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David Beckham
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Summary
In his own words and images, this is David Beckham’s stunningly designed and beautifully illustrated celebration of his 20-year football career.

David Beckham is one of the world's most famous soccer players and a global icon. In May of this year he brought down the curtain on a hugely successful playing career that spanned two decades, during which he proudly wore the shirts of Manchester United, Real Madrid, the LA Galaxy, AC Milan, Paris Saint-Germain, and England. He captained his country on 58 occasions, winning 115 international caps in total, an English record for an outfield player. His colorful and stellar career has been characterized by the emotional highs of great goals and remarkable trophy successes around the world, as well as by more than the occasional moment of set-back, disappointment, and despair, but through it all Beckham has emerged as a universally adored figure, both inside and outside the game. Here, he intimately takes us through 150 of his favorite images that define his playing days, inviting us behind the scenes of an incredible 20-year journey.

Author Bio
David Beckham is one of the most decorated soccer players in the sport's history. With Manchester United (the club he supported as a boy), he won six Premier League titles, two FA Cups, and unforgettably—the Champions League when United claimed their famous Treble at the climax of the 1998-99 season. In also winning championships in Spain with Real Madrid, in the United States with the LA Galaxy, and in France with PSG, Beckham became the first Englishman to win league titles in four different countries. His 115 international appearances are a record for an English outfield player, and he is also the first English player to score at three World Cup finals.

Alex Ferguson
My Autobiography
Sir Alex Ferguson

Summary
The celebratory, revealing, inspiring, and entertaining autobiography of the greatest manager in the history of British soccer.

Over the past four years, Alex Ferguson has been reflecting on and jotting down the highlights of his extraordinary career, and here he reveals his amazing story as it unfolded, from his very early days in the tough shipyard areas of Govan. Sir Alex announced his retirement as manager of Manchester United after 27 years in the role. He has gone out in a blaze of glory, with United winning the Premier League for the 13th time, and he is widely considered to be the greatest manager in the history of British soccer. Over the last quarter of a century there have been seismic changes at Manchester United, with the only constant element the quality of the manager's league-winning squad and United's run of success, which includes winning the Champions League for a second time in 2008. Sir Alex created a purposeful, but welcoming, and much envied culture at the club, which has lasted the test of time. He discusses managing these enormous changes and the growth of ...

Author Bio
Sir Alex Ferguson played for Queen's Park and five other professional soccer clubs, including the idols of his boyhood, the Rangers. He went on to manage Manchester United for 27 years. He has been interviewed on Charlie Rose and has been a guest speaker at Harvard University.
Fergie the Greatest
Manchester United 1986-2013: The Biography of Sir Alex Ferguson
Frank Worrall

Summary
A biography of one of the all-time greats in English soccer, fully updated to include the 2013 Premier League win
Sir Alexander Ferguson, Kt, CBE, is a popular former soccer manager and former player, managing Manchester
United from 1986-2013. He is the second-longest serving manager in their history after Sir Matt Busby, while his
tenure is the longest of all the current League managers. During this time, Ferguson won many awards, and he
holds many records including winning Manager of the Year most times in British soccer history. In 2008, he
became the third British manager to win the European Cup on more than one occasion. He was an inaugural
inductee into the English Football Hall of Fame for his services to the English game, was knighted in 1999 by
Queen Elizabeth II, and currently holds the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen for his services to the city, having
managed the city's soccer club to a host of major trophies in the early to mid-1980s.

Author Bio
Frank Worrall is a journalist who writes regularly for the Sunday Times and the Sun. He is also the author of

The Life and Times of Herbert Chapman
Patrick Barclay

Summary
Herbert Chapman, the boss of the all-conquering Arsenal side of the 1930s, was the father of all soccer
managers, arguably the greatest of all time, and certainly the most imaginative. Many of the game's furniture,
including floodlights and numbered shirts, were designed by him—even the tradition of a manager leading his team
out at the FA Cup Final at Wembley—as were tactics that survive to this day and which can be detected in the
great Barcelona team that has dominated European competition in recent years, three quarters of a century
after his premature death in 1934. Working mostly for clubs in the north of England, including playing for
Worksop, Northampton, Sheffield United, and Notts County, he retired from playing at the age of 29 to become a
manager at Northampton. He moved to Leeds in 1912, then left to work in a munitions factory for the duration of
the war, leaving under a cloud of scandal, later proved innocent. He managed Huddersfield for a time, where he
built a team that was to win three English championship titles in succession. He then left for Arsenal and won
three...

Author Bio
Patrick Barclay is one of the most distinguished soccer correspondents in the UK and is currently a columnist
for the London Evening Standard. His most recent book is an acclaimed biography of Jose Mourinho.
**Messi**
Guillem Balague

**Summary**
A rare glimpse into the life and career of Lionel Messi, one of the greatest soccer players of all time

On May 1, 2005, 17-year-old Lionel Messi scored his first goal for FC Barcelona, becoming, at the time, the youngest player ever to score in a league match for the Catalan club. Since then, his story has been one of meteoric-and seemingly limitless-success. Now, this compelling and perceptive biography by respected soccer journalist Guillem Balague gets to the heart of the mystery and genius that is Messi. From that first, league-winning season to the present, this chronicle details Messi's historic feats, analyzing the reasons behind his barely comprehensible success. It examines the integral role he played during the 2008-2009 season, during which Barcelona won the league, the domestic cup, and the Champion's League, as well as the drive and determination that saw him score an astonishing 91 goals in 2012, becoming-at the age of 25-Barcelona's all-time top scorer, and win four consecutive FIFA World Player of the Year awards. This account also examines Messi's international car...

**Author Bio**
Guillem Balague is a soccer journalist and a regular columnist for the Spanish sports daily AS and UEFA Champions magazine. He has also contributed to the Observer and the Times. He serves as the Spanish soccer expert for Sky Sports in the UK, and is the author of Pep Guardiola: Another Way of Winning and A Season on the Brink.

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**The Bald Facts**  
The Autobiography of David Armstrong  
Pat Symes

**Summary**  
Like many gifted soccer players of the 1970s and 1980s, the story told by legendary Middlesbrough, Southampton, and England winger David Armstrong includes some spectacular ups and downs; but the speed and ferocity of his personal rollercoaster ride are surely unique. Starting out at Leeds, David resisted signing for Don Revie—later followed by Clough's Forest and Manchester United. He played an incredible 356 consecutive matches for Middlesbrough before being forced out after 10 years. On to Saints with Keegan, Ball, and Channon—and more near misses in the league and cup. Armstrong's promising England career was sadly curtailed by a falling-out with Bobby Robson, and just four years later he was forced to sign on the dole. The break-up of his first marriage, his desperate desire for an ankle amputation, and bailiffs at the door lend David's riches-to-rags story of stardom and poverty a human appeal far beyond soccer.

**Author Bio**  
Pat Symes has worked for national newspapers, radio, and TV for 35 years as a journalist and director of a news agency. He counts himself lucky to have reported on Armstrong's Southampton career, and rates the player as ahead of his time. Pat's previous books include collaborations with cricketing greats Malcolm Marshall and Gordon Greenidge.

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**The Sergio Torres Story**  
From the Brick Factory to Old Trafford  
Sergio Torres, Juan Manuel Lopez

**Summary**  
An inspirational, personal story of one soccer star's never-say-die attitudes, and his rise to the top

Sergio Torres's is an incredible true story of the benefits of willpower, sacrifice, joy, and daring to dream. Imagine you're working in a brick factory in the Argentine city Mar del Plata, and a 22-year-old colleague tells you he's going to quit his job to become a professional soccer player in Europe. Yeah, right. Next, he blows his savings on a ticket to England, traveling with just $300 in his pocket. He doesn't speak English, has no one to stay with and no work. Time passes, and you forget about the kid—until, three years later, you turn on the TV and he's playing against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge—mixing it against the likes of Ballack and Drogba. After his brush with the Blues, it isn't long before he's up against Wayne Rooney at a packed Theatre of Dreams. The incredible journey of Crawley Town playmaker Sergio Torres shows that reality can be stranger than fantasy.

**Author Bio**  
Sergio Torres is an Argentinian professional footballer who plays for Crawley Town. Juan Manuel Lopez is a journalist and a friend of Sergio Torres.
Jimmy Adamson
The Man Who Said No to England
Dave Thomas

Summary
Jimmy Adamson was a soccer enigma, revered by some, disliked by others—a supremely elegant player of the 1950s and early 1960s, a title winner, and a respected coach, but a manager whose spirit was ultimately shattered. In 1962, Adamson had the world at his feet: FA Cup finalist, Footballer of the Year and invited to become England manager, having been assistant at the World Cup in Chile. But Adamson said no. In 1970 he predicted that Burnley would become the "Team of the Seventies," but despotic chairman Bob Lord's selling policy saw the vision fade and die. Controversially sacked in 1976, Adamson moved to Sunderland and then endured two torrid years at Leeds United before turning his back on the game. This is a poignant story of broken dreams, failed ambitions, and personal tragedy, ending in estrangement from the club he loved. A story of what might have been.

Author Bio
Dave Thomas is the author of 11 previous books on his beloved Burnley FC which, along with his charity dinners, have raised thousands of pounds for the club. He has also written for the Times Educational Supplement, and had several short stories published about his (sometimes) hilarious time as a head teacher in a small village school near Leeds.

King
Ledley King

Summary
The inspiring and untold story of one of English soccer's most lauded and recognized talents, and the heartbreaking account of a career cruelly cut short

Rarely in the modern English game has a player been as loved by his supporters, admired by his teammates, and respected by his peers as Ledley King. And even more rarely has such a shining talent seen their career cut so tragically short. Named "the best defender in Europe" by Thierry Henry, and described by Martin Jol as "the best central defender I've ever seen," King was undoubtedly one of the greatest talents of his generation; yet injury forced his retirement at only 31. But even at the height of his chronic knee trouble—when he could only train once a week, and was advised not to even play soccer with his son—King still managed to captain Tottenham Hotspur and be called up to the England squad. King documents the successes and struggles—both personal and professional—behind this unique and unprecedented career: from his childhood in East London, to his future out of the white shirt of his beloved Tottenham Hotspur.

