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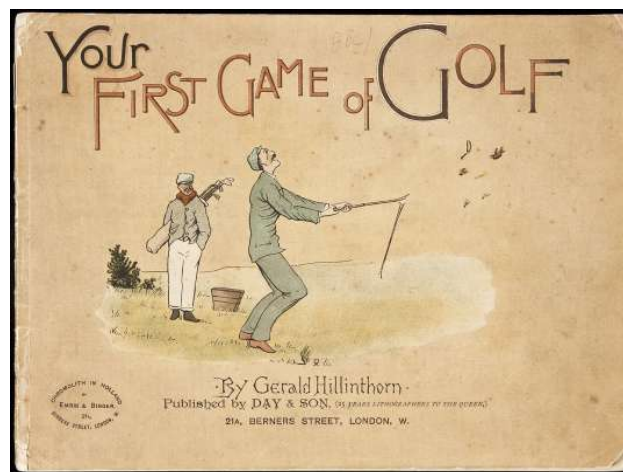
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### Books with Pictorial Covers

Can you ever judge a book by its cover? In the world of golf books, if you are collecting for the long term, perhaps you can, since they are among the most collectible.

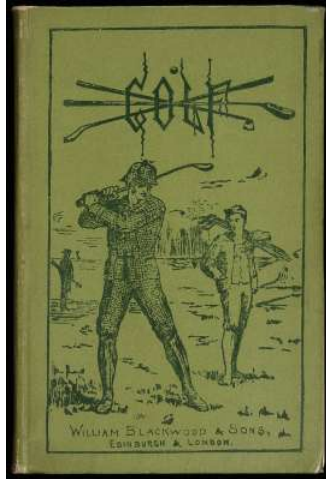
This month we feature twenty-three golf books with great eye appeal. It is too bad that the quality of book cover illustrations has deteriorated over the years. These featured gems offer a look back at how a bit of extra care and design made such a difference. A picture is indeed worth a thousand words, as these worthy books illustrate. Who hasn't at times felt like the golfer pictured on Hillinthorn's *Your First Game of Golf* (D & J H17500) which was done over 120 years ago?

Of our featured books, fifteen have the pictorial images as part of the cover, and in our view are the most interesting. The *Golfing Swing* (1913), *Inspired Golf* (1921) and *Locker Room Ballads* (1925) have pictorial labels added to the front covers. The last four books featured have their fabulous images on dust jackets, proving that jackets don't have to be bland, like many of today's sadly are. We have listed the books in chronological order to give the reader a sense of how designs have evolved over the years. The hey-day was in the Victorian, pre-war era.



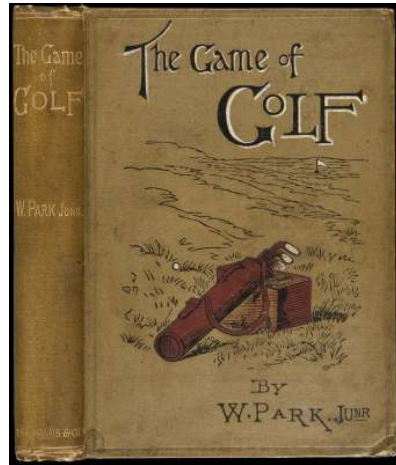
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*Your First Game of Golf* was published by Day & Son and notes that they were 25 years lithographers to the queen.

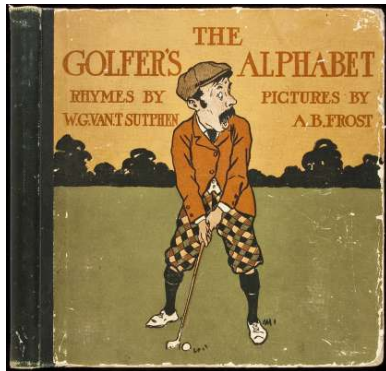


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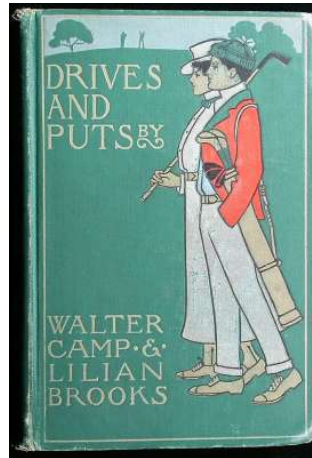
Horace Hutchinson's  
*Hints on the Game of Golf*  
A very early illustrated cover



