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With TV ratings soaring, spectators battling for tickets, every form of media reporting on the competition, revenue surging, and most of the best players in the world fighting for berths on the teams, it is clear why the Ryder Cup Matches have become the preeminent contest in golf--and why in 1999 it will be the major international sports event.

This book offers the full story of the Ryder Cup. The players, organizers, captains, and commentators, the competitions, the great shots, the heartbreaking twists of fate, the funny and startling anecdotes, the personal feuds, the amazing displays of sportsmanship, and the very thin line between failure and triumph. All this and more are in the pages to follow.

--From the Introduction

For those with a passion for golf, the 1999 Ryder Cup will be the ultimate competition--a matchless display of talent, rivalry, and sheer nail-biting drama as America's team, captained by the fiercely competitive Ben Crenshaw, seeks to avenge their defeat in 1997--the "Trauma at Valderrama." Bob Bubka and Tom Clavin take you inside the ropes for an up close and personal look at the action and the players behind seventy-three years of the world's best golf.

Which legendary U.S. player landed in hot water for buzzing the Cup course in his private airplane? Who is the most feared Ryder Cup opponent, of whom it was once said, "He's on a different plane of existence"? Which team captain, in a tense moment, sniped, "We came here to win, not to be good guys"? Which Ryder Cup legend, now ninety-seven years old, recalls playing in the very first Ryder Cup Match? In dozens of interviews, Ryder Cup veterans--including Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Tony Jacklin, Raymond Floyd, Lee Janzen, Jose Maria Canizares, Nick Faldo, Byron Nelson, Brian Barnes, Tom Watson, Curtis Strange, Gene Sarazen, and many others--remember the thrill, the triumph, and the heartbreak of each competition.

The Ryder Cup is the definitive biography of golf's most glorious--and gentlemanly--grudge match, from its humble 1926 origin as a casual exhibition game to its preeminent status as a multimillion-dollar global sports event.



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