

Lifetime Loser

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J.W. Schroeder, also known as J Dub, is a student of the game of golf. A young J Dub learns to play golf from his father and parlays these lessons into a semiprofessional career. As a rising star, he receives an opportunity to try out for the PGA Tour; a longtime dream of his. Due to an erroneous call by the officials, the shot is blown. An opportunity of a life time gone in a single stroke. With dying aspirations and a pregnant wife, J Dub accepts work. A partner and manager of a golf course appears to be the ideal job for the family. It's too good to be true. J.W. discovers the golf course he partially owns is illegally owned; this is just the beginning of his problems. He discovers his partner and co-owner is living a life full of crime. Realizing the extreme threat and risk of remaining involved, the Schroeder family must find a way to persevere and escape the dangerous situation unfortunately stumbled upon.

Lifetime Loser is a surprising read to say the least. I assumed the book was primarily about golf and was wrong; the crime aspect of the story took the spotlight. While I appreciate the concept, I'm disappointed with the execution. Parts of the writing were difficult to understand due to lack of flow, and vague descriptions. Some of the vulgar language was unnecessary, even as a book about crime. The explicit content placement appeared forced at times and could have been as effective without. It was full of surprises though which at least prevented me from putting the book down for good.

The targeted audience is high school and older because of the explicit language and content. Other than the start of the book, I would not recommend this story to golf fans. Crime and legal fiction fans may find it enjoyable. Definitely check this one out from the library before buying or gifting.

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