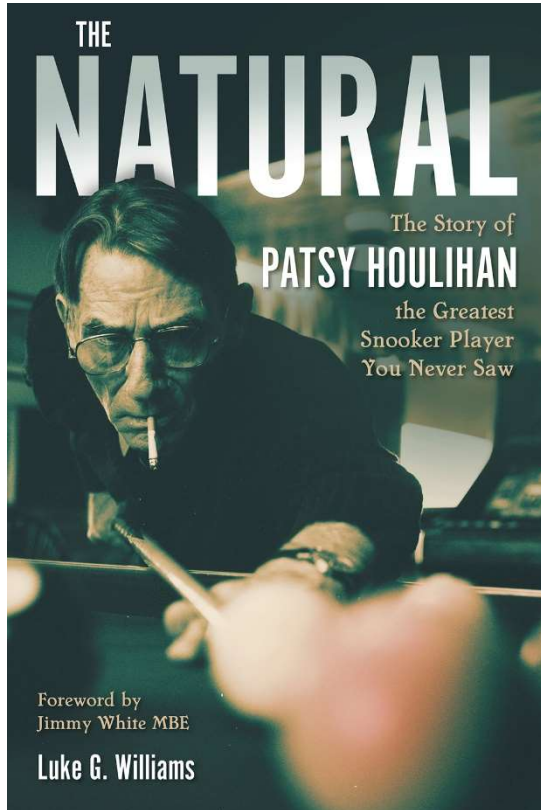




Title information



The Natural

The Story of Patsy Houlihan, the Greatest Snooker Player You Never Saw

By Luke G Williams

Key features

- Gripping and colourful life story full of incident and controversy, with appeal to many different markets
- Foreword by snooker legend Jimmy White
- Exclusive interviews with other snooker legends such as Steve Davis, Tony Meo and Cliff Thorburn
- Includes reflections and memories from Patsy's family
- Written by Luke G Williams, whose work was nominated for a British Sports Book Award in 2016
- Extensive photo section including pictures from the Houlihan family's personal collection
- Published to coincide with the 2023 World Snooker Championships at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, creating a wide range of media and publicity opportunities

Description

The Natural: The Story of Patsy Houlihan, the Greatest Snooker Player You Never Saw is the compelling story of a man who potted balls fast and potted them hard. South Londoner Patsy Houlihan was one of the top amateurs of the 1950s and 60s as well as the greatest hustler of all time. He should have been a major player on the world stage, but the professional game was a closed shop and the likes of Patsy weren't welcome. However, in the smoke-filled snooker halls of the backstreets of working-class Britain, populated by tough men seeking to make a quick buck from the game they loved, Patsy was a folk hero and an inspiration to a generation of players, including his close friend Jimmy White. This is the story of the greatest snooker player who never reached the big time, but whose exploits, adventures and skills guaranteed him immortality in the minds and imaginations of those lucky enough to have seen him play. *The Natural* brings to life the story of a forgotten snooker pioneer and master entertainer.

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