Lib., Davenport, Iowa Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

James Patterson with Peter de Jonge as the primary writer has put together a wonderful heartwarming story of an ordinary guy stuck in a midlife crisis. Travis McKinley hates his job as a copywriter for an advertizing agency that he has been with for 20 years. It ceased challenging him years ago. He and his wife, Sarah, a well established and successful physician have become emotionally estranged. He senses she is moving toward a divorce. His three children seem to be growing up without him. He eventually gets fired. Sensing this as an omen, Travis McKinley takes

the giant step to engage in an adventure he has always yearned for. Most of his friends think he's nuts and become an irresponsible family man. You don't need to be a golfer or understand the difference between a bogie and an eagle to appreciate this heartwarming story about an ordinary family guy who chose the road less traveled and won. You'll find yourself pulling for the guy all through the story and you might even feel a tear on your cheek. Everyone will love the read. I rate the story a 5 and strongly recommend it whether or not you're a golfer.

not only a golf story but a great family and self knowledge story

Thoroughly enjoyed the book... like every serious amateur golfer it is great fun to root for the underdog! And, like very serious amateur golfer even more fun to imagine us as Travis! Thanks guys for an entertaining read

Both my husband and I read this book and thoroughly enjoyed it. Quick read for everyone. He is a golfer and the journey of the main character interested him.

This book was a cute little sized book which surprised me. Patterson books are always so big in size. However, it was very entertaining. The company which I purchased from sent the book quickly and it arrived in perfect condition and I finished the book in two days. linked me to this seller. That's one of the many reasons I love . I don't play golf but, after reading the reviews and an excerpt from the book, it sounded to me like a great story. The story is not all about golf but about a family dynamic and how the main character handles his fanaticism for golf and touring and the family challenges he must face because of that fanaticism. I really enjoyed the way the book played out.

As an avid golfer this was a great novel. Easy to read and picture as Mr. Patterson does so well. Thanks for another winner.

As a golfer I loved it! Funny, real, dreamlike. As a woman golfer I could relate to his feelings of inadequacy, of not being worthy to tee it up with better players. But still, relished his determination to play the game he loved, that I love, that all who golf love! Thank you James Patterson!

Miracle on 17th Green was well titled. It had great believable story. Patterson at his best. The

personal trauma the lead character had to go thru was a source of inspiration and stick to it. I found myself reading longer than I had planned, as I could not put the book down. Yet the laughter I felt was wonderful. I would recommend this to anyone even if you are not a golfer but if you play golf even a little you will especially enjoy. As always it is such a joy with to get the book quickly I read it on my Kindle...

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