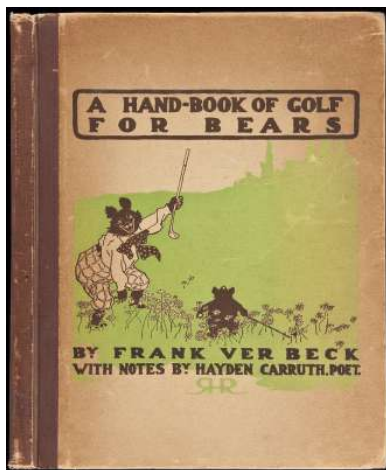
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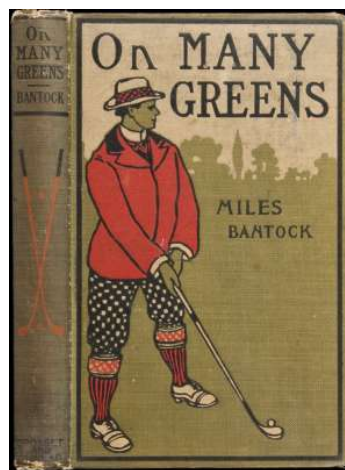
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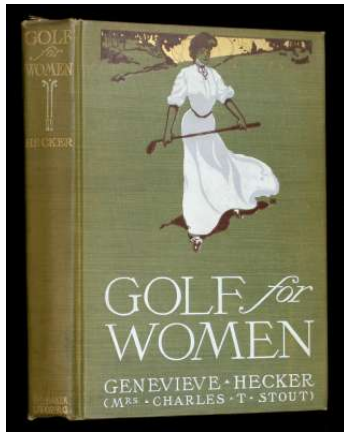
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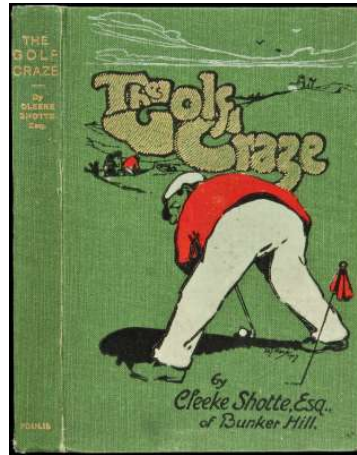
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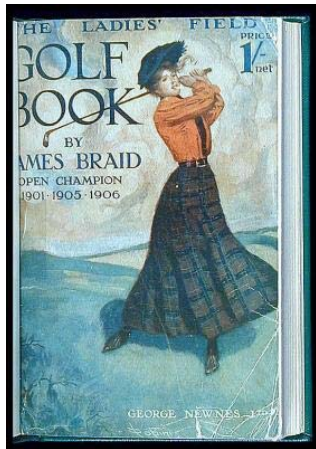
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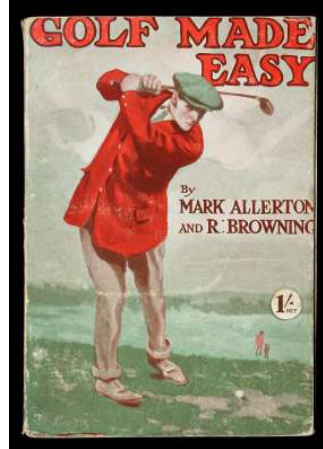
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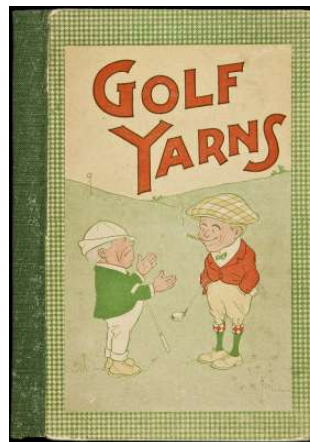
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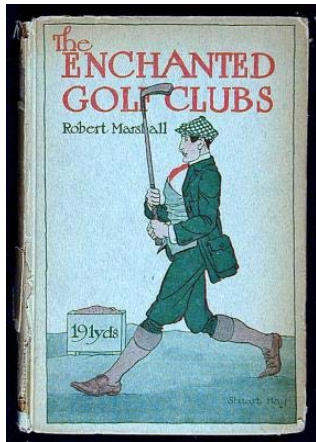
