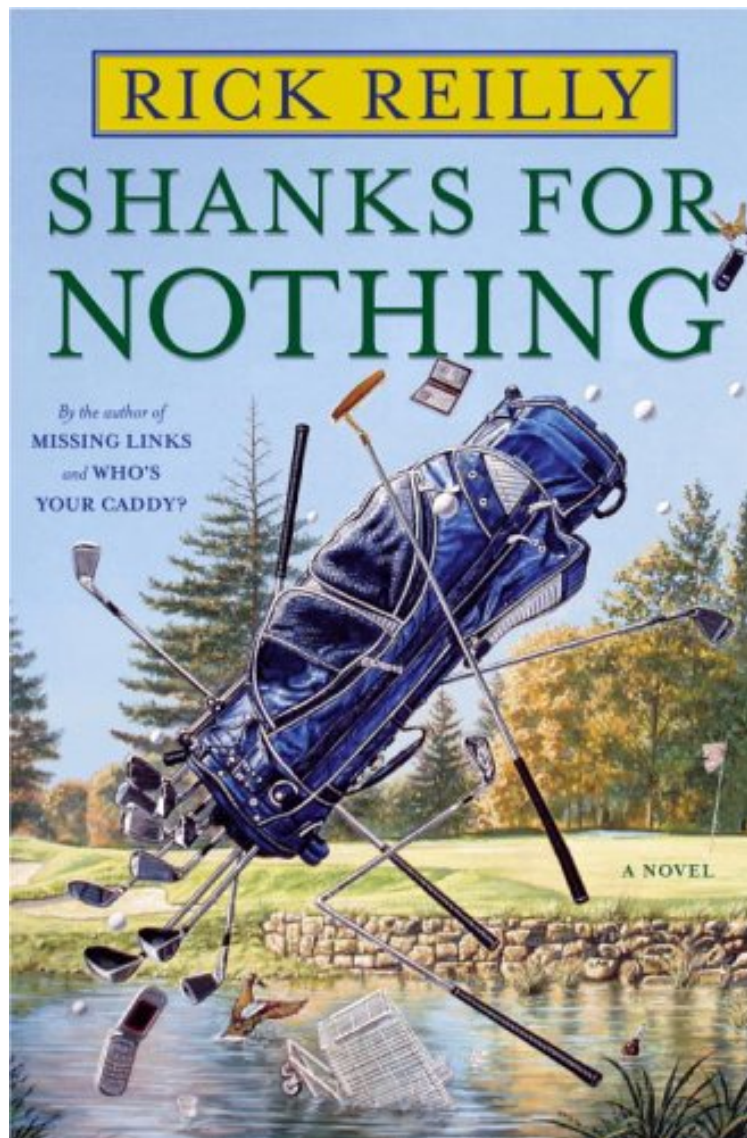


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the following review helpful. Absolutely Hilarious Follow-up to "Missing Links" By Slazlo "Shanks For Nothing" was an absolutely hilarious sequel to "Missing Links." What Reilly does so well in these two novels (at least for me) is make the characters so real, it's easy to relate to their respective idiosyncrasies. I was literally laughing out-loud throughout most of the book! The only bad thing I can say is that I ordered "Shanks For Nothing" about a week prior to some air travel I had upcoming and I was hoping to read the book on the plane. Curiosity won over and by the time I departed, I only had about 30 pages left to finish the book which I did before we reached 10,000 feet!!! Buy this, but read "Missing Links" first! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Long and not so straight - Again! By J. OberReilly does it again with the lovable characters from "Missing Links" and the not so lovable golf course affectionately known as Ponky. The book picks up about 10 years later with the same hijinks and fun loving golf. A few new people are added in and they just make the group that much more colorful. Dom, "The World's Most Sexual Man", is hilarious in his attempts to get the new girl behind the counter at Ponky. The gambling is at the forefront again and our hero, Ray Hart, has to face some past demons as well as some current sticky situations. Well worth the read, great humor and just plain fun. Please make sure not to pull a Kathy Bates/Misery on Reilly so he will continue the series after reading this one.