Author Bio
Born in Bow in 1980, Ledley King joined Tottenham Hotspur as a trainee at the age of 16. After making his full debut in May 1999, he went on to make 323 appearances for Spurs, and won 21 caps for England in the process, before a chronic knee injury forced his retirement from professional soccer in July 2012. Ledley King continues to represent Tottenham Hotspur on an ambassadorial level.
The Wizard
The Life of Stanley Matthews
Jon Henderson

Summary
The first full and objective autobiography of a sporting legend, revealing the professional and private lives of one of the world's greatest ever footballers.

Stanley Matthews is one of the most famous footballers ever to play the beautiful game. Nicknamed 'The Wizard of Dribble' for his deadly skills, he made fools of defenders around the world. He played 84 matches for England in a career that spanned an extraordinary 33 years and such was his popularity that attendance for his club teams, Stoke City and Blackpool, more than doubled when he played. He was a global superstar decades before Beckham, Ronaldo or Messi, yet what do we really know about this legendary man?

This first full and objective biography looks beyond the public face of the 'first gentleman of soccer' to explore a life not without controversy. This was a player who clashed with his managers, who felt undervalued in the age of the maximum wage - leading to a charge of blackmarketeteering - and who was criticised for his showmanship and perceived lack of team spirit. There were private dramas too-an unhappy first m...

Author Bio
JON HENDERSON, a sportswriter for more than 45 years, has reported events from around the world working for Reuters and national newspapers, including the Observer and Guardian. His assignments included five Olympic Games and two World Cups. He is the author of two previous books, Best of British and The Last Champion The Life of Fred Perry.
Is He All That?
Great Footballing Myths Shattered
Adrian Durham

Summary
Outspoken talkSPORT presenter Adrian Durham vents his opinions on the biggest soccer issues in an unmissable treat for his millions of listeners. Soccer is all about opinions, and few people hold more opinions about more topics than talkSPORT's host of the Drive show, Adrian Durham. Whether it is the quality of Arsenal's "Invincibles" or the supposed brilliance of manager Jose Mourinho, you can bet that Durham will have a view on the matter. Just because everyone else agrees that Pele is the greatest soccer player who ever lived, doesn't mean that Durham will agree with that view—and he will supply a whole range of fascinating reasons as to why he is right. Packed with lively comment on so many of the questions that soccer fans love to argue about, this book is full of the one thing that all soccer supporters can relate to: passion. If you ever want to provoke a lively debate, Is He All That? is sure to provide you with plenty of material. It will make you question your assumptions about the game, make you think, and make you laugh.

Author Bio
Adrian Durham is the cohost of the Drive show on talkSPORT live sports radio. This is his first book.

Ta Ra Fergie
The Legacy of the World's Greatest Football Manager
Pete Molyneux, Jim White

Summary
The story of United from a fan's perspective, covering Alex Ferguson's reign

In December 1989, United fanatic Pete Molyneux raised a banner calling for Alex Ferguson's head, sparking the biggest protest in Old Trafford's 100 years. For manager and supporter alike it was their darkest hour. Pete never gave up on his team and, thank God, Fergie stayed. Ta Ra Fergie! tells Pete's story of his time following United at home and abroad since 1964, attending more than 2,000 matches. From the despair of relegation and the tortuous false-dawns of the 1980s to that elusive title win, the doubles, the treble, and two more European Cups, his obsession with watching United brought countless thrills but it also had a darker side that led to heartache and tragedy.

Author Bio
Pete Molyneux has been a United fan for more than 40 years. In 1989 his patience with the club was stretched to the limit and he famously held aloft a banner at Old Trafford which sparked a huge protest. He lives in Manchester. Jim White is a sports broadcaster and journalist, and the author of Manchester United: The Biography.
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My Autobiography
Gary Neville

Summary
The sensational, brutally honest autobiography of the legendary Manchester United captain.

No player has been more synonymous with the glory years of Manchester United Football Club over the past two decades than right-back Gary Neville. An Old Trafford regular since he attended his first match at the age of six, captain of the brilliant 1992 FA Youth Cup-winning team that became known as 'Fergie's Fledglings', outspoken representative of MUFC, Neville is the ultimate one-club man. He has been at the heart of it all and, at the end of an amazing career, is now ready to tell it all.

Authoritative, insightful, fearless and never less than 100% honest, no-one has better credentials for documenting the story of United under Sir Alex Ferguson. Neville reveals the behind-the-scenes secrets of his early days with the likes of Giggs, Scholes and his best mate David Beckham; what it was like to play with Cantona, Keane and Ronaldo; the Treble in 1999; and of course an entire career of playing for the greatest manager in the game.

Then there are all his experiences with England, from bei...

Author Bio
GARY NEVILLE was born on February 18, 1975 and became one of the most decorated footballers in the history of the English game with his one and only club, Manchester United. He was captain of the United team that won the FA Youth Cup in 1992 and after making his first-team debut that autumn, went on to make 602 appearances for the club. He won the Premier League eight times (skippering the Red Devils to their triumphs in 2007, 2008 and 2009), the FA Cup three times, the League Cup twice and the Champions League in 1999 to complete a remarkable set of medals. He also won 85 caps for England—a record for a right-back—and appeared in two World Cups and three European Championships for his country.

Mr Struth: The Boss
David Mason, Ian Stewart

Summary
Bill Struth is the most celebrated Manager in the history of Rangers Football Club. In his 34 year tenure, he led the club to 30 major trophies and nurtured many of the club's greatest players. To them, he was simply "Mr. Struth"—a father figure who guided them with the principle that "to be a Ranger is to sense the sacred trust of upholding all that such a name means in this shrine of football." If these words set the ideals for his players to attain, his own personal life was clouded by moments of indiscretion which were to influence the course of his life and career. Drawing on family accounts and Rangers archives, the book explores his early life in Edinburgh and Fife, as well as his celebrated years in Glasgow. It recounts his career in professional athletics and in football with Heart of Midlothian, Clyde, and ultimately, Rangers. It reflects on the legacy of the Struth era and his influences that remain at Ibrox today.

Author Bio
David Mason has been the Official Club Historian at the Rangers Football Club since 1986, and is one of the most authoritative writers on the history of the club. He has written for various football publications and has appeared on television and radio. He was author of Rangers: The Managers and A Match to Remember. Ian Stewart is the author of My Helicopter Sunday. Ian is a civil servant who has been a season ticket holder at Ibrox for 25 years. His interest in Rangers Football Club and William Struth has been an obsession, and Mr Struth: The Boss is the culmination of long hours of research.
The Secret Player
Anonymous

Summary
In the vein of Hotel Babylon and Confessions of a GP, The Secret Player will fascinate football fans with its wealth of insider knowledge and willingness to talk, albeit anonymously, about the inner workings of the game. Based on the hugely popular 'The Player' columns in FourFourTwo magazine, the book gives a warts-and-all insight into the daily life of professional footballers. Month by month, it chronicles the oscillating rhythms of the season, from the trudge of pre-season to the "squeaky-bum time" of promotion and relegation. The player himself has played at all levels of English football-from Premier League to a season of non-League—and represented England.

Author Bio
The Secret Player's identity must remain under wraps.

Sportonomic$
The Fascinating Statistical Truths Behind World Sport
Gavin Newsham

Summary
Is there a sport you could turn professional at with only a year of coaching? How much would it cost to run a Formula One car as your family car? More than 75 amazing "sportonomics" theories are tested.

How can you maximize your chances of playing international soccer against Cristiano Ronaldo? Does wearing red increase your chances of success in sports? Do footballers really earn that much money? Which sport is the most profitable to participate in for the least amount of effort? Which sports trophy has the greatest scrap value? Why does being born in the summer prevent you from becoming a professional sports star? What is the world's fastest ball sport? These, plus many more, are the questions posed and answered by this unique book that challenges us to take a quirky and sideways look at sports. Packed with well-investigated observations and explanations of interesting phenomena, it explores the many incredible idiosyncrasies within sports and will change readers' perceptions of the games we all love.

Author Bio
Gavin Newsham is an award-winning sportswriter whose work regularly appears in Golf Monthly, Golf Punk, Observer Sport Monthly, and the Sunday Times. His previous books include John Daly and Once in a Lifetime.
Are You Watching the Match Tonight? (9th Edition)
The remarkable story of football on television
Brian Barwick

Summary
Soccer and television have been intertwined in culture for more than 50 years. Are You Watching the Match Tonight? tells the story of how soccer on television became a national obsession. The first live soccer match in England was the 1938 FA Cup final, and the winning goal was a penalty in the last minute of extra time-proof that soccer can deliver the dramatic like no other sport. Soccer on television went from grainy film-edits in the 1950s to the first dedicated highlights shows, such as Match of the Day, which first aired on August 22, 1964. The 1966 World Cup brought live international matches into the public's home for the first time, and the BBC coverage of the final will forever be remembered by Kenneth Wolstenholme's legendary, "Some people are on the pitch ... they think it's all over ... here comes Hurst ... it is now!" Soon commentators, presenters, and analysts such as Wolstenholme, Barry Davies, John Motson, Brian Moore, Martin Tyler, Keith Macklin, Gerald Sinstadt, Jimmy Hill, Brian Clough, and Terry Venables became national figures and their successors, Gary Lineker, ...