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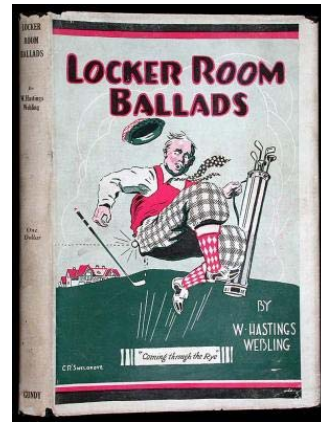
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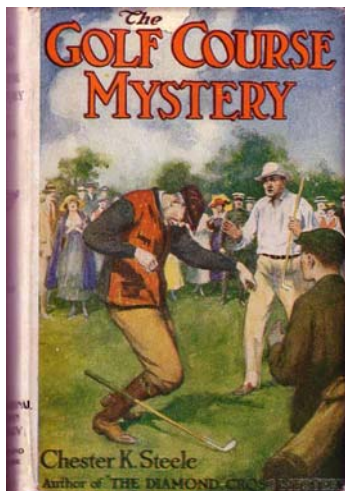
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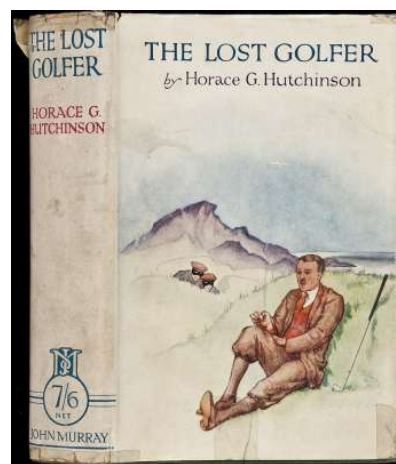
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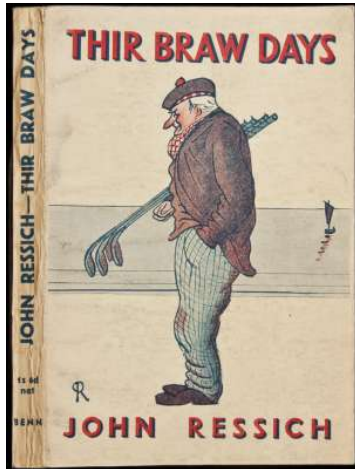
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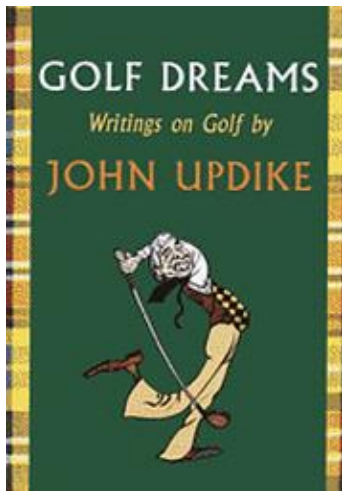


1933



1934

Modern covers don't have to be bland or generic. The Pulitzer Prize winner John Updike actually designed the cover of his *Golf Dreams* himself. The Australian edition of *The Golfer's Bedside Book* also represents another nice modern cover.



1996



1971