

My Favorite Girlfriend by Paul Sturm

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Get ready to dive into the hilarious and heartwarming coming-of-age memoir, "My Favorite Girlfriend". Follow the journey of a scrawny, funny-looking, yet naturally athletic kid who leverages his skills on the basketball court to help his tiny New Jersey high school secure their first-ever State Basketball Championship in 1966.

Comparable to the beloved movie "Hoosiers", this memoir is packed with action, drama, and unexpected victories. But that's not all - the author's constant search for love and a girlfriend is also a central theme. From kindergarten crushes to woeful failures and ultimate success, this story is a rollercoaster of emotions and experiences.

Join the author on his journey as he details the trials and tribulations of numerous relationships, all leading up to the ultimate love story of his life - his favorite girlfriend.

Get ready to laugh, cry, and cheer as you follow the story of a young man trying to find his place in the world - both on and off the court.

Reviewed by Sheri Hoyte for Reader Views (06/2022): "My Favorite Girlfriend" by Paul Sturm is a delightful coming-of-age memoir about a scrawny, wisecracking kid who aspires to become his very best self in order to achieve happiness and success, both in life, and with his favorite girlfriend.

The story follows the author from kindergarten through his time at college. A blended coming-of-age, romance, and sports memoir, the story holds wide-level audience appeal, regaling readers with its endearing charm and witty prose. It's a throw-back to simpler times, a reminder to enjoy every moment of our lives and a message that just might inspire readers to rise above any self-induced limitations and

take a chance with that girl, try out for the basketball team, or anything else that might take you outside your comfort zone to realize your dreams.

A little girl named Rosie sets an ominous though adorable tone for Paul's future relationships during playtime one day in kindergarten, when she sucker-punches the author for complimenting her on her pink-ruffled underwear. Rambunctious young man that he is, Paul returns her endearment with a punch of his own—right to little Rosie's gut. Not a good start to his experiences with the "fairer" sex. The author will meet many Rosie's on his quest to find his favorite girlfriend, though the violence dips dramatically from that point, thankfully.

Laced throughout the book are nostalgic musings of the author's athletic pursuits. Sports enthusiasts will enjoy play-by-play commentary of his achievements in sports during his school years.

One thing that is apparent throughout the book is that Paul Sturm had a great time writing "My Favorite Girlfriend" and he is a wonderful storyteller. His enthusiasm and excitement in the story's telling were captivating. The entire story is an upbeat, hilarious adventure. Even his less than fruitful endeavors are held in high esteem as irreplaceable events that shaped him into the person he is today. His wit shines through every page, and I was impressed by his vivid recollections of the past.

"My Favorite Girlfriend" by Paul Sturm is an adventurous and lively story that all ages will enjoy.

OnlineBookClub.org review of "My Favorite Girlfriend" by Paul Sturm: Paul has a penchant for unattainable women who have it all—beauty, intelligence, and, unfortunately, the ability to snuff out his dreams with one look. As early as Paul could remember, nothing motivated him like the possibility of being noticed by these types of girls. And he learned quickly that most of his attempts were futile—simply pining for their attention wasn't getting him anywhere. Paul needed to up the ante. That's when he discovered basketball and his natural athleticism that, if channeled effectively, could work in his favor. Perhaps if he had excelled at the game on the court, he could score some points off the court as well. Maybe it would stir up lusty stares instead of the usual eye rolls.

Would Paul receive the warm reception he desperately sought, or would he continue to strike out? This wildly entertaining book will give readers all the answers.

In *My Favorite Girlfriend* by Paul Sturm, the author candidly shares the trials and tribulations of his experiences with the opposite sex. The book follows a linear path from kindergarten in New York to his youth and teenage years in Park Ridge, New Jersey. Not only does Paul reflect on his awkward encounters with females, but he also writes about his time playing basketball on his school's team.

The best part of the book was Paul's knack for storytelling. I happily tore through the pages, endlessly entertained by his recollections. I found it endearing that he had a self-deprecating sense of humor. Many of his memories involved being riled by his teammates for his size (mainly lack of girth), being described as "funny-looking" by a female, and calling his appearance "underwhelming." The author seemed to take all the ridicule in stride, relying on his quick wit and sense of humor to get him through. He proved that you miss out on all the fun if you take yourself too seriously.

