



David H. White : *A Stroke of Genius* : synopsis

Billy Scott eats, drinks and breathes golf. The Californian's goal is to play on the PGA Tour and make it big. That means winning big on the weekly tour, and ultimately winning Majors.

His attempt at winning the 2007 US amateur is foiled by a fierce rival, and his dream is temporarily derailed. Could that be his *fait accompli*?

A Stroke Of Genius is the tale of an extraordinarily talented young golfer. It's the story of his upbringing, and the close bonds he has with his father and his grandfather; both of whom are powerful inspirations in his pursuit of greatness. David H. White guides you through this young man's journey, his life and his personal relationships – including a romantic one.

This is Billy Scott's quest to become a champion at golf. Which, consequently, could lead him to become a champion at life.



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Billy and Dunn battled for 15 holes, with Dunn leading by one stroke. Billy crushed a drive 320 yards right down the pipe on the 16th. He hit a 6-iron 20 feet to the left of the hole and sank a right-to-left breaker for birdie and a share of the lead. On the 358-yard, par-4 17th, Billy crushed another drive 300 yards down the middle. Billy was now longer than Dunn; his dedication to his workouts and his drills with Charlie had paid off. Dunn answered by hitting it 290 yards down the heart of the fairway. Dunn smoothed a lob wedge 12 feet from the hole. Billy pulled his wedge 25 feet to the left of the hole. Billy missed sinking his putt by an inch, and Dunn came one revolution short of taking the lead. In match-play terms, they were all square going into the last hole, both at two under par.

A big gallery had formed behind the 17th green and moved over to the 18th. The Stanford and UCLA team members were with their respective leaders, as this match would determine the national championship. Amazingly, both teams had been even heading into this final twosome.

Billy walked by Matt Young. “You can do this, Billy,” Young said. “You’ve done it all year. I’ve got faith in you, pal.”

Coach Watson gave Billy a nod and a fist shake of encouragement.

Billy teed off first and hit the ball perfectly again about 300 yards down the left side of the fairway. Amazingly, Billy was getting impatient with 300-yard drives, as he was now used to hitting the ball 310 yards or better. Dunn also hit his ball the same distance.

“It’ll be over after this shot, Scott,” Dunn said to Billy snidely as they walked down the fairway. Billy tried to stay clear of Dunn during the round because he didn’t want to lose his cool, but this was unavoidable. Billy was building steam and was ready to take Dunn down. He knew he couldn’t fight him on the course, so he’d have to beat him on the scoreboard. He kept his mouth shut.

Dunn knocked his ball 20 feet from the pin. Billy hit next and put it inside Dunn’s ball, 15 feet away.

Dunn lined up his putt. The crowd was silent; it seemed to be holding its collective breath and waiting for a verdict on this hole. Dunn drew his putter back, smoothly brought it forward, and canned the putt. He ran around the cup, pumping his fist as his teammates stormed the green. The crowd went wild. Coach Watson was furious.

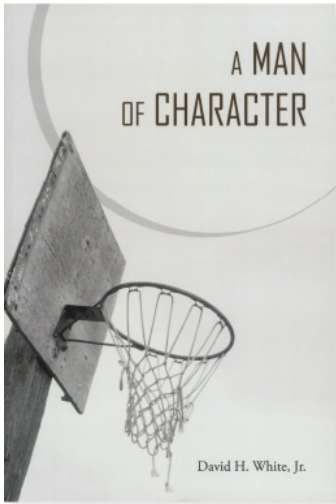
“Get them off of here,” Watson bellowed at the UCLA coach. The coach complied, but it took a long time to remove the players and settle the crowd.

Billy had maintained his composure up to this point, but the response from Dunn and his teammates rattled him. He couldn’t believe what had happened. He knew Dunn could make that putt but didn’t think he would. Dunn had not been putting well all day.

Billy gathered himself and remembered what his dad had told him in these situations: “Don’t worry about the competition; take care of your own game. You’ll win that way.” Man, he wished he had his dad here so he could just see him.

Billy felt this putt was for the team as much as it was for him. The team had worked so hard all year. He wanted to make this badly for Matt. This was Matt’s last go round.

david h white : previous works : *A Man of Character*



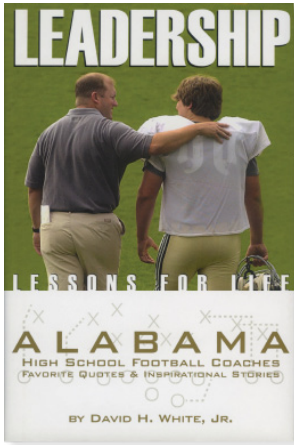
A Man of Character, is the story of a fictional coach, inspired by David White's many years covering high school basketball in inner city Birmingham, Alabama.

It was an inner city program that had gone in the tank. Drugs, alcohol and gangs had almost ruined Hillsborough High School. Their athletic program was hanging by a thread. The basketball program had won only one game in 2006-07.

