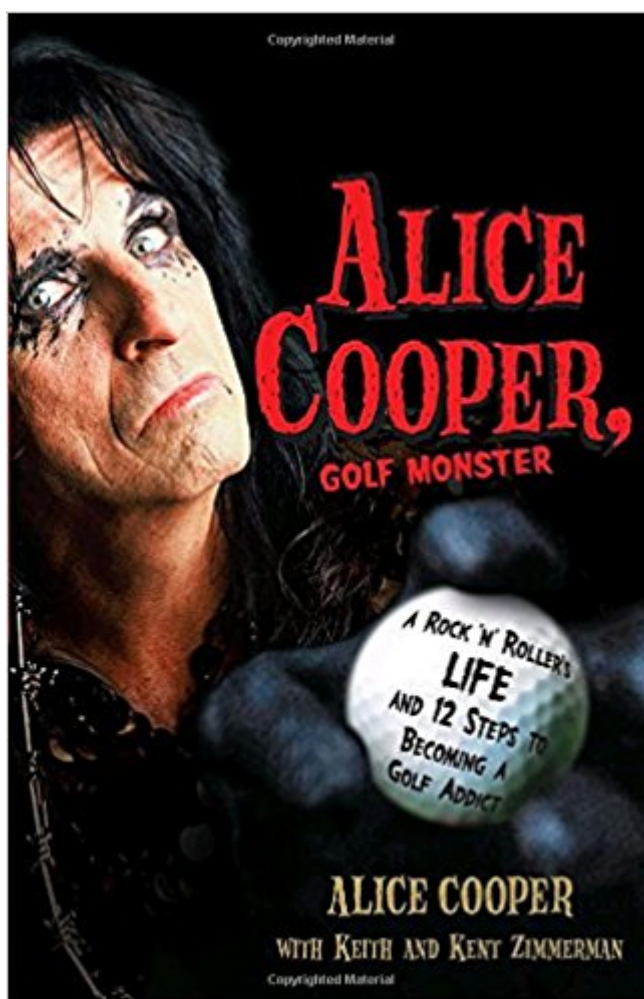


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# Alice Cooper, Golf Monster: A Rock 'n' Roller's Life And 12 Steps To Becoming A Golf Addict



## Synopsis

Wretched excess, rock stardom, and golf—from the man who invented shock rock. In this tell-all memoir, Alice Cooper speaks candidly about his life and career, including all the years of rock & roll history he's been a part of, the addictions he faced, and the surprising ways he found redemption. From a childhood spent as a minister's son worshiping baseball and rock & roll; to days on the road with his band, working to make a name for themselves; to stardom and the insanity that came with it, including a quart-of-whiskey-a-day habit; to drying out at a sanitarium back in the late '60s, Alice Cooper paints a rich and rockin' portrait of his life and his battle against addiction—fought by getting up daily at 7 a.m. to play 36 holes of golf. Alice tells hilarious, touching, and sometimes astounding stories about Led Zeppelin and the Doors, George Burns and Groucho Marx, John Daly and Tiger Woods . . . everyone is here from Dalí to Elvis to Arnold Palmer. Alice Cooper, *Golf Monster* is the incredible story of someone who rose through the rock & roll ranks releasing platinum albums and selling out arenas with his legendary act—all while becoming one of the best celebrity golfers around.

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With his first book, *Cooper*, the original shock rocker, attempts to combine autobiography and golf manual in one snappy narrative; that both parts are equally half-baked hardly matters, as Cooper's simple, frank account of his 40-plus years in the rock and roll biz is great entertainment. Cooper started playing golf in the early 1980s—as many as 36 holes a day—to fill his post-rehab days and

keep him from the destructive spiral of alcoholism. Thus, golf plays a vital role in this memoir; indeed, without golf, Cooper might no longer be alive-and not incidentally, the rock legend has since become one of the best players on the pro-am tournament circuit. Cooper devotes 12 sections to his "steps of golf addiction" ("Be a Good Imitator," "Let the Adreneline Flow," "Play with Those who Inspire You"), interspersed between short chapters that present a Cliff's Notes version of his life. Revelations include the truth behind the infamous 1969 incident in which Cooper threw a live chicken into a rabid Detroit audience, an unexpected backstage encounter with Liberace and Cooper's late-life conversion to Christianity. While there's more here for fans of Alice Cooper's music than his fellow golfing nuts, the man deserves credit for finding a way to tell his life story that's as unconventional as the life itself. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

“Alice writes like he golfs: straight and right down the middle. Like a lot of us golf addicts, he's spent his fair share of his life getting out of the rough and back onto the green. If you're like me and only read like a book a year (OK, like every decade), this should be the one.”

•John Daly “What a blast from the past, and such insight to the future! Alice Cooper, Golf Monster shares Alice's personal life mission, interwoven with great stories and characters from the 60's through the present in Rock and Roll. Not to mention some wonderful golf tips and experiences, humorously presented. Thank you Alice, for a nice ride!”