Author Bio
Brian Barwick was editor of BBC's flagship soccer show Match of the Day. At the BBC, he worked on four FIFA World Cups. He oversaw the transfer of Match of the Day and its iconic presenter Des Lynam to the commercial channel, all the time overseeing ITV's highly-successful association with the UEFA Champions League. He was chief executive of The Football Association from 2004-09. His autobiography is Anfield Days and Wembley Ways. Barwick is now chief executive of the Rugby Football League.

Match of the Day Annual 2014
Anonymous

Summary
The Match of the Day Annual returns, bursting with fun football trivia, games, puzzles, cartoons, lists, stats and more, all from the nation's favourite footie magazine.

Author Bio
Match of the Day Magazine is the UK's biggest-selling football magazine, and will support the annual with promotions and advertising.
**Match of the Day Quiz Book**

**3,000 Questions from the Classic Era to the Modern Game**

Gary Lineker

**Summary**

Over 2,500 brand-new questions from the Match of the Day Team—the ultimate challenge for any football fan.

How well do you know your football? You follow your team week in, week out, share in the agony of defeat, the pure joy of a convincing win, but do you really know what’s going on on the pitch?

*Match of the Day Quiz Book* will settle thousands of arguments up and down the country and challenge football know-it-alls to finally put their money where their mouth is. Quizzes range from team to team, from the classic era right up to the modern game, taking in the best players, most successful teams, highest-scoring matches, most brutal derbies and many more besides.

With over 2,500 brand-new questions from the MOTD team, this is the ultimate test for any football fan.

**Author Bio**

MATCH OF THE DAY is a BBC institution, having started in 1964. It is the BBC's flagship football programme.

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**The Official Liverpool FC Supporter's Book**

John White, Ian Rush

**Summary**

With a foreword from Liverpool legend Ian Rush, this supporter’s book is filled with quizzes, games, quotes, and stats sure to fascinate true Koppites.

One of the most famous names in the soccer world, Liverpool FC has a history that stands up to the closest scrutiny. Their fans may be demanding, but they have enjoyed countless memorable nights watching the Reds and this book will bring back the glory days in so many ways. Filled with a cornucopia of facts and stats, match reports, biographies, histories, and fun and games in the shape of puzzles and crosswords, this is the perfect gift for any Liverpool fan.

**Author Bio**

The Official Arsenal Book of Records
Adrian Clarke, Ian Spragg

Summary
Hundreds of facts, stats, and stories about the legends of one of the most successful clubs in Premier League history—a must-have book for any true Gooner

The most comprehensive one-stop reference book for an Arsenal fan to own, this history contains every single major record and statistic in the more than 100 years of the club, all superbly illustrated with great action shots. From the legendary teams created by Herbert Chapman in the 1930s, through the Fairs Cup and double-winning squads of the 1960s/70s and George Graham’s double champions of the 1980s to the Arsene Wenger era since 1996, this volume is packed with information that gives proof that Arsenal FC is truly a very special Club. As well as all of the club and player records, there is a special section devoted to 10 legends, men who made Arsenal Football Club a British institution.

Author Bio
Iain Spragg is a sports journalist who has written for the Daily Telegraph and the Times. He has written numerous books, frequently collaborating with Adrian Clarke, on a variety of sports subjects, including The Little Book of Olympic Spirit, The Little Book of Team GB, and Twickenham: 100 Years of Rugby. Adrian Clarke is a former Arsenal professional as well as a journalist.

The Telegraph Complete History of British Football
150 Years of Season-by-Season Action
Norman Barrett

Summary
An authoritative and compelling account of the history of the world’s most popular sport from the origins of the modern game to the present day

Set out in a season-by-season, chronological format and written from the British perspective, this chronicle includes articles on all the notable soccer stories of the last one and half centuries, together with key soccer statistics and memorable quotes. Special feature spreads are allocated to each major tournament and the year-by-year reportage is also interspersed with special essays on the leading characters and milestone events of the history of football. Authoritatively written and illustrated with more than 650 photographs, this is one of the most comprehensive chronological histories of the game ever published.

Author Bio
Norman Barrett has been writing on soccer and other sports for more than 40 years. He has edited the Daily Telegraph Football Yearbook, The Daily Telegraph Chronicle of Rugby, and The Daily Telegraph Chronicle of Cricket, and contributed to the Rothmans Football Yearbook for many years.
The Little Book of Liverpool FC
Over 185 Kop Quotes!
Geoff Tibballs

Summary
An official product of the Club, and the perfect gift for the Kopite in your life

This collection contains more than 185 quotes on Liverpool Football Club from legendary players, great managers, famous fans, and envious opponents. Liverpool's place in English soccer's hierarchy is recognized around the world and almost every high-profile star on the move gets linked with the Anfield club. Under manager Brendan Rodgers, Liverpool remain the benchmark for success. Title No. 19 remains the Holy Grail, but cup success is a common theme, including the record-setting eighth League Cup success in 2012. No British club is close to matching Liverpool's eight cup victories in Europe, and they came within inches of achieving another eight-timer, this time in the FA Cup two months later. From Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness through Michael Owen, Robbie Fowler, and Jamie Redknapp to Jamie Carragher and Steven Gerrard, few clubs can boast as many people with so much to say for themselves, especially in the case of ex-manager Bill Shankly, English soccer's most quoted man. Liverpool have a proud tra...

Author Bio
Geoff Tibballs is a prolific writer who has written many of the Ripley's Believe It or Not! titles. His previous sports titles include The Olympic's Strangest Moments.

The Little Book of Arsenal
Over 185 Hotshot Quotes!
Nick Callow

Summary
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This collection contains more than 185 quotes by and about the managers, players, and officials who have passed through the marble halls of Highbury and the Gunners' palatial new home at the Emirates stadium. From Herbert Chapman to Arsène Wenger, via the likes of George Allison, Bertie Mee, and George Graham, from one Double to another, and from Ted Drake to Theo Walcott, Liam Brady to Santi Carzola, and Bernard Joy and Tony Adams to Dennis Bergkamp and Thierry Henry, there are plenty of hot-shot quotations for the avid Gooner. Enjoy the humor and poignancy as these words of wit and wisdom take readers through the highs and lows of the club's fortunes on the pitch, and savor some great moments as as England Rugby International and broadcaster Stuart Barnes says: "I did not have a choice, but I am so glad I was born an Arsenal supporter."

Author Bio
Nick Callow is a sports journalist and the author of The Ryder Cup.
**The Official Treasures of Liverpool FC**
David Walmsley

**Summary**
Contains more than 20 items of removeable facsimile memorabilia, documents which bring to life the fascinating history of Liverpool FC.

Liverpool Football Club is England’s most successful club with eight European cup victories (five in the European Cup, three in the Fairs/UEFA Cup), plus 18 League titles, 15 FA Charity/Community Shields, eight League Cups, seven FA Cups, and three UEFA Super Cups. This book celebrates this great club in a unique way, comprising a running history of the club, features on Liverpool FC greats, and a portable museum in the shape of more than 60 items of memorabilia, some of which are removable. In association with the club and fully authorized, this book is the perfect addition to the shelves of every Kopite.

**Author Bio**
**David Walmsley** is a journalist and author who covered Liverpool FC for the *Liverpool Echo* for many years. His books include: *Reds: The Official Story of Liverpool FC* and *Liverpool's Greatest Players*. **Stephen Done** has been a Liverpool FC fan for 40 years and is the curator of the Liverpool FC Museum at Anfield. He was a contributor to *The Official Liverpool Illustrated History*.

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**Gary Lineker's Football: It's Unbelievable!**
Adrian Clarke

**Summary**
Gary Lineker's Football: It's Unbelievable! is a unique, light-hearted look at the global game. Fronted by Match of the Day presenter and England football legend Gary Lineker, this stunning book, packed with amazing images and a lively text, covers such diverse football topics as amazing goals, tantalising tricks, brilliant saves, embarrassing mistakes, ludicrous haircuts, and ghastly shirts. Arranged thematically and featuring everything from the sublime to the ridiculous, Gary Lineker's Football: It's Unbelievable! explores the most incredible and fascinating football stories and incidents from across the world. The ingenious result mixes football's brilliant moments with the utterly bonkers to create a unique and thrilling book that will have you astounded and laughing out loud in equal measure.

**Author Bio**
**Iain Spragg** is a sports journalist who has written for the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Times*.
The Official Liverpool FC Book of Records
Jeff Anderson

Summary
An official publication filled with facts and stats, from player records to attendance to transfers to awards

This volume offers not only all the important statistics in the history of one of the world's most successful Clubs, but complements the numbers with stories and background information on them, and with outstanding action photographs to bring them to life. As well as all of the club records, player records, and general statistics, a special section focuses on 10 of the legends of Anfield who helped to shape the club and make Liverpool FC the sporting behemoth it is today.

Author Bio
Jeff Anderson is a journalist and die-hard Liverpool FC fan, who has written numerous books on his beloved Club, including the The Official Encyclopedia of Liverpool FC and The Official Illustrated History of Liverpool FC.

The Official Arsenal Supporter's Book
Chas Newkey-Burden

Summary
Facts and stats, history, lists, quotes, quizzes and much more, to thrill die-hard Gooners

The pages of the Arsenal Supporter's Book are filled with a collection of facts and stats, match reports, biographies, histories, as well as fun and games in the shape of quizzes and puzzles, and thought and argument provoking dream teams and lists. All in all, this is the perfect gift for any Gooner. Arsenal Football Club's list of achievements bear comparison with the very best in world soccer. Multiple championships, FA Cup and League Cup wins as well as two European trophies have made the club recognized throughout the world and, under the astute management of Arsene Wenger, millions of fans watch the team because of the beautiful style of soccer that they play. Win or lose, especially in their palatial home of the Emirates Stadium, Arsenal is now one of the most watchable teams on the planet.

