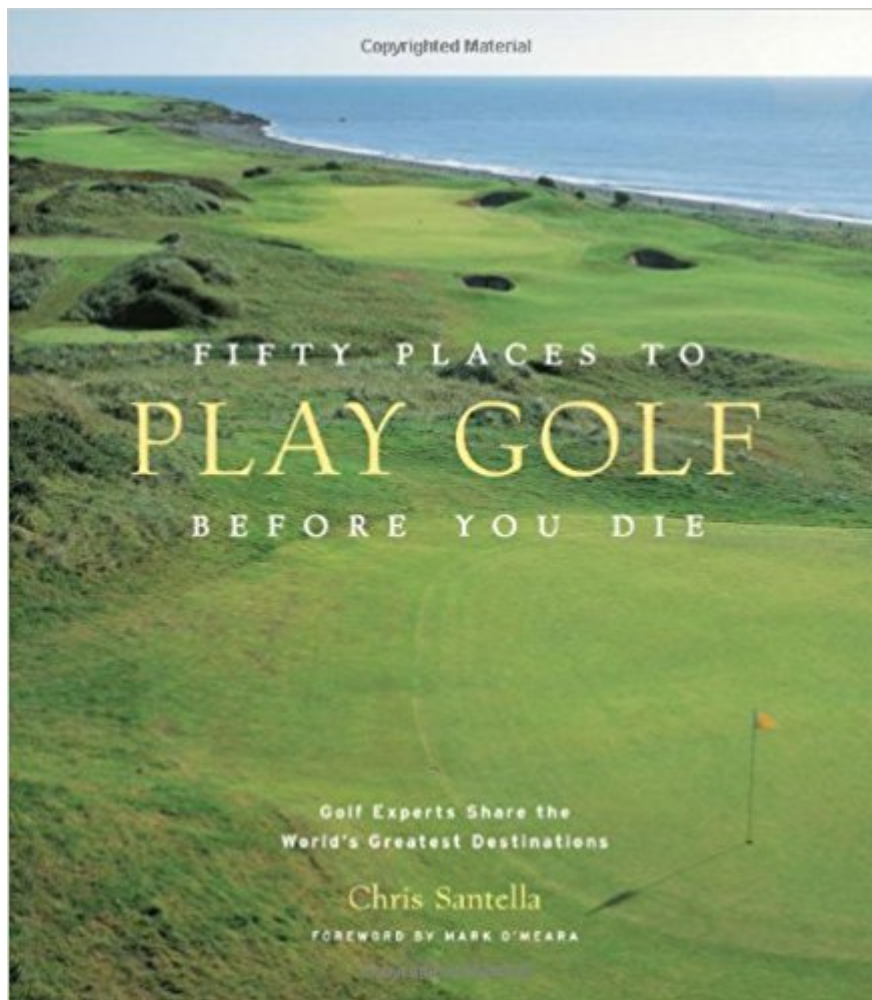




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# **Fifty Places To Play Golf Before You Die: Golf Experts Share The World's Greatest Destinations**



## Synopsis

There's an incredible similarity between the mechanics of a fly cast and the swing of a golf club. Perhaps that's why Chris Santella, author of *Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die*, can be found on the links when he's not on the stream. With *Fifty Places to Play Golf Before You Die*, Santella gives voice to his other sporting passion, interviewing 50 people intimately connected to the sport about some of their favorite courses around the world. For both passionate golfers and armchair travelers, this gorgeous full-color book presents the world's greatest golf venues, the personal favorites of renowned players, course architects, and other experts in the sport. From Ballyliffin, Ireland's northernmost course, whose rumpled fairways wander along the North Sea in the shadows of Glashedy Rock, to New Zealand's Cape Kidnappers, perched atop dramatic cliffs some 500 feet above the ocean, the book's beautiful photographs capture the architecture, noteworthy holes, location, and ambiance that make these courses standouts for ardent golfers. A brief history of each course, an experiential account-filled with local color-from the person recommending the venue, and trip-planning advice provide adventurous readers with all the information they need to chip and putt their way around the globe. A close-up look at golf's top courses around the world, recommended by such experts as Nick Faldo and Christie Kerr (pro golfers), Pete Dye and Tom Doak (course architects), Brian McCallen (editor and author), and Donald Trump. With breathtaking color photographs of each site, this is a great gift for avid golfers and armchair travelers alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Chris Santella, author of STC's *Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die*, is a freelance writer and

marketing consultant based in Portland, Oregon. His work has appeared in the New York Times, The New Yorker, and Travel & Leisure, among other publications.

If you want the top 100 courses you can play, then buy a golf digest. Yes, some of these courses are private. That doesn't change the interesting perspectives from the contributors about them. I found myself staying up late several nights to read "just one more" story about a golf course. There are some truly unique places that have captured my imagination. I will most definitely venture to some of my favorites. There are several on here that I would have expected, but many I would never have found in a million years. If you're like me, you're such a golf nut that you love reading about courses of all kinds. The fact that they are recommended by some of golf's royalty makes it even more interesting. I do wish they had included more photos, however. Especially on those few without any photos at all. But other than that, I love this book.

Another golf book for my brother, the big-time golfer. It looks like a book he will enjoy. I'm not a golfer, so can't really review the contents other than to say this looks like a book he will enjoy reading; lots of nice pictures.

If we could only play them all. Great read.

Was a gift and he loved it

Bought this for my husband who is an avid golfer. He absolutely loves it! The copy that I bought was gently used and it looks brand new! Great gift for that golfer that you know and love.

My husband is an avid golfer and this was a perfect gift for him. The pictures are clear and the writing must be very enticing as he wants to go to all of the places he hasn't played yet. I ordered the book new, and it came in a clear wrapper with no tears. The book was in great shape.

The major let down is the lack of photos. Each course has only one picture and 3-4 pages of anecdotes/descriptions from random golf photographers, writers and enthusiasts (i.e. friends of the author). I would have liked more photos to help me visualize my pre-mortem playing fantasies. Instead I am only visualizing many lines of text.

Nicely illustrated. A great book for the golfer in your life. It's for my Son for Christmas. I don't golf but I thumbed through it and it makes me want to go to the golf courses in it.

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