•Michael Douglas, actor and creator of the Michael Douglas & Friends Charity Golf Tournament “Few things are more surreal than playing golf with a guy named Alice. But by the time you reach the second tee, you realize that No More Mr. Nice Guy is one of the wittiest and engaging playing partners you've ever had. Plus, the guy can play! For those who aren't likely to experience the pleasure of a quiet, leisurely round with the man who spends his nights singing "School's been blown to pieces," this book provides the next best thing.”

•Steve Eubanks, author of Golf Freek “Debauchery, demons and divots! This is the only book I've ever read that should come in 3-D; the crazy stories come right at you from Sinatra to KISS to the Moscow Golf Club.”

•Gary McCord, author of Golf for Dummies From the Hardcover edition.

If you don't know much about Alice Cooper, this is a great book, and really provides insight into Alice as a person, and how he has turned his life around. I was an Alice Cooper fan before, and an even bigger one now. A fun and easy read.

If you don't like Alice Cooper there's something wrong with you. Out of all the rock bios I've read this is one of the best. Seems like he's just an average joe with a ton of drive (pun intended). I've never been interested in golf but Mr. double eagle has me thinking about playing a round now. Oddly enough rock stars playing golf seem to be a pretty common thing. Don't be fooled by the title. This book also has a ton of good insight as to what it took for those guys to make it. Alice Cooper was and still is the original shock rock band that your parents were afraid of. I'm glad I was part of the generation that got to live part of it. Pretty cool that he was Groucho's pal among others like John Lennon, Frank Sinatra etc. etc. good read.

I love this guy! His music is still rocking and he is still the shock rocker I remember as a teenager. His concerts are still filled with energy and macabre imagery. I saw him in concert June 2012 for the Welcome 2 My Nightmare tour. He still has what his audiences are looking for; mixing new material with his classics high energy, entertainment and some totally awesome music! His life was filled with things that would have killed us lesser human beings, but he is a survivor. This book is about his life. His struggles with alcohol addiction (before the time of Betty Ford clinics), the love of a good woman, turning down advances from Mae West and Raquel Welch are all woven into his life with GOLF!!! As much as I would love to meet him some day, I could never play golf with him. He has a 2 handicap!!

I'm a longtime fan of music, and I have read my share of music biography's through the years. Everything from Kiss, Grand Funk Railroad, The Beatles, Aerosmith, Motley Crue to name a few. I have never read a biography as good as Alice Cooper's book! It is very well written and you can almost hear the legend narrating the book himself. It's a great read which bounces between Alice's history and his many incredible stories, to his golf tips, and back. Alice tackles pretty much everything including his Christian faith, which may surprise some. His fans, like me, already know. Alice is a class act, who puts other rockers to shame with constant caring and giving and the humble person that he really is. If you are a Cooper fan, you should already have this. If you are a rock fan who is looking for a very good read, this is your book! I hope Alice writes another one!

I read the book on recommendation from a friend. I would never have done it otherwise, since I am totally uninterested in golf. I was surprised that I really enjoyed the whole thing, even the golf parts. The reason I don't rate it five stars is that he goes on with a little too much namedropping from time to time. Part from that, I really enjoyed the reading and Alice Cooper seems to be a really nice guy.

I've never been into football. Nevertheless, I really like the TV show "Friday Night Lights," even during the football scenes. It's all about football, and yet, it's all about people. I have a similar like for "Alice Cooper, Golf Monster." I don't golf. I would tend to agree with Mark Twain when he said, "Golf is a good walk spoiled." But even though ACGM is filled with lots and lots of talk about golf, and a good swing, it manages to remain interesting. Yes, it's about golf, but it's still about Alice. There are stories about Elvis, Donovan, Groucho Marx, Zappa, and dozens of others. I've always liked the music of Alice Cooper. When I learned, years ago, of his Christianity, I felt like a brother had come home. No, I've never met the man, but somehow, I feel a connection. Silly, maybe, but I do. (I've seen him once in concert, and can't wait for him to return to Fort Wayne, IN.) So, reading this book was, to me, like listening to an old friend. The stories, the insights, the drama, and the humor; they're all there. Occasionally, I find his theology a little too religious for my tastes, but I'm big on "agree to disagree." If you enjoy golf, or rock-n-roll, you find this a very interesting read. If you hate golf, or rock-n-roll, you will still find this an interesting read. Addiction. Redemption. The return of the prodigal. Timeless themes as seen through the mascara-laden eyes of rock legend. PS. My wife also liked it.

I enjoyed this book, but I would have liked Alice Cooper to go into more of the complete story of the band and his solo career, as well as his personal life. It felt like it jumped around a lot. Given the title of the book and the author's love of golf, I expected golf to be included in the book, although at times it felt more golf oriented than a biography. Hoping he'll write a more detailed account in the future.

I had always liked some Alice Cooper songs, saw clips of his stage shows, and had always been intrigued. I finally got the chance to see him twice this year and loved the show. I decided I wanted to know more about him and I found this book. I came away liking him more and couldn't put the book down. There are so many great stories and he takes you through the ups and downs of his life. I highly recommend this book. Great and interesting read.

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