Author Bio
Chas Newkey-Burden is a freelance journalist and writer who has written for Shoot!, 90 Minutes, Football Magic, FourFourTwo, the Guardian, FHM, and more. The author of many sports books, he wrote The Official Arsenal Miscellany and, for many years, The Official Arsenal Annual.
The Game of Three Halves and Other Bizarre Football Stories
Robert Lodge

Summary
A star striker sold in exchange for 15 kg of sausage meat, a chairman threatening to install hooligan-eating crocodiles at the stadium, a coach hired and fired in 10 minutes, and a player being sent off after one second for complaining that the referee was too loud... All true stories, which are amongst those that feature in this incredible collection of 1001 hilarious soccer stories. The Game of Three Halves and 1001 Other Bizarre Football Stories tells of hilariously silly incidents involving daft soccer players, mad managers, crazy chairman, and foolish fans. Learn of the striker who secretly made love to his girlfriend in the center circle when the stadium is closed, only for the club to find out when she recounted the moment of passion on national television. This, plus training ground spats, drunken player partying, ludicrous signings, and acts of soccer stupidity make this the most entertaining collection of soccer stories you'll ever read.

Author Bio
Robert Lodge has covered soccer for a range of influential publications and has written for the Sunday Times and the Daily Telegraph. His previous books include 1001 Greatest Football Moments and The Dog that Survived the Titanic and Other Amazing Animal Stories.

The Managers
The Tactics and Thinkers that Transformed Gaelic Football
Daire Whelan

Summary
What is it that makes a successful Gaelic soccer manager? Is it success as a past player, man management skills, or, in more recent times, a knowledge and understanding of tactics, systems, and game-plans? Can a winning mindset really be taught or trained? And how can success on the pitch be transferred to success elsewhere? Daire Whelan traces the evolution and development of Gaelic soccer as seen through the eyes of the game's most influential and successful managers and teams, including the Down 1960s Revolution, the Heffernan-O'Dwyer Years, as well as the rise of Ulster counties, and Kerry's challenge to stick to its traditions in the face of the modern game. He reveals just what it is about the game's leading managers that brought such unparalleled success, and discovers that what works on the training pitch, works in all aspects of life. From the methods to the mindsets, The managers shines a light on how and why success can be achieved on the Gaelic soccer field and beyond.

Author Bio
Daire Whelan is a writer and producer. The author of two previous non-fiction books, his journalism has appeared in the Dubliner, Irish Times, and Sunday Tribune. Formerly a producer with Newstalk, RTE, and Setanta, he was also launch editor of Joe.ie and currently runs his own digital media company, LastCast Media.
Bend It Like Bullard
Jimmy Bullard

Summary
Jimmy Bullard may not have had the perfect hairdo, his Granada Ghia may not have been the flashiest of cars, and he definitely didn't have a string of Page 3 girls trying to sell kiss and tell stories about him to the tabloids. But what he has in spades is a genuine love for soccer that few of his peers can match. One of the last graduates from soccer's old school, Jimmy actually worked in the real world—including as a painter and decorator—before turning pro. Maybe that's why he played football with a smile on his face, always said what's on his mind, and was no stranger to a spot of mischief. Having played under the likes of Barry Fry, Harry Redknapp, and Phil Brown, appeared alongside names as diverse as Neil Ruddock and Paolo di Canio, and as long as Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, Jimmy has racked up an amazing collection of tales and pranks both on and off the football front line. Told with candor, Bend It Like Bullard is the extraordinary story of his journey from cable TV fitter to cult hero.

Author Bio
Jimmy Bullard joined the club he supported as a boy, West Ham, from non-League Gravesend & Northfleet in 1999. He never played a first team game for The Hammers and moved to Peterborough United on a free transfer in 2001, where he started to make a name for himself under manager Barry Fry. A move to Wigan Athletic followed in 2003, and Bullard played his part in securing promotion to the Premier League in 2005 and a League Cup final appearance in 2006. He left The Latics to join Fulham, but his time there was blighted by injury, as was his spell at Hull City, the club he joined in 2009. Brief spells at Ipswich Town and Milton Keynes Dons ensued, but Bullard brought his career to an end by announcing his retirement in October 2012. As far as international football was concerned, Bullard was called into the England squad in August 2008 for the World Cup qualifiers against Andorra and Croatia, but did not feature in either match.

The Welsh Grand Slam 2012
How Wales Won the Six Nations Championship
Paul Rees

Summary
In the glory years of the 1970s, Wales won three grand slams in eight seasons. But rarely since then had the men in red started a Six Nations campaign armed with expectation rather than hope. 2012 was different. The previous year they had come within a kick of reaching the World Cup final, losing by a point to France despite playing for the last hour with 14 men after their captain, Sam Warburton, had been sent off for a dangerous tackle. The question when they returned home was how they would cope with the heartache. The answer came in their first match in the 2012 Six Nations Championship. In Dublin against Ireland, the team they had knocked out in the World Cup quarter-final, revenge was on the menu. Wales went there without five of their leading forwards and lost Warburton to injury at half-time. They were trailing by six points with five minutes to go and had a player in the sin-bin. The old Wales would have folded but it was back to the spirit of the 1970s. This Wales team came back fighting to win not only the game but to sweep the board in the whole tournament, bringing home ...

Author Bio
The Gambler
Oisin McConville's Story
Ewan MacKenna

Summary
As far as those who marvel at his sporting glories are concerned, Oisin McConville is a winner. His career has marked him out as one of the most gifted soccer players of a generation. To date, he has won 11 Ulster titles and four All Irelands for club and country, picking up two All Stars and becoming the top scorer in Ulster football along the way. But off the pitch, winning has not been so easy. Outside the sport, McConville looked for other ways to replicate the buzz he felt while on the pitch for Crossmaglen and Armagh, and things very quickly got out of control. After the closure of his pub, it was rumored that he had a drinking problem, but in fact McConville had fallen victim to another addiction: gambling. What started out as a hobby became an overwhelming obsession, and as his debts mounted the only escape he could find was on the football field. Here, McConville relives the darkest days of his addiction and the six months he spent in rehabilitation while also recalling the highlights of his career.

Author Bio
Oisin McConville made his senior Gaelic football debut for Armagh in 1994, the team for which he still plays. In 2006, he became the top Ulster scorer in the history of the GAA. He plays club football with Crossmaglen Rangers. Ewan MacKenna is a sports writer with the Sunday Tribune.

Celtic
Pride and Passion
Jim Craig, Pat Woods

Summary
A colourful, eventful and quirky look at the history of Celtic FC, with a narrative that's as much a human story as a footballing one.

Celtic Football Club's story is laced with drama and excitement, featuring a host of colourful individuals and a social history matched by few, if any, football clubs.

In Celtic: Pride and Passion, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig and Pat Woods, a historian of the club, take a fresh look at several lesser-known episodes in Celtic's history, including: the fascinating link between Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and a dramatic Ne'erday match at Celtic Park; the unforgettable night the 'playboy of the Eastern world' lit up Parkhead with a performance that helped to sow the seeds for a revolution at the club; the remarkable story of a trophy that was such a source of friction that the club kept it locked in a safe; the pivotal year in which the rivalry between Celtic and Rangers took on a darker hue, and why; and the revealing story, told through the eyes of the European press, of how Celtic captivated a continent in the annus mirabilis of 1967.

Celtic: Pride and ...

Author Bio
JIM CRAIG made 231 appearances for Celtic Football Club between 1965 and 1972, earning winners' medals for seven league championships, four Scottish Cup finals, three League Cup finals and the 1967 European Cup final. This is his third book following his autobiography, A Lion Looks Back, and Scotland's Sporting Curiosities.

PAT WOODS was born in Bangor, North Wales, and is the author/co-author of nine other Celtic books. He has watched Celtic at home and abroad over a period of half a century.
Match World Cup 2014
Match

Summary
The UK's biggest-selling soccer magazine brings you the ultimate guide to the Brazil World Cup 2014

MATCH World Cup 2014 is the ultimate guide to the world's greatest sporting event, from the makers of Match magazine. With the England squad now confirmed as qualified and excitement growing about how Rooney, Gerrard, Wilshere, and the rest of the team will perform, the book covers profiles of every team, features and posters of all the star players, the expected highs and lows of the tournament, and key groups and games to watch, as well as the low-down on Brazil as the host nation and info on the venues—all in time for kick off of the championship on 12 June 2014. With hundreds of photographs, maps, chats, and puzzles, Match World Cup 2014 is almost as good as being there!

Author Bio
Match is the must-buy weekly magazine for every young soccer fan.

Chelsea On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Mike Donovan

Summary
The most memorable moments from the club's distinguished past, together with quirky anecdotes and legendary characters, produce an irresistibly dippable Blues diary with an entry for every day of the year

From the club's foundation in 1905, all thanks to an Aberdeen terrier, to their emergence as one of the Premier League's greatest successes, Chelsea's rollercoaster history takes in a period with star players but no opposition, colorful managers, celebrity fans, and the club's sale for £1—all crowned by victory in the UEFA Champions League. Pivotal historic events such as the club's first European win, Roman Abromovich's arrival, and seven victorious FA Cup finals form a backdrop against which Stamford Bridge heroes—Roy Bentley, Dennis Wise, Ruud Gullit, Peter Osgood, John Terry, and Willie Foulke—all loom larger than life.

Author Bio
Mike Donovan is a former newspaper sports editor who has won two British Sportswriter of the Year awards and now contributes to a variety of national dailies and magazines. He is the author of Spurs Greatest Games and Manchester United on This Day, and collaborated with Darren Anderton on his autobiography, Takenote!
Manchester City Greatest Games
The Sky Blues’ Fifty Finest Matches
David Clayton

Summary
The Sky Blues' 50 finest matches

From the thousands of matches ever played by Manchester City, stretching from the early days of the 20th century to the new millennium and Premier League triumph, here are the most glorious, epochal, and thrilling games of all. Expertly presented in evocative historical context, and described incident-by-incident in atmospheric detail, this book offers a terrace ticket back in time, taking in everything from the first game ever played at Maine Road in 1923 to the last in 2003, plus belters at the Etihad Stadium and Wembley classics. An irresistible cast list of club legends-Francis Lee and Billy Meredith, Bert Trautmann, Georgi Kinkladze and Ernie Brook-springs to life in a thrilling selection of last-day dramas, unforgettable derbies, relegation deciders, European nights, and cup crackers. This journey through the highlights of City's history is guaranteed to make any fan's heart swell with pride.