I found Paul's stories to be giggle-inducing and surprisingly relatable, so if you have a sense of humor, this book is for you.

Editorial Review by BooksGoSocial of My Favorite Girlfriend: Which line stood out from all the others in the book? After all my dating, I was and remain appreciative of every relationship with women along the way, for even if I was unceremoniously dumped, ignored, scolded, or taunted for my behavior, these beautiful women I described in this book spent quality time with me, and helped me recognize how a relationship with a woman can be exhilarating beyond words on so many levels.

General Summary for Context: A riotous and heartfelt story about a boy who, despite not being good-looking or charismatic, manages to somehow worm his way into the lives and hearts of so many young girls. The end result of many of these encounters and "relationships" (for lack of a better word) leads poor Paul to persist (and persist some more) even in the face of rejection and ridicule. He has a habit of veering in on girls who are far more attractive than him, with results that are both comical and demeaning. However, he is nothing if not extremely persistent, and we are privileged to accompany him on his quest to find the perfect girlfriend for him.

Concise Review: It's a riot of a memoir as we share in the experiences (both positive and negative) as the protagonist in the story selects any number of gorgeous and brilliant girls, often gets rejected, brushes himself off, and begins anew in his quest to find the perfect girlfriend he can spend the rest of his life with. No easy feat, since Paul is neither particularly attractive, particularly smart or particularly clever. As this changes throughout his lifetime, as he becomes both smarter and athletically gifted, he becomes somewhat more successful in the dating game. We cheer his successes and cringe at his failures, even being rejected by ugly women. He somehow manages to take everything in his stride, and even severely hurting his ankle and therefore limiting his chances at obtaining a basketball scholarship, doesn't deter him from his ultimate goal. Will he eventually find the perfect girlfriend or is he destined to remain alone and loveless his entire life?

General thoughts on the Novel: I loved this memoir and found it to be unlike anything I have ever read before. Told in the first person with wry touches of realism, humor and good-naturedness, we are able to experience and intimately feel exactly what Paul is going through. It's a wonderful ride and I recommend it to anyone looking for a story that is truly entertaining as well as touching. It hits the ball out of the field as it provides the reader with a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Don't miss out!