Who could help this struggling school regain its self-respect? They hoped John Hawkins could, a 40-year old coach who had served 17 years as an assistant at prestigious Pasadena West High School under legendary coach Hank Estes, winner of multiple state championships and developer of high character kids.

John wasn't sure about taking the job, but when he did make the move to the inner-city Los Angeles school, he was determined to build a winning program on and off the court. This inspiring story chronicles John's journey and his quest to succeed in an incredibly difficult environment.

David H. White : previous works : *Leadership: Lessons for Life*



“The words in this book are far bigger than just football. The lessons that can be learned will work in every phase of a person’s life.”

– Pat Dye: Former Head Coach, Auburn University Tigers

“These great sayings and thoughts are a joy to read. This book should be highly recommended for athletes to read as a requirement early in their training.”

– Bobby Humphrey: Head Coach, The Birmingham Steeldogs, and former All America running back, Alabama Crimson Tide

“Leadership Lessons For Life is a great resource... It is entertaining, thought provoking, and gives insight into the men who are leading today’s youth.”

– Tommy Tuberville: Head Football Coach, Auburn University Tigers

“Leadership Lessons for Life is a book that transcends football. It is a book about life and the lessons high school student-athletes can learn from some of the best high school football coaches in Alabama. David White has done an excellent job. I highly recommend this book.”

– Watson Brown: Athletic Director & Head Football Coach, UAB Blazers

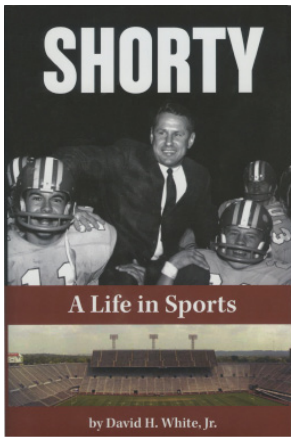
In fall of 2003, sportswriter David H. White, Jr. set out on a mission. His objective was to catalog the key principles and strategies coaches turn to when putting together winning game plans. His plan was to interview Alabama’s high school coaches while facing the workaday realities of a busy football season.

Over the months and the miles to follow, the author would discover that successful coaches are, in fact, more concerned about their players’ well-being - about the quality of their education and the scope of their personal development - than they are about the score on any given Friday night

The result of his travels is a book of useful quotes and inspirational stories, a collection of practical wisdom suitable for anyone, young or old, who may appreciate and profit from a gentle reminder of the ongoing significance of character in the life of our communities.

Organized in an accessible and original subject format, *Leadership Lessons* presents a coach’s paradigm for living a full life. In these chapters, the reader will find stories and quotes that reflect the shared values of the Alabama coaching community. The lessons learned on the field of competition are eloquent in their simplicity and powerful in their lasting effect.

david h white : previous works : *Shorty: A Life in Sports*



"If sports does indeed build character, then we need to recognize that character is developed not in the college and professional ranks, but in the earlier stages. David White has taken on a worthwhile endeavor to tell the story of Shorty White – a legend among high school coaches in a state where football is legendary."

– Ray Melick: Columnist, *The Birmingham News*

"Shorty White has been a positive influence in the lives of the young men he coached. His mental toughness combined with love for his players is what made him unique."

– Joey Jones: Head Football Coach, Birmingham-Southern College

"Coach White carried the reputation of being a demanding, hard-nosed, disciplined football coach. His positive impact on high school football in Alabama and on all of us who played for him was ... Huge."

– Major Ogilvie: University of Alabama football All-American

Shorty: A Life in Sports examines the life of high school football coaching legend George "Shorty" White – who won three Alabama state championships in 14 years at Birmingham's Banks High School, then coached running backs for "Bear" Bryant at Alabama. Shorty White is a man of discipline and character, successful in his career and in his personal life. A man of high standards and values, he coached with a passion; his dedication to his players was something that came naturally to him. He loved the kids and while he commandeered his troops in the old school tough-love manner, it worked with a group of blue-collar boys who aspired to please him. White was a master motivator and while he may have lacked in strategic knowledge, he made up for it with a desire to learn and improve his preparation and edification with respect to the game of football.

He struggled early as head coach of Banks High School in the early 60's, but in 1963 he started hitting his stride and won the state championship in 1965. He took Banks High School to the pinnacle of the sport, winning state championships in 1972 and 1973. In 1974, he was on the verge of winning his third straight title when his star quarterback, Jeff Rutledge, went down with a broken ankle in the last game of the season. Banks lost its playoff game to eventual state champion Homewood, but what White accomplished at a school with a smaller enrollment, playing in the toughest area in the state for football with powerhouses Woodlawn and West End among others, was a testament to White's mastery of his profession and his passion for his kids and his work.

He went on to the University of Alabama, working under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant coaching running backs and was part of national championships in 1978 and 1979. He retired from Alabama in 1981 and retired from coaching in 1995.

White was a legend in Alabama and coached in the game of the century on Nov. 8, 1974, the Banks-Woodlawn game at Legion Field before 42,000 fans. He was a winner as a coach and remains a winner at life. His story is an Alabama success story, an American success story.