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About the Author

Dan Jenkins is the author of ten novels, including *Semi-Tough*, *Dead Solid Perfect*, *The Money-Whipped Steer-Job Three-Jack Give-Up Artist*, and, most recently, *Slim and None*. He has also published seven books of nonfiction, most notably *Fairways and Greens* and *The Dogged Victims of Inexorable Fate* and writes an enduringly popular monthly column for *Golf Digest*. Jenkins is the recipient of the William D. Richardson Award from the Golf Writers Association of America, which recognizes those who have consistently made outstanding contributions to golf. He divides his time between his native Fort Worth, Texas, and New York City.

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