Author Bio
David Clayton is the author of Manchester City Cult Heroes, The Little Book of Manchester City, and When Football Was Football: Manchester City.

Scotland's Who's Who
One Hundred and Forty Years of Scottish International Footballers 1872-2013
Paul Smith

Summary
Scotland’s Who’s Who is the most ambitious and comprehensive record of all the players ever selected to pull on the navy blue shirt in the 140 years since the first international match in 1872. Far more than just a reference book, the Who’s Who is brilliantly readable, delving into evocative and atmospheric details of the thousand-strong Scottish internationals' lives, their records, roles, reputations, and notable games. National managers are also covered, along with the stories of Scotland’s World Cups and Nations Cups/European Championships, plus all the stats on Scotland's unofficial, Under-21, Under-23 and 'B' internationals. In total, a vast treasure trove of characters and stories, packed with irresistible facts, figures, and statistics about every player with Scotland honors, from all-time legends to one-cap wonders and forgotten heroes. Includes lists of most cap winners, top goalscorers, sendings-off, captains, greatest wins, heaviest defeats, and a great deal more.

Author Bio
Paul Smith is the author of Rangers Cult Heroes, Shooting Star: The Colin Stein Story, Gothenburg Glory, and To Barcelona and Beyond. He has covered football from grass-roots to international level in the Scottish press for the Courier, the Sunday Post, and the Sporting Post, and is currently serving as head of photographic at the Press and Journal.
What a Shot!
Your Snaps of the Lost World of Football
Derek Hammond

Summary
Soccer fans love nothing more than faded Polaroids of crumbling grounds, distant players toiling in mud, and fences topped with razor-sharp spikes—all snapped from the terraces in the belief that the results would prove worthy of the back page when they arrived back from the developers. At least, that's certainly true of fans of a certain vintage. When 1970s and 1980s snapshots taken from the stands and terraces were posted on the Got, Not Got blog, traffic tripled overnight and floods of snaps were mailed in from all over Britain. The artistic value of the pics is hilariously mixed, featuring the overexposed back of many a feather cut. But for the kids pictured here in full kit in their back gardens—now grown men—the blurred images of star wingers, knitwear, floodlights, and inflatables offer an evocative window into a Lost World of Football, from a fans' eye view.

Author Bio
Derek Hammond has written about soccer and music for FourFourTwo, club programs, mirror.co.uk, and the NME. Gary Silke is editor of the Fox, one of the original and oldest soccer fanzines still in existence. The pair have provided soccer cards for the Onion Bag, BBC1’s Match of the Seventies/Eighties, and the National Football Museum.

England’s Who’s Who
One Hundred and Forty Years of English International Footballers 1872-2013
Tony Matthews

Summary
England’s Who’s Who is the most ambitious and comprehensive record of all the players ever selected to pull on the white shirt in the 140 years since the first international match in 1872. Far more than just a reference book, the Who’s Who is brilliantly readable, delving into evocative and atmospheric details of the 1,200 English internationals’ lives, their records, roles, reputations, and notable games. England managers are also covered, along with the stories of England’s World Cups and Nations Cups/European Championships, plus all the stats on the Lions’ unofficial, Under-21, Under-23 and ‘B’ internationals. In total, a vast treasure trove of characters and stories, packed with irresistible facts, figures and statistics about every player with England honours, from all-time legends to one-cap wonders and forgotten heroes. Includes lists of most cap winners, top goalscorers, sendings-off, captains, greatest wins, heaviest defeats, and a great deal more.

Author Bio
Tony Matthews is one of the UK’s top soccer statisticians, the author of more than 100 books on soccer since 1975, a world record in itself. An ex-semi-pro player, Tony was for some 40 years the official statistician and historian of his beloved West Bromwich Albion. Now living in Spain, he still watches as many Baggies games as possible.
Ashes Match of My Life
Fourteen Ashes Stars Relive Their Greatest Games
Sam Pilger

Summary
Fourteen Ashes legends come together to tell the stories behind their most thrilling triumphs in the historic series, enabling cricket fans to relive these magic moments through the eyes and emotions of the men in the middle of the field, playing their hearts out for England and Australia in one of the sporting world's most intense rivalries. All the drama and intrigue of more than half a century of Ashes action is captured, from Sir Donald Bradman in the 1940s via Geoffrey Boycott and Jeff Thomson, Merv Hughes and Mark Taylor and into the new millennium, recreating all the excitement of Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath taking on Michael Vaughan's England. Each player winds back the clock to reveal the tension, controversy, sledging, humor, and passion involved in pursuit of glory-and the true cricketing greatness which can only ever be grasped within an Ashes series.

Author Bio
Sam Pilger is the author of Victory! The Battle for the Ashes 2005, and edits the Official Sachin Tendulkar Opus. His work has appeared in the Times Magazine, Esquire, and the Cricketer. Rob Wightman has written for the likes of the Daily Telegraph and the Mail on Sunday; a former tutor of sports journalism, he now works full-time in education.

Got, Not Got: The Lost World of Leeds United
Derek Hammond

Summary
Got, Not Got: The Lost World of Leeds United is an Aladdin's cave of memories and memorabilia, guaranteed to whisk you back to Elland Road's fondly remembered "Golden Age" of mud and magic-as well as a Whites-mad childhood of miniature tabletop games and imaginary, comic-fueled worlds. The book recalls a more innocent era of football, lingering longingly over relics from the good old days-United stickers and petrol freebies, league ladders, records, big-match programs, and much more-revisiting lost football culture, treasures, and pleasures that are 100 per cent Leeds. If you were a Junior White, one of the army of obsessive soccer kids at any time from Don Revie's lads first lifting the title to the '91 championship, then this is the book to recall the mavericks-Bremner and Giles, Gray and Currie, Sheridan and Strachan-and the marvels of the Lost World of Football.

Author Bio
Derek Hammond has written about soccer and music for FourFourTwo, club programs, mirror.co.uk, and the NME. Gary Silke is editor of the Fox, one of the original and oldest soccer fanzines still in existence. The pair have provided soccer cards for the Onion Bag, BBC1's Match of the Seventies/Eighties, and the National Football Museum.
Queens Park Rangers Greatest Games
The Hoops' Fifty Finest Matches
Mike Donovan

Summary
The legendary players and great managers of the Hoops

From the thousands of matches ever played by QPR, stretching from their Victorian foundation to the Premier League era, here are 50 of the most glorious, epochal, and thrilling games of all. Expertly presented in evocative historical context, and described incident-by-incident in atmospheric detail, this book offers a terrace ticket back in time, taking in historical highlights from their first matches at Welford's Field in Kensal Rise to Loftus Road, Jim Gregory's QPR Revolution, the plastic pitch, and beyond. An irresistible cast list of club legends-Stan Bowles and Les Ferdinand, Tony Ingham, George Goddard and Rodney Marsh-springs to life in a thrilling selection of famous firsts, derby showdown successes, Southern League title clinchers, last-day dramas, European nights, Cup finals, and that unforgettable Sixties Double. This journey through the highlights of the Hoops' history is guaranteed to make any fan's heart swell with pride.

Author Bio
Mike Donovan is a former newspaper sports editor who has won two British Sportswriter of the Year awards and now contributes to a variety of national dailies and magazines. He is the author of Spurs Greatest Games and Manchester United on This Day, and collaborated with Darren Anderton on his autobiography, Takenote!

Blackpool FC Miscellany
Seasiders Trivia, History, Facts & Stats
Gerry Wolstenholme

Summary
Blackpool FC Miscellany collects together all the vital information you never knew you needed to know about the Seasiders. In these pages you will find irresistible anecdotes and the most mindblowing stats and facts. Heard the one about the goalie who sported glasses and a blue-and-white bandana? How about the fans in masks and fancy dress, known as the Atomic Boys? Or the first ever live televised League match, watched by 2.3 million viewers? Do you know which Premier League-era favorite was sent off on his debut? Which 1970s disco divas sung the official club song? Or who became the first player to play for Blackpool in all four divisions? All these stories and hundreds more appear in a brilliantly researched collection of trivia-essential for any Seasiders fan who holds the riches of the club's history close to their heart.

Author Bio
Gerry Wolstenholme is the author of a number of titles on Blackpool FC, including Cup Kings Blackpool 1953 and The £10,000 Goal, on the club's dramatic relegation fight of 1930/31. Gerry has also penned cricketing histories, contributes to various magazines, and writes about English Literature, having a great interest in Victorian novelists.
Derby County Greatest Games
The Rams' Fifty Finest Matches
Gareth Davis

Summary
From the thousands of matches ever played by Derby County, stretching from the foundation of the Football League across more than 120 years to the Premier League era, here are 50 of the club's most glorious, epochal and thrilling games of all! Expertly presented in evocative historical context, and described incident-by-incident in atmospheric detail, Derby County Greatest Games offers a terrace ticket back in time, taking in the curse-breaking FA Cup victory of 1946 and the glory days of the Rams' championship seasons. An irresistible cast list of club legends - Steve Bloomer and Dave Mackay, Igor Stimac, Steve Howard and Brian Clough - springs to life in a thrilling selection of promotion parties, 1970s European giant-killing nights and clashes with the old enemy from along the A52. In all, a journey through the highlights of Rams history which is guaranteed to make any fan's heart swell with pride.