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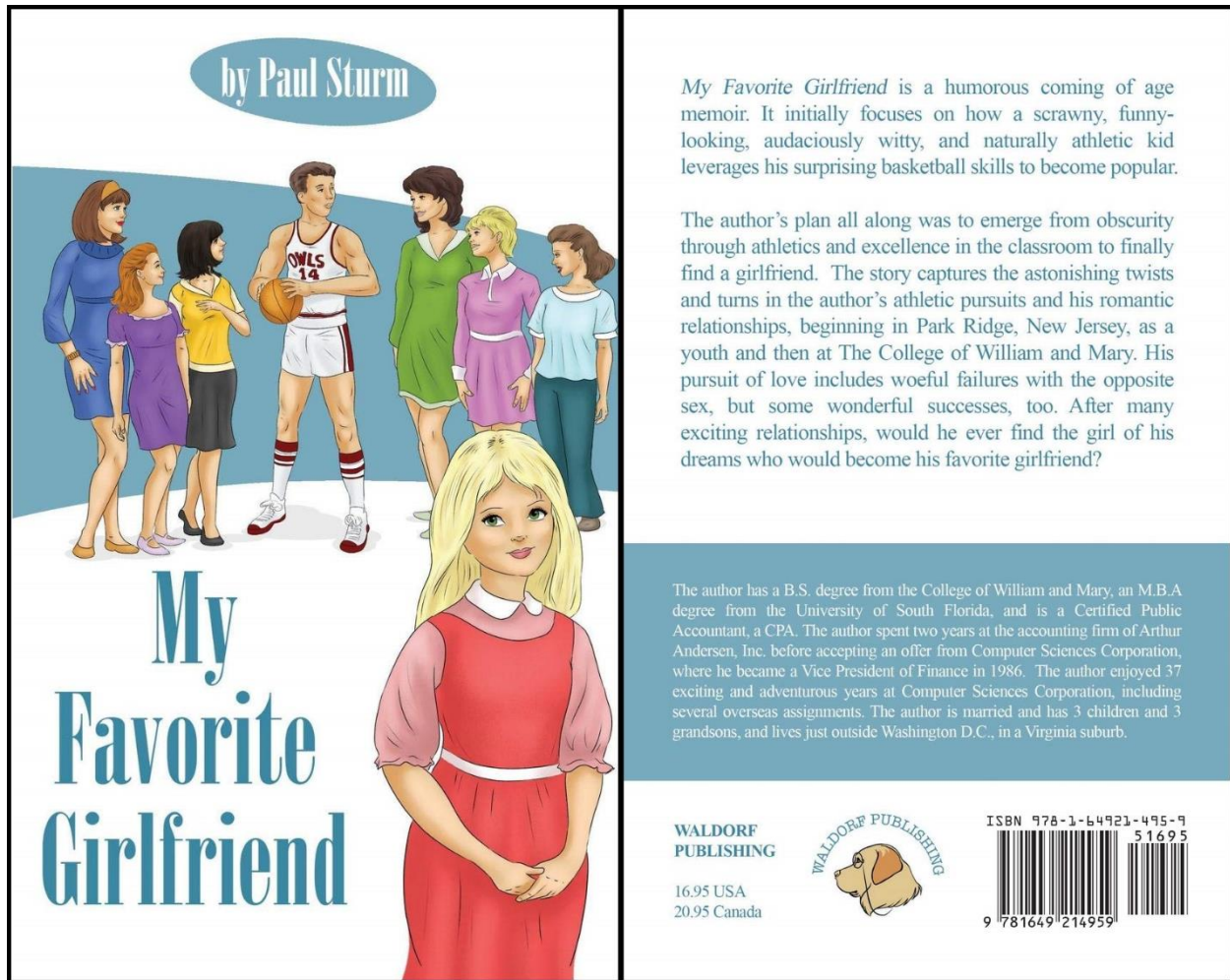
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Laugh-Out-Loud Funny For Young And Old Alike!

If you enjoyed Bill Bryson's book, 'The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid,' and Russell Baker's book, 'Growing Up,' you will thoroughly enjoy the hilarious, coming-of-age, romantic comedy, 'My Favorite Girlfriend,' by Paul Sturm. This heartwarming, humorous, and entertaining memoir details how a scrawny, funny-looking, audaciously witty kid leveraged his surprising athletic skills in basketball and his creative imagination in the classroom to become popular. The story is really a romantic comedy identifying the author's constant desire for a girlfriend, as early as kindergarten.

The story captures the uproarious twists and turns in the author's romantic relationships and his athletic pursuits, beginning in Park Ridge, New Jersey, as a youth, and then at The College of William and Mary. His comical pursuit of love, despite his less than impressive appearance, includes woeful failures with the opposite sex, but some wonderful times, too. After many exciting relationships, would he ever find the girl of his dreams?