The hilarious sequel to Rick Reilly's beloved bestselling golf novel *Missing Links* Life is going pretty well for Raymond "Stick" Hart. He's happily married to the former Ponkaquogue Municipal Golf Club assistant pro, the beauteous Cajun firecracker Dannie, raising his rambunctious son, Charlie, and getting by writing smart-mouthed greeting cards for fifty bucks a pop. Best of all, nothing has changed at Ponky, the worst golf course in America. You still have to hook it past the toxic waste dump on No. 1 and under the billboard on No. 8, the fried-egg sandwiches are terrible but cheap, and his pal Two Down is always up for a sucker bet. Then, one disaster of a day, Stick's world does a ten-car pile-up. The cheapskate bastard owner of Ponky announces he's retiring to a nudist camp in Florida and selling the club to the Mayflower Club next door, a bastion of blue-blood snobbery that plans to pave Ponky over. Worse, its membership includes Stick's hated father. Who promptly drops dead. Just before Stick's pal Two Down loses \$12,000 to a golf hustler who turns out to be funded by the Russian mob. Which is about the same time that Hoover, Ponky's worst golfer and the owner of an impressive array of useless golf gadgets purchased with his wife's money, learns she'll cut him off if he doesn't break a hundred in one month. Then a practical joke makes Dannie believe that Stick's been stepping out with the gorgeous new clubhouse girl, the eye-popping Kelly, and he's soon living on the forty-year-old couch in the Ponky clubhouse. Luckily, Stick has a solution to all his problems. He'll qualify for the British Open.

From Publishers Weekly In this madcap sequel to Reilly's golf farce *Missing Links*, little has changed at Ponkaquogue Municipal Golf Links and Deli (a.k.a. Ponky)-arguably America's worst golf course. Boston-area legend Ray Hart, groomed by his father for golf greatness, continues to ply his trade as a greeting card writer while hanging out with his pals at Ponky. Ray's "collection of no-account friends" includes "half-man, half-cappuccino" Two Down, Hoover (so named because he "sucks" at golf), Dom, the "World's Most Sexual Man," and Ray's spitfire five-handicap wife Dannie. The thin plot centers on the proposed sale of Ponky to the adjacent, upscale Mayflower Club for use as a parking lot. Ponky's regulars can't imagine life without their wretched refuge and hatch a plot to save the course that includes Ray flying to England to try qualifying for the British Open. The outcome is predictable, and Reilly never relents on the puns, sports and celebrity metaphors and double-entendres, occasionally crossing the line from irreverence to poor taste. The usually reliable Reilly shanks too many shots here to make par, but his fans-and they are legion-likely won't mind. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist The "chops" from Ponky (Ponkaquogue Municipal Golf Course and Deli) are in trouble. A little backstory is required: Raymond "Stick" Hart and his regular fivesome, the chops (*Missing Links*, 1996), enjoy the occasional, somewhat unconventional wager (Ray, for example, gives Leonard "Two-Down" Petrovitz a half-shot a hole, plus a 100-yard head start, plus one throw a side). Now, however, their freewheeling approach to the gentlemanly game is at risk: the owner wants to sell Ponky, renowned as "America's worst golf links," to the blue-blood country club next door, whose members intend to turn it into a parking lot. It's up to the chops to save Ponky, but their first scheme, pitting scratch-golfer Ray against a mobbed-up con man in a big-money match, goes bad, prompting the gang to devise ever-more outlandish schemes to save their hides and their course. No one (except perhaps Dan Jenkins in his prime) does the comic golf novel better than Reilly, and if he loads a few too many subplots into this one, who's counting? After all, at Ponky you can carry as many clubs in your bag as you like. Bill Ott Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved Praise for *Missing Links* "The best golf novel in decades."—*Boston Herald* "Part Damon Runyon, part Raymond Chandler, and part Caddyshack . . . I was hooked for the full 18."—*Entertainment Weekly* "You don't need to know your bogeys from your birdies to find at least three laughs per page in this novel."—*New York Times Book* "Snappy prose, believable characters, and the funniest take on blue-collar hacking and gambling since Dan Jenkins's *The Glory Game at Boat Hill* . . . it's social satire and pure irreverence that keep this story in the grove."—*Los Angeles Times* "A great piece of fiction."—*Denver Post* "Easily the

wittiest golf novel yet, the Bull Durham of the genre, and the closest thing to Caddyshack on paper we're likely to get."—Kirkus s" Somebody forgot to tell Rick Reilly that you can't put sex, laughs, tragedy, suspense, and real relationships into a golf novel. Golf novels are supposed to be about somebody in Scotland discovering the Vardon grip."—Dan Patrick, ESPN commentator "This is golf as I know it, lewd, rude, and very shrewd . . . Rick Reilly has captured golf on its primal table. Full of characters from the other end of the food chain."—Gary McCord, CBS commentator