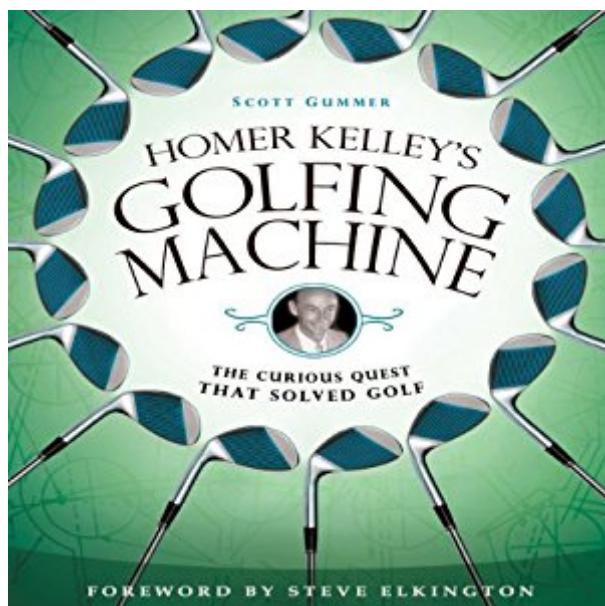


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# Homer Kelley's Golfing Machine: The Curious Quest That Solved Golf



## Synopsis

The remarkable true story of a lone genius whose quest to unlock the science behind the perfect swing changed golf forever. In 1939, Homer Kelley played golf for the first time and scored 116. Frustrated, he did not play again for six months; when he did he carded a 77. Determined to understand why he was able to shave nearly 40 strokes off his score, Kelley spent three decades of trial and error to unlock the answer and to recapture that one wonderful day when golf was easy and enjoyable. In 1969, Kelley self- published his findings in *The Golfing Machine: The Computer Age Approach to Golfing Perfection*. The best-selling instruction books of the day required golfers to conform their swings to the author's ideals, but Homer Kelley configured swings to fit every golfer. He found an enthusiastic disciple in a Seattle teaching pro named Ben Doyle, who in turn found an eager student in 13-year-old prodigy Bobby Clampett. Clampett's initial success in amateur golf shined a bright spotlight on Homer Kelley and *The Golfing Machine*, but when the young star suffered a painfully public collapse and faltered as a pro, critics were quick to blast Kelley and his complex and controversial ideas. With exclusive access to Homer Kelley's archives, author Scott Gummer paints a fascinating picture of the man behind the machine, the ultimate outsider who changed the game once and for all of us.

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## Customer Reviews

Scott Gummer's book is really more a history of "The Golfing Machine" than it is a biography of Homer Kelley, author of TGM. In fact, Homer's bio and the 30 year history of his research and

writing of TGM only comprise about 1/3 of the book, the rest is devoted to his efforts to promote his weird and wonderful golf masterpiece, with extended bios of Ben Doyle and Bobby Clampett, and appearances by the usual TGM cast of characters including Tom Tomasello, Mac O'Grady, Brian Manzella, Lynn Blake and others. It's an easy two-evening read and highly recommended for golf nuts, especially for anyone who's ever tried to read The Golfing Machine and wondered at its strangeness and complexity.

This book is a good read. It's not an instructional book, but tells a fascinating story about Homer Kelly and his quest to explain the golf swing in scientific terms. It's amazing to read how much focus and energy Homer put into this task. Sure, there are some swing tips in between, but if you are looking to improve your golf swing you should look somewhere else. My problem is now I want to read the original The Golfing Machine, which unfortunately is not available for Kindle.

Great read for those who have a burning passion regarding history of golf science and its application to golf teaching. The connections made between a lone eccentric (Homer Kelly) who fashioned this science and its adoption among professional players and teachers who followed is fascinating. Even more interesting is that one can go to youtube.com and see these principles taught by those involved with promoting and incorporating it as a most valuable science. I was particularly taken with the science of the two main hinges of the golf swing. Always wondered why good players were looking back at their backswing position and down at their hand position at contact. What were they looking for? You'll find the history of these developments in the book, but you'll need to go to youtube to understand the importance of these findings as applied to actual swing mechanics.

This isn't the details of Kelley's "golf machine", but it is about what he went through to figure out the nuances of the golf swing. There are tidbits/glimpses of some of the details of his findings, but they are not the focus of this book. Perhaps that is just as well, because, based on what was written here, I probably would not have understood much of the language of geometry and physics that are the basis for his book itself.

Please read the description carefully! This is not the actual Homer Kelley's Golfting Machine. It is a biography of Homer Kelley's journey, written by Scott Gummer. I purchased this book thinking it would be the the instructional golfing book. That being said. It was a great read and it made me

appreciate the process that goes behind learning the game and Homer's mindset throughout.

Good book. Good instruction.

I have been dabbling around the edges of TGM for some 25 years now, but I always fealt both intimidated and confused by the Book. this book helps first to understand who Homer Kelly was, why he did what he did and some basic structure to get a newbie started into the world of TGM.

This is not the golfing machine book but another book about Homer Kelley posing as the golfing machine. I regret buying this.

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