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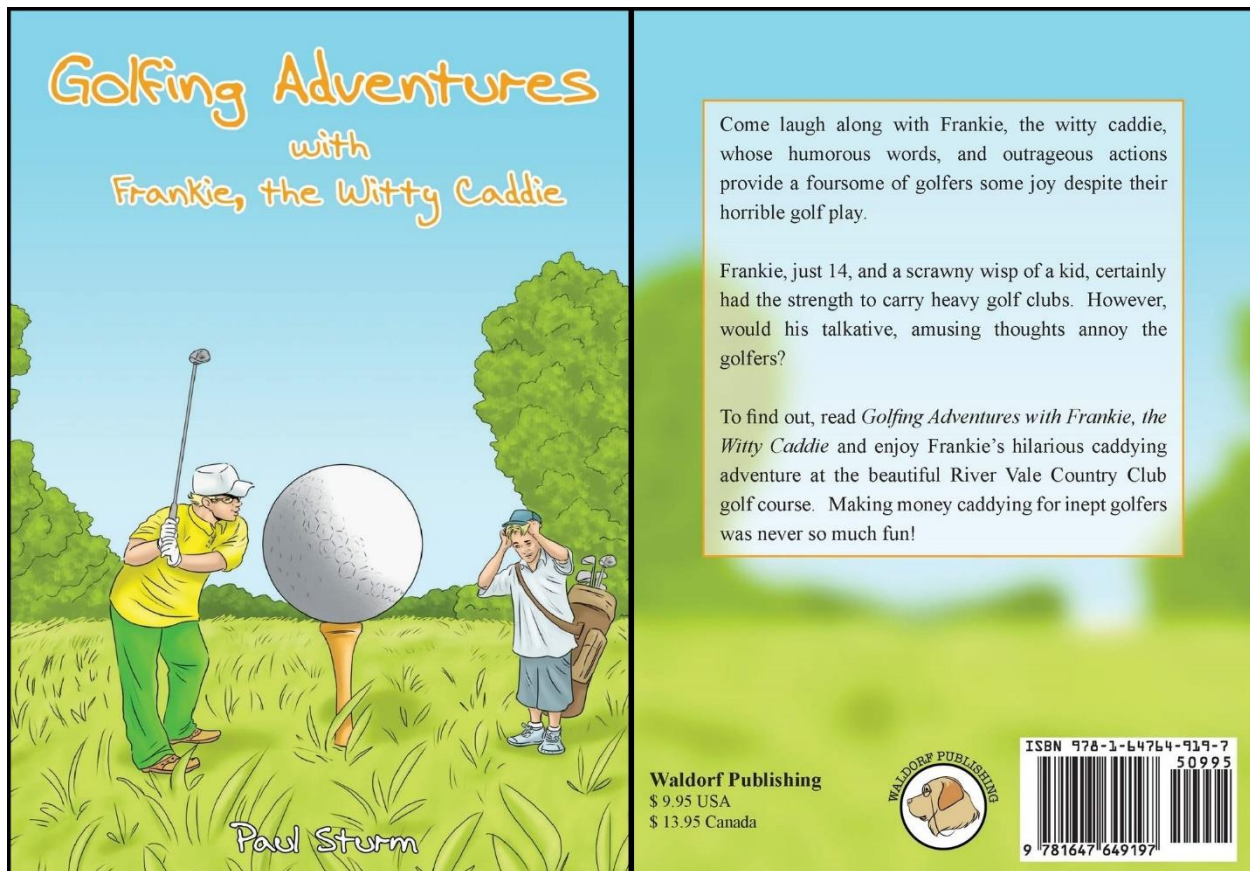
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Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie by Paul Sturm

If you enjoy entertaining, fun-loving, and humorous stories, then come laugh along with Frankie, the witty caddie, whose uproarious, comical words and outrageous, zany antics provide a foursome of golfers some unique experiences during their horrible golf play.

Frankie, just 14 and a scrawny wisp of a kid, certainly had the strength to carry heavy golf clubs. However, would his talkative, amusing thoughts and deeds annoy the golfers?

To find out, read "Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie," and enjoy Frankie's hilarious, frolicsome, high-spirited caddying adventure at the beautiful River Vale Country Club golf course. Making money entertaining inept golfers was never so much fun!

Reviewed by Sheri Hoyte for Reader Views Kids (06/2022). 4* Lively escapades of a new caddie.

Whether you're already a fan of the game, are interested in learning more, or simply want to bask in some hilarious outdoor adventures from the comfort of your couch, "Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie" and "More Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie" provide the perfect summer escape—all from the luscious grounds of the River Vale Country Club golf course.

The stories are told from the viewpoint of Frankie, a 14-year-old entrepreneur always on the lookout for ways to make money. Problem is, the small town holds scarce opportunities for the enterprising young teen. When his dream job in sanitation turns to rubbish, Frankie tries selling subscriptions to the local newspaper. Though articulate and good-natured, Frankie cannot secure a single signing and realizes sales are not in his future either. He soon resorts to doing odd jobs such as mowing lawns, raking leaves and even takes on a few gigs in babysitting. When Frankie's good friend Ozzie regales him with tales of his new job as a caddie, Frankie knows this is the perfect hustle for him.

