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## Bernhard Langer: My Autobiography



GERMANY HAS produced some great sportsmen - Boris Becker, Franz Beckenbauer and Michael Schumacher to name a few - and you can certainly add Bernhard Langer to that multi-talented list. Undoubtedly one of Europe's most successful and resilient golfers, Langer's many highs (double US Masters success, Ryder Cup glories) and lows (succumbing to the dreaded putting yips and missing that crucial Ryder Cup putt at Kiawah Island in 1991) are covered in-depth in this new book.

● **Bernhard Langer: My Autobiography** is published by Hodder and Stoughton and costs £17.99 (hardback).

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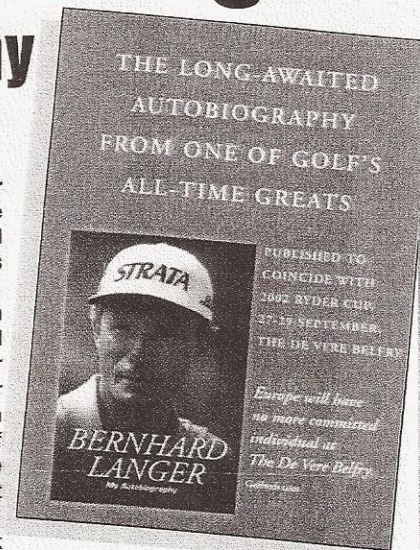
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**B**ernhard Langer has hovered in the upper echelons of golf for over twenty years. He has been ranked both European and World Number One, and has won over fifty tournaments including the US Masters in 1985 and 1993.

This is the long-awaited official autobiography from one of golf's all time greats - possibly the most admired golfer still playing on the professional circuit. Langer grew up in Germany, the son of a Czech-born father who settled in Bavaria after jumping a Russian prisoner-of-war train bound for Siberia. Despite golf being a minor sport in Germany, Langer took up the game aged seven through caddying, turning pro at the extremely young age of fifteen.

It has not been easy for him to remain at the peak of the game. He famously struggles with and has conquered adversity in the form of the putting 'yips'. He writes in his book: "At times my putting was so bad that people were coming to watch me - but in the manner of people who go to motor-racing to see a crash!"

He talks candidly about his successes and failures, the faith that inspires him and what the future might hold. Who was Langer's first golfing hero? What makes him tick? How did he overcome those 'yips'? How does his family cope with all his touring? What is his relationship like with the media?



He is a man of perseverance and belief and, as a devout Christian, helps to organise the regular meetings of the Tour Bible Class.

"Getting the balance between my work, my family and God is the challenge I strive for."

This book has been written with the help of Stuart Weir, a writer and a director of Christians in Sport, a registered charity which exists to promote a Christian presence in the world of sport.