Author Bio
Gareth Davis and Phil Matthews have both previously penned solo Derby County books, Greatest Games being their third joint effort - the indirect result of Gareth joining the club's media department while Phil was covering Derby for Ram FM. Gareth rose to editor of the Rams' website and programme, while Phil has also worked for ITV and the BBC.

Got, Not Got: The Lost World of Manchester United
Derek Hammond

Summary
Got, Not Got: The Lost World of Manchester United is an Aladdin's cave of memories and memorabilia, guaranteed to whisk you back to Old Trafford's fondly remembered Golden Age of mud and magic, as well as a United-mad childhood of tabletop games and imaginary, comic-fueled worlds. The book recalls a more innocent era of football, lingering longingly over relics from the good old days-Reds stickers and petrol freebies, league ladders, menus, big-match programs, and much more-revisiting lost football culture, treasures, and pleasures that are 100 per cent Manchester United. If you're a lifelong United fan, one of the army of obsessive soccer kids at any time from when Matt Busby's lads first lifted the European Cup to Fergie's first Premier League titles, then this is the book to recall the mavericks-Best and Law, Pearson and Coppell, Robson and Hughes-and the marvels of the Lost World of Football.

Author Bio
Derek Hammond has written about soccer and music for FourFourTwo, club programs, mirror.co.uk, and the NME. Gary Silke is editor of the Fox, one of the original and oldest soccer fanzines still in existence. The pair have provided soccer cards for the Onion Bag, BBC1's Match of the Seventies/Eighties, and the National Football Museum.
The Lost World of Football
From the Writers of Got, Not Got
Derek Hammond

Summary
Return to The Lost World of Football through this Aladdin's cave of memories and memorabilia, guaranteed to whisk you back to the magical atmosphere of a more innocent era of soccer. If you were one of the army of obsessive soccer kids at any time from England's World Cup win to the dawn of the Premiership, you'll be relieved to hear that the cool kits and tabletop games, the mud, mavericks, and Melchester Rovers are back and here to stay. Flankers with triangular sideboards, petrol freebies, and gluey sticker albums will soon once again be flickering past your senses like your long-lost videos of the Sunday soccer highlights. But there's more to The Lost World of Football than a giant Kays catalogue of unforgettable soccer culture, clutter, and wistful yearning. Here are countless tried-and-tested methods to leave the 21st century behind and revisit your own soccer Golden Age!

Author Bio
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Grobar
Partizan Pleasure, Pain and Paranoia: Lifting the Lid on Serbia's Undertakers
James Moor

Summary
An Arsenal fan is forced to ditch his first love and switch allegiances to a new team. Handed a Foreign Office posting to Belgrade, James Moor gives up his season ticket and looks for a new Serbian team to support. Being a veteran of the Congo and Helmand Province war zones stands him in good stead for what follows. Having chosen Partizan over Red Star, James enters a scene awash with nationalism, xenophobia, and conspiracy theories. He lifts the lid on Serbian fan culture, Partizan's internal disputes, and violence between the club's own Grobari (Undertakers) supporters as well as with their hated local rivals. Moor attends matches among crowds of 50,000 and 2,000, and sees games interrupted by stadium fires at a club permanently at war with itself. And this is before former Chelsea boss Avram Grant takes over midway through a tumultuous season at home and in Europe.

Author Bio
Grobar is James Moor's first book. Born in Crawley, West Sussex, and brought up an Arsenal fan, he now lives in Belgrade where he works in the British Embassy. His arrival in Serbia in 2011 followed posts to DR Congo and Helmand Province. James can be found in the east stand at Partizan every other weekend.
Got, Not Got: The Lost World of West Ham United
Derek Hammond

Summary
Got, Not Got: The Lost World of West Ham United is an Aladdin's cave of memories and memorabilia, guaranteed to whisk you back to the Boleyn's fondly remembered Golden Age of mud and magic, as well as a Hammers-mad childhood of miniature tabletop games and imaginary, comic-fueled worlds. The book recalls a more innocent era of football, lingering longingly over relics from the good old days-West Ham stickers and petrol freebies, league ladders, big-match programs, and much more-revisiting lost football culture, treasures, and pleasures that are 100 per cent claret and blue. If you were a Junior Hammer, one of the army of obsessive soccer kids at any time from Bobby Moore lifting the World Cup to the early days of the Premier League, then this is the book to recall the mavericks-Peters and Hurst, Best and Brooking, Bonds and Cottee-and the marvels of the Lost World of Football.

Author Bio
Derek Hammond has written about soccer and music for FourFourTwo, club programs, mirror.co.uk, and the NME. Gary Silke is editor of the Fox, one of the original and oldest soccer fanzines still in existence. The pair have provided soccer cards for the Onion Bag, BBC1's Match of the Seventies/Eighties, and the National Football Museum.

Cilla Wants Her Teeth Back
Football's Barmiest Banners, Funniest Chants and Stupidest Stadium Announcements
Chris Charles

Summary
In recent years, homemade banners at soccer matches have become almost as commonplace as scarves and hats. Unhappy with the manager? Want to wind up your opponents? You're only a sheet and a pot of paint away from getting your message across to a wider audience. And it's not just the fans who are having their say, with club DJs also putting the boot into the opposition, while warning would-be smokers what will happen to them if they dare light up in the ground. Cilla Wants Her Teeth Back (which takes its name from a message to buck-toothed Brazilian Ronaldinho from Liverpool fans) is a book that for the first time brings together the world's best banners and strangest stadium announcements. So if you want to know what happened when communism met alcoholism and which team Dick Turpin scored for, sit back and enjoy the ride.

Author Bio
Chris Charles is a freelance journalist who for many years wrote popular, irreverent blogs for the BBC Sport website. He is co-host of the QPR podcast Open All R's, has appeared as a satellite TV football pundit and has a show on Shoreditch Radio. Chris dreams of the day QPR add another trophy to their 1967 League Cup success. Could be a long wait.
Cardiff City Greatest Games
The Bluebirds’ Fifty Finest Matches
Sean Wozencroft

Summary
Fifty of Cardiff City’s most memorable games from across the club’s history

From the thousands of matches ever played by Cardiff City, stretching from the club’s Victorian foundation to the era of Malaysian ownership, here are the Bluebirds’ most glorious, epochal, and thrilling games of all. Expertly presented in evocative historical context, and described incident-by-incident in atmospheric detail, this book offers a terrace ticket back in time, taking in everything from the famous FA Cup triumph of 1927 through great European nights to the two cup finals reached since the millennium. An irresistible cast list of club legends-John Charles and Brian Clark, Derek Tapscott, Phil Dwyer and Phil Stant—springs to life at wonderful moments such as promotion day against Leeds in 1952, and 1999’s heroic 0-0 draw with eight men at Cambridge United. This journey through the highlights of City’s history is guaranteed to make any fan’s heart swell with pride.

Author Bio
Sean Wozencroft is a journalist and the former editor of online Bluebirds fanzine CCFC Sleeping Giant.

Hammer Blows
An Alternate Take on Twelve Turbulent Years at West Ham
Kirk Blows

Summary
A look back on an era of unprecedented drama for West Ham United

The past dozen years have provided an unprecedented rollercoaster ride for West Ham United, both on and off the pitch. Since 2001, the Hammers have recruited six managers, had four different owners, played in three winner-takes-all playoff finals, enjoyed two promotions (having endured two relegations), and starred in an all-time classic FA Cup final. After the club endured the collapse of the chairman’s banking empire and the Carlos Tevez saga, it was saved from financial ruination and now looks set for the Olympic Stadium. Kirk Blows has been there at every step, offering hard-hitting, opinionated analysis of events, campaigning and complaining on all the topical issues with an obligatory gallows humor. And now he pulls no punches looking back on the club’s fight for elite status, plus heroes and villains including Di Canio, Tevez, Zola, and Allardyce; Gudmundsson, Gold, and Sullivan.

Author Bio
Kirk Blows is the author of eight books on West Ham United, including Hammers Heaven and Hell. He is the former editor of Hammers News, the club’s official magazine.
Does Your Rabbi Know You're Here?
The History of Football's Forgotten Tribe
Anthony Clavane

Summary
The largely underappreciated, and often hidden, history of Jewish involvement in English soccer

From Gutmann to Grant, from Goldberg to Glazer, this book takes a long hard look at how and why Jews have changed the game; and been changed by it in turn. In telling the fascinating lives of largely unsung trailblazers, the author uncovers a hidden history of Jewish involvement in English soccer. Stories range from Louis Bookman, the first Jew to play in England's top division, to the pugnacious winger Mark Lazarus, whose last-gasp goal won the 1967 League Cup for QPR, to shady figures like One-Armed Lou, a ticket tout who never told the story of his missing limb the same way twice, through to the businessmen who helped form the breakaway Premier League, and in the process changed the English game for ever. Featuring interviews with fans, directors, agents, hangers-on, players, and managers, this account analyzes, explains, and above all entertains.

Author Bio
Anthony Clavane is the chief sports writer for the *Sunday Mirror*. His previous book, *Promised Land*, was named Sports Book of the Year.

Back of the Net
100 Golden Goals
Bill Edgar, Roddy Murray

Summary
A nostalgic look at 100 of the greatest goals in soccer, each goal dissected and recreated in forensic detail

Whether it be from a surprise free kick or a never-ending dribble, a nonchalant lob or a volley on the run, the goal can be a thing of beauty and jaw-dropping skill. From Diego Maradona's weaving dribble against England to Wayne Rooney's astonishing bicycle kick against Man City, this book shows exactly what made these goals so great. Graphic illustrations break down each goal into its component parts, showing the angles of play plus the movements of all the key players and their positions on the pitch. Meanwhile commentary explains the background to the goals, the players, and just what makes each goal so special. Highlighting the sensational skills of soccer's biggest legends and the most exciting teams from around the world, *Back of the Net* shoots and scores as essential reading for every soccer fan.