Readers will delight in Frankie's chameleon-like abilities to adapt to his surroundings. This is evident in his very first moments on the course—Frankie doesn't know a thing about golf, but that doesn't deter him. On the contrary, he quickly picks up on all the nuances of the game and makes himself indispensable. He just as quickly realizes the golfers he is caddying for are somewhat inept, to say the least, thus providing a backdrop for lively, entertaining adventures, along with some creative advice from a witty and sarcastic teen.

Author Paul Sturm is a charming storyteller. I found myself laughing out loud many times throughout the stories, sympathizing and empathizing with the brave young caddies and the bungling golfers they attended. I golf occasionally and my husband golfs several times a week, so we are well-versed in the mishaps of the game and the mysterious allure that keeps golfers enchanted. Along with countless travails of the golfers (and the caddies) readers will also pick up helpful tips and rules of the game.

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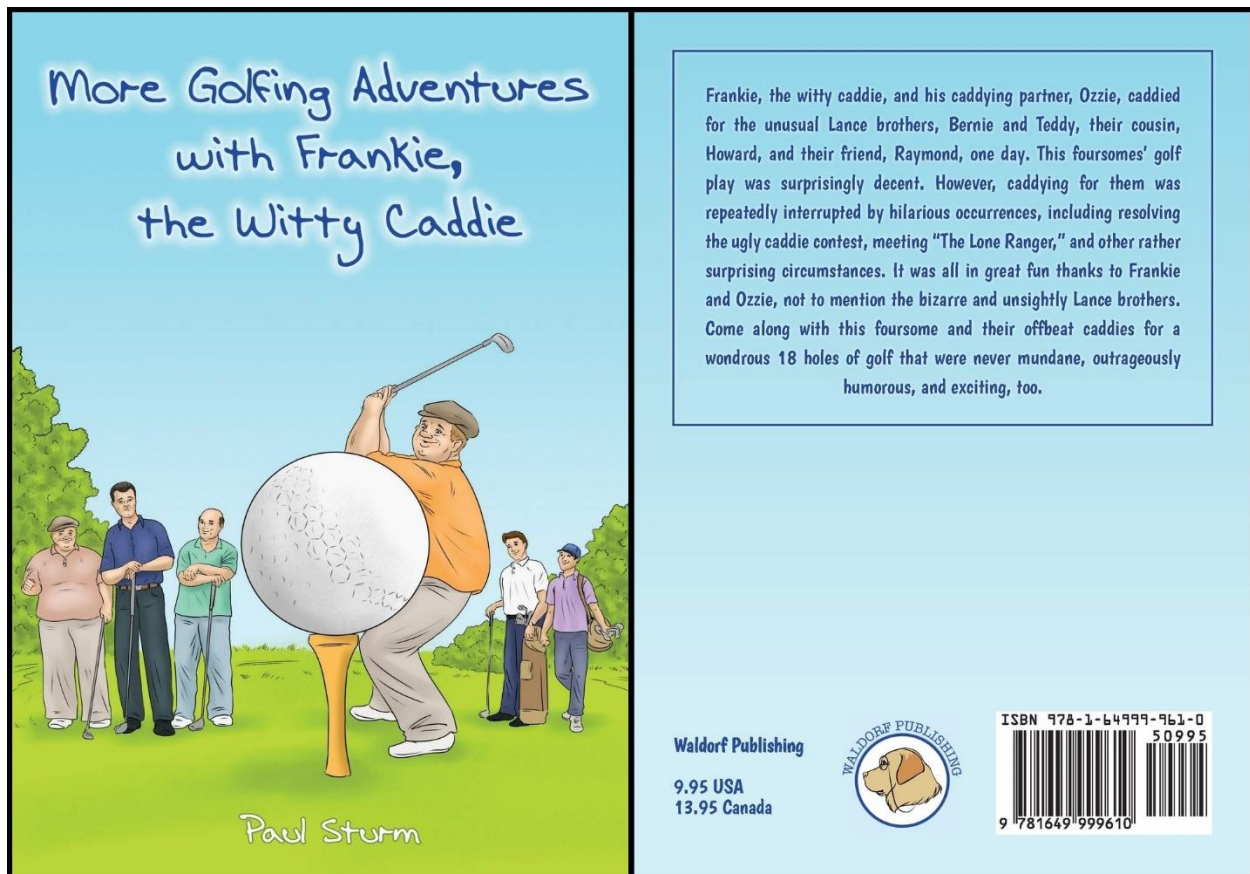
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More Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie by Paul Sturm

Frankie still has what it takes to make your golfing day....

Frankie, the witty, light-hearted caddie, and his caddying partner, Ozzie, caddied for a very unusual group of golfers. This foursome's golf play was surprisingly decent.

However, caddying for them was repeatedly interrupted by humorous, uproarious, and wacky occurrences, including resolving the ugly caddie contest, meeting "The Lone Ranger," and other surprising circumstances.

Come along on an entertaining 18 holes of golf with these offbeat, quirky caddies and their farcical foursome whose antics will keep you thoroughly entertained from tee off until the clubhouse.

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**Paul Sturm: Humorous Author and Speaker.**

Paul started writing poems as a teenager, attempting to impress young ladies, though to no avail except for a smile or two. Many years later, the author was working in a high-pressure career prompting him to escape by reading and writing for the fun of it. The author's amusing sense of humor provided the perfect backdrop for his hilarious books.

Another important aspect of his writing could be gleaned from an episode of *The Twilight Zone* titled "Walking Distance." In that episode, a traveling executive has car trouble on a country road. The man walks to the small town nearby where he was born and discovers himself as a boy once more. The author, in a manner, revels in writing amusing tales of his youth growing up in a small town, allowing him to be a spirited young boy once more.

Paul has a B.S. degree from The College of William and Mary, an M.B.A. degree from the University of South Florida, and is a Certified Public Accountant, a CPA. The author spent 2 years at the accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, Inc., before accepting an offer from Computer Sciences Corporation, where he became a Vice President of Finance in 1986. The author enjoyed 37 exciting and adventurous years at Computer Sciences Corporation, including several overseas assignments in Malaysia, India, and Europe.

The author has written 3 amusing, entertaining, and fun-loving books, including *My Favorite Girlfriend*, *Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie*, and *More Golfing Adventures with Frankie, the Witty Caddie*.

Paul is married and has 3 children and 3 grandsons, and lives just outside of Washington, D.C., in a Virginia suburb.

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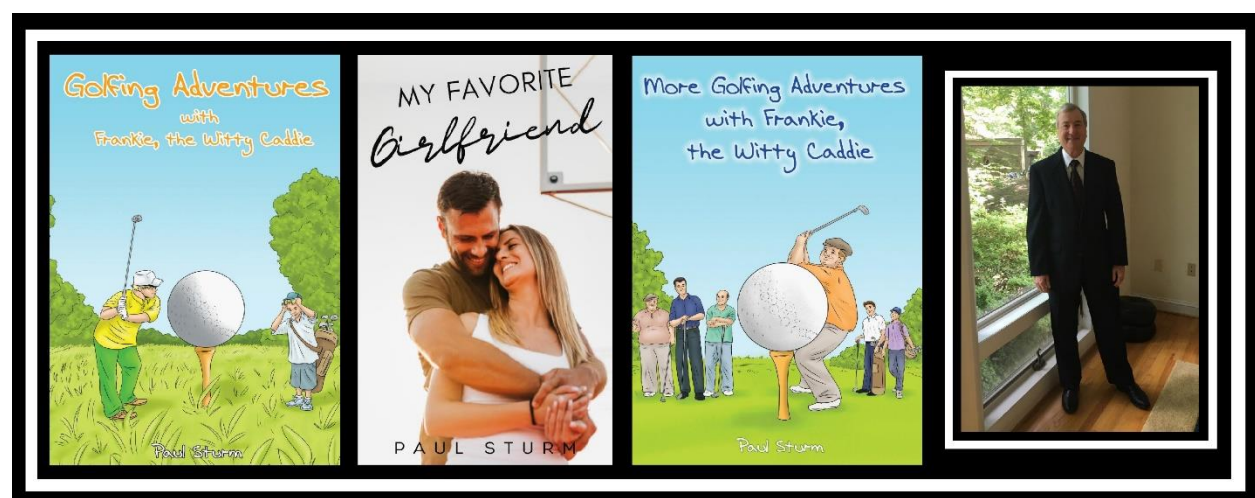
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