

Why this book?

There is an inspirational quote I remember very often, from Seneca, a Roman philosopher who lived 2000 years ago: **“There’s no favourable wind for those who don’t know where to go”**.

Sometimes, when I face a very difficult putt in an undulated sloping green, I wonder what would Seneca say if he ever had a putter in his hands and I believe he would rephrase that sentence this way: **“There is no fine technique or marvellous putter for those who don’t know the line to follow”**.

In a certain way this e-book was inspired by that great man.

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Returning to the opening question, “Why this book?”, this is the succinct answer it deserves:

- a) Because, no matter how good your putting technique is, success won’t come unless you choose a good line;
- b) Because if a player doesn’t know what kind of ball track the ball will follow all happens as if he, or she, is putting blindfolded;
- c) Because, as far as I know, there are no other books thoroughly treating this subject;
- d) Because putting is the most important chapter in golf and is, also, the one with the best profit for unit of time invested;
- e) Because correctly identifying lines is a matter that requires some background in physics that the great majority of players don’t have, or don’t remember, or don’t even want to hear about for its reputation of being difficult and inappropriate for a golfing environment. This requires that the subject must be treated by someone whose intentions are to make it simple and not to show off.