Author Bio
Bill Edgar has been a soccer writer for the *Times* since 1997 and also writes for various magazines. He cowrote *A Football Fan's Guide to Europe*. Roddy Murray is a freelance graphic artist and illustrator who works primarily for the *Times*. 
**The Official Manchester United Players A-Z**
Iain McCartney

**Summary**
An essential reference work, listing the more than 840 Manchester United players, with mini-biographies of all key players

More than 840 players have worn the shirt of Manchester United since the club played its first official game back in October 1886. They are all brought together in this definitive A-Z listing of the players who helped to make United the most popular soccer team in the country. For each player, there is basic statistical information provided about their United career appearances and goals, details of their debut, position played as well as their dates of birth and death, other teams played for, country of origin, and time spent at United. There are also brief biographies of all the key figures in the club's history, revealing some surprising and fascinating information, such as the identity of the only player to have played on all four home grounds of United. Whether it is basic information that you need to check, or fascinating insights and trivia that you'll want to share, this book is an essential part of any United fan's library.

**Author Bio**
*Iain McCartney* is the author of more than 20 books, including *Manchester United: Thirty Memorable Games from the Fifties* and *Old Trafford: 100 Years of the Theatre of Dreams*.

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**The United Trilogy**
The Remarkable Story of Best, Law and Charlton
David Meek

**Summary**
The official club account of the players who brought glory back to Manchester United in the 1960s

When George Best, a dark-haired skinny teenager from Belfast, made his United debut in the autumn of 1963, he was joining a club still recovering from the horrors of Munich. Among his teammates were goalscorer supreme Denis Law and England midfielder Bobby Charlton. Together they would combine to help United to win two league titles and a long-awaited European Cup as the Reds came to personify all that was most exciting about the Swinging Sixties. By 1968, all three men would have been honored as European Footballer of the Year—the only time three winners of that award have lined up in the same side. In his compelling portrait of the United Trinity, David Meek not only reveals their different characters and what made them so successful on the pitch, but also speaks to many of their teammates to find out what it was like playing in the same side and researches contemporary reports to assess how they were viewed at the time. Having reported on their entire careers together, Meek has a uniq...

**Author Bio**
*David Meek* was the Manchester United correspondent of the *Manchester Evening News* between 1958 and 1995. He's the author of *George Best, Legends of United*, and *Sir Alex Ferguson*.
The Impossible Treble
The Official Story of United's Greatest Season
Steve Bartram, Paul Davies, Ben Hibbs

Summary
The official inside story of how United won the unique Treble of Champions League, Premier League, and FA Cup in 1999

Who can forget the FA Cup semi-final against reigning Double winners Arsenal, when Ryan Giggs scored an amazing solo effort in extra time to see his team through to Wembley? Then there was United's stunning last-day triumph to take the Premier League title. Has there ever been a greater captain's performance than the Roy Keane-inspired comeback against Juventus that took United to the Champions League final? And, of course, the final itself was the ultimate in sports fairytales, as the Reds scored two goals in injury time to snatch the trophy from Bayern Munich. No wonder the 1998-99 season still excites United fans everywhere. It was a story just waiting to be told in depth for the first time ever. Now, in this comprehensive account of that unique season, the authors have spoken to the players, the backroom staff, and the fans to discover just what it was like to be a part of it all. This account tells the story from the inside, with players recalling the key moments...

Author Bio
Steve Bartram, Paul Davies, and Ben Hibbs all work for Manchester United, writing for the club's website, matchday program, and magazine. Between them, they have written several books on the club.

Duncan Edwards
The Greatest
James Leighton

Summary
The definitive and long-awaited biography of the legendary Busby Babe who died in the Munich air disaster

One of the greatest players of all time, Duncan Edwards's story is one of tragic heroism. From a working class Dudley upbringing, Edwards rose to great heights at Manchester United. In only five years, he helped United to win two League Championships and to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup. Edwards made his England debut in a game against Scotland at the age of 18 years and 183 days, becoming the youngest player for England since WW2—a record which stood until Michael Owen's debut over forty years later. He went on to play 18 games for his country, including all four of the qualifying matches for the 1958 World Cup, in which he was expected to be a key player. Sir Bobby Charlton described him as "the only player that made me feel inferior," and Terry Venables claimed that, had he lived, it would have been Edwards, not Bobby Moore, who would have lifted the World Cup as captain in 1966. Page-turning and poignant, author James Leighton tells a story of a magnificent sports...

Author Bio
James Leighton became a full-time writer following a legal career. Having played soccer at a semi-professional level, followed by a spell of coaching in America, he continues to watch sport at all levels.
Cheltenham Town 365
Jon Palmer

Summary
This comprehensive book will evoke memories of all the landmark matches, pivotal departures and arrivals, and significant events since the Robins first took to the field in the late nineteenth century. Compiled by the Gloucestershire Echo's soccer writer and lifelong Robins fanatic Jon Palmer, all the key moments are accounted for, along with cult heroes, loyal servants, classic cup ties, promotions, and relegations. A must-read for fans of Cheltenham Town, this book will educate even the most dedicated soccer "statto," and will teach you everything you need to know about a club which has progressed so far in recent years, chronicling the events that led to their remarkable rise to the Football League.

Author Bio
Jon Palmer is a soccer writer for the Echo, covering all Cheltenham Town's matches, home and away.

Never Mind the Tigers
The Ultimate Hull City Quiz Book
Phil Ascough

Summary
Hull City. Two fantastic football grounds since the war, two amazing seasons in the Premier League, two spells in administration. Too many questions that we can't answer, but quite a few that we can. Hull-based journalist Phil Ascough has trawled through his own memories, picked the brains of fellow followers of the black and amber, and shaken up the stories to produce a compilation designed to furrow a few eyebrows and also raise a smile. A true reflection of life with the Barmby Army or a load of Bullards? Only you can be the judge of that!

Author Bio
Phil Ascough has written several quiz books, but this is the first on his beloved Tigers. He is a journalist turned PR/media consultant and is a board member of the Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce.
**Never Mind the Owls**  
The Ultimate Sheffield Wednesday Quiz Book  
Andrew Clark

**Summary**  
This is the ultimate quiz book on Sheffield Wednesday Football Club. An ideal gift for Owls fans of all ages, this is your chance to interact with the club's long and eventful history, from its formation and early successes to more recent glory and cult heroes. Informative and fun, it is the perfect companion for those long match-day trips up, down, and across the country, or for simply testing you and your mates' knowledge of our illustrious club. From the obscure to the frivolous, the book is packed with 30 themed rounds of questions designed to entertain and amuse all Owls supporters. So get your Wednesday thinking caps on—it's quiz time!

**Author Bio**  
Andrew Clark is a professional writer and editor and writes daily soccer stories for sports.com. He is an avid Sheffield Wednesday fan.

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**The Little Book of Gaelic Football**  
Neil Loughran, Andy Watters

**Summary**  
A compendium of historical facts and figures perfect for dipping into

Ireland's love affair with Gaelic Games in general, and Gaelic soccer in particular, has never dimmed. Through the lean days of hunger and emigration, through the champagne-mojito-flavored years of the Celtic Tiger, and on after it slunk away with its tale between its legs, Ireland's love affair for "our games" has endured. Fact-packed but lighthearted in style, this reliable reference book and quirky guide reveals little-known facts and Gaelic soccer along with details of classic matches, statistical records, famous players, amusing anecdotes, and the general history of the game. It can be dipped into time and time again to reveal something new about this ancient game.

**Author Bio**  
Andy Watters and Neil Loughran are both sports editors with the Irish News, the biggest selling daily newspaper in Northern Ireland whose sports coverage centers on Gaelic Games. They also are regular contributors to RTÉ and the BBC.
Never Mind the Peacocks
The Ultimate Leeds United Quiz Book
Anita Clark

Summary
This is the ultimate quiz book on Leeds United Football Club. Informative and fun, it is the perfect companion for those long car journeys up and down the M1. An ideal gift for Whites of all ages, this is your chance to interact with the long and eventful history of the club, from its formation and early successes to more recent cult heroes. From cryptic to convivial, sniff out those leads and get your Leeds thinking caps on-it's quiz time!

Author Bio
Anita Clark is a passionate fan of Leeds Utd and is an experienced writer and editor. As well as having an English degree, she is a qualified Secondary school teacher. She has written for Winger magazine.

Never Mind the Gunners
The Ultimate Arsenal FC Quiz Book
Graham Lister

Summary
This is the definitive quiz book on the Arsenal Football Club, meticulously researched to provide fans of the Gunners of all ages with an informative, entertaining, challenging, and enjoyable test of their knowledge of this great club. Populated by the many characters, heroes, and occasional villains who have helped create a rich soccer legacy during 126 years of history, and full of themed questions on all aspects of the club, this is the ideal companion on those long trips to away games, for settling arguments, and for finding out just how much you and your Arsenal-supporting friends really know about the legendary Gunners.

Author Bio
Graham Lister is a freelance journalist and copywriter who has written for Goal.com and was English soccer correspondent for Beijing Football Newspaper. He is also assistant editor of Winger magazine.
Never Mind The Toffees
The Ultimate Everton Quiz Book
Gavin Buckland

Summary
From top scorers to the lowest crowds, highest appearance makers to one-hit wonders, this ultimate quiz book covers the whole history of the club from its foundation as St Domingo's in 1878 to FA Cup glory and the mighty hair of Maroune Fellaini. Written in thirty fun rounds, each with eleven questions, this is the ideal companion at home, down the pub, or in those long car journeys to away games, and is informative for fans of all ages.

Author Bio
Gavin Buckland has written several books on Everton, contributes to their matchday program, magazine, and website, and is the official club statistician. He has also been involved with the popular quiz show A Question of Sport for eighteen years, and is now their script and question checker.

Never Mind the Bluebirds 2
Another Ultimate Cardiff City Quiz Book
Gareth Bennett, David Collins

Summary
We are guessing that you enjoyed the first book and that you liked the trivial and the terrible. We are also guessing that you have time on your hands, so rest assured, Never Mind the Bluebirds is back! You can believe the hype - this is a sequel! Treat yourself to round after round of irresistible teasers. The "El Clarkico" round, The "Cardiff Born & Bred" round, and old favorites like our "Current Affairs" round, "Guess the Connection," and the unparalleled: "Dad or Chips." Whether you are a grey-haired City diehard who stood for years on the Bob Bank, or a brand new youngster in a red shirt ... YOU are our target audience. Stuff this book in your pocket when you jump on the coach to your next away match. You won't regret it.

Author Bio
David Collins and Gareth Bennett both worked on Cardiff City fanzines. Gareth is a trained journalist and keen local historian, while David has written extensively on Welsh soccer and Cardiff City and is a regular pundit on GTFM's Cardiff City Phone-In.
Heffo - A Brilliant Mind
A Biography of Kevin Heffernan
Liam Hayes

Summary
Widely regarded as one of the best Gaelic soccer players of all time, Kevin Heffernan captained the All-Ireland winning Dublin team of 1958. At club level, he won an incredible fifteen county soccer medals and six county hurling medals with St. Vincents. But it was as manager of the Dublin soccer team in the 1970s and into the 1980s—a decade marked by an intense rivalry between Dublin and Kerry—that he became an iconic figure. Success in this period drew huge levels of support to the Dublin team and the phenomenon of "Heffo's Army" was born. This first major biography will present Heffo the man in all his genius and his brilliance. But it will also be a full and honest account of his approach to management and to his players, presenting the many different dimensions to his character-taciturn, focused, and ruthless in pursuit of his ambitions for Dublin soccer. *Heffo - A Brilliant Mind* draws on stories and anecdotes from those who knew him well over the course of a lifetime devoted to Gaelic games and provides a unique insight into a monumental figure in Irish sport.

Author Bio
Liam Hayes was a key member of the successful Meath soccer team that won All-Ireland titles in 1987 and 1988, and captained the Royals in the year of the now legendary four-game saga against Dublin in 1991. He began his career in journalism at the Meath Chronicle before joining the Sunday Press in 1985. His bestselling account of his years as a Meath soccer player *Under Our Skins* was published in 1992. He wrote a bestselling biography of the great Meath football manager Sean Boylan, and has successfully published a number of sports biographies.

Soccer Girl Cassie's Story
Teamwork Is the Goal
Kara Douglass Thom, Pamela Seatter

Summary
An engaging story, facts about soccer, and healthy tips make this a fun and edifying book for kids. Go! Go! Sports Girl products are designed as a fun and educational way to promote self-appreciation and the benefits of daily exercise, smart eating and sleeping habits, self-esteem, and overall healthy life skills for girls. The books and dolls in the series encourage all children to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals—and have fun while doing so. When Cassie's best friend Anna introduces her to soccer, it's only a matter of time before Cassie loves the sport as much as her friend does. Cassie wants to play with Anna, but they're assigned to different teams. What will happen when their two teams compete? Children find out who wins the big game as they learn fun facts about soccer in this entertaining, 680 Lexile story.

Author Bio
Kara Douglass Thom is a writer with a focus on fitness from a parent's perspective, fitness for children, and the importance of raising a fit family. She is the coauthor of *Hot (Sweaty) Mamas: Five Secrets to Life as a Fit Mom* (Andrews McMeel 2011), author of the children's book *See Mom Run*, and *Becoming an Ironman: First Encounters with the Ultimate Endurance Event* (both published by Breakaway Books). She lives in the Minneapolis area. Pamela Seatter is an experienced art director, designer, and illustrator with a passion for children's products. She creates engaging and dynamic layouts, designs, and illustrations for books and interactive games, as well as toy, craft, candy, and giftware packaging. She lives in the Chicago area.
**Soccer Girl Cassie's Story: Teamwork Is the Goal**
*Read & Play Doll and Book Set*

Kara Douglass Thom, Pamela Seatter, Jodi Norgaard

**Summary**
Winner of: Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award

A book-and-doll set with a fun story, a great message, interesting facts about soccer, and a Cassie doll-complete with soccer ball

Go! Go! Sports Girl products are designed as a fun and educational way to promote self-appreciation and the benefits of daily exercise, smart eating and sleeping habits, self-esteem, and overall healthy life skills for girls. The books and dolls in the series encourage all children to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals—and have fun while doing so.

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**Author Bio**

**Kara Douglass Thom** is a writer with a focus on fitness from a parent's perspective, fitness for children, and the importance of raising a fit family. She is the coauthor of Hot (Sweaty) Mamas: Five Secrets to Life as a Fit Mom (Andrews McMeel 2011), author of the children's book See Mom Run, and Becoming an Ironman: First Encounters with the Ultimate Endurance Event (both published by Breakaway Books). She lives in the Minneapolis area. **Pamela Seatter** is an experienced art director, designer, and illustrator with a passion for children's products. She creates engaging and dynamic layouts, designs, and illustrations for books and interactive games, as well as toy, craft, candy, and giftware packaging. She lives in the Chicago area. **Jodi Bondi Norgaard** is the founder of the award-winning Go! Go! Sports Girls, which promotes self-appreciation and healthy habits for girls. Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls have been awarded the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award and have been recognized by Dr. Toy as among the 100 best products and 10 best socially responsible products.

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**Billy the Kid**

Michael Morpurgo, Michael Foreman

**Summary**

Billy's no kid—he's 80 today. He's enjoying watching the boys at the park knock a soccer ball around and this afternoon he'll be cheering on his team, Chelsea, as he has done all his life. In 1939, Billy was picked for Chelsea. Not quite 19, and his dreams had come true—"Billy! Billy the Kid!!" they shouted as he scored goal after goal. Surely life could get no better. But in 1939 too, World War II began and Billy's life was never to be the same again. With nostalgically vivid illustrations, the story of Billy the Kid reaches across generations and creates a life with a past that will be moving and inspiring for young and old alike.

**Author Bio**

**Michael Morpurgo** has written over 90 books and has an unparalleled reputation in the world of children's books. His books have been adapted for the cinema, TV, and theatre and he has won numerous awards including Children's Book Award, Whitbred Children's Book Award, and the Smurtees Prize. In May 2003 he was appointed the 3rd Children's Laureate. The position acknowledges the importance of exceptional children's authors in creating the readers of tomorrow. Michael lives in Devon, UK. **Michael Foreman**'s numerous books for children have earned him widespread recognition as one of the world's leading illustrators. He has worked on a vast range of children's books, and has collaborated with Terry Jones on all of his books for children. He also writes and illustrates his own books, including War Boy and War Game, winners of the Kate Greenaway Award and Smurtees Book Prize respectively, and After the War was Over.
The Official Arsenal Sticker Activity Book
Arsenal Football Club Plc

Summary
Young Gunners will love getting creative in this fun-packed official Arsenal Sticker Activity Book, crammed with puzzles to solve and simple activities to complete, including word searches for player names, spot-the-difference, matching activities, completing the famous Arsenal cannon badge, 150 full-color reusable stickers and more.

Author Bio
Arsenal Football Club is an English Premier League soccer club, and is one of the most successful clubs in English soccer.

The Official Liverpool FC Sticker Colouring Book
Liverpool Football Club

Summary
Color in portraits of Anfield heroes, decorate the official club crest, and draw yourself among the huge crowd in the Kop. With two pages of full-color reusable stickers and plenty of coloring fun, this book will keep young Gunners entertained for hours and will help even the youngest Liverpool fans really feel part of their club.

Author Bio
Liverpool Football Club is an English Premier League soccer club, and is one of the most successful clubs in English soccer.
The Official Arsenal Sticker Colouring Book
Arsenal Football Club Plc

Summary
Color in portraits of your favorite Arsenal heroes, design and customize your own Gunners kit, and decorate the official club crest. With two pages of full-color reusable stickers and plenty of coloring fun, this book will keep young Gunners entertained for hours.

Author Bio
Arsenal Football Club PLC is an English Premier League soccer club, and is one of the most successful clubs in English soccer.

Lionel Messi
The Ultimate Fan Book
Mike Perez

Summary
Lionel Messi is widely regarded as one of the world’s greatest soccer players and he looks set to become the greatest player of all time. Written in a lively, buzzing style and filled with fun features, fantastic photographs, and enlightening quotes, this book celebrates his greatest moments and famous goals, and gives readers a special insight into how he became the world’s greatest soccer star.

Author Bio
Mike Perez is a sportswriter who spent five years as the Press Association’s Spanish sports correspondent.
**The Official Liverpool FC Sticker Activity Book**

**Summary**
Young Reds fans will love getting creative with this fun-packed official activity book. It's crammed with puzzles, quizzes, wordsearches, spot-the-difference, matching activities, drawing the famous Liverpool crest, and 150 reusable colorful stickers.

**Author Bio**
**Liverpool Football Club** is an English Premier League soccer club, and is one of the most successful clubs in English soccer.

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**The Official Arsenal Ultimate Young Gunner's Book**

**Summary**
The perfect mix of stats, facts, and pictures, this book will appeal to all soccer-crazy kids who want their information in bite-size chunks. It contains club trivia, profiles of current Arsenal heroes and past legends, jokes and tips, and step-by-step soccer skills.

**Author Bio**
**Arsenal Football Club** is an English Premier League soccer club, and is one of the most successful clubs in English soccer.
The Aberdeen Who's Who: Every Red Ever
The A to Z of Aberdeen Football Club
Paul Smith

Summary
In more than a century of senior football in Aberdeen, the Granite City has been entertained by hundreds of proud Dons stars. The Aberdeen FCC Who’s Who profiles every one of the post-war players to have featured in competitive action for the first team as well as delving further into the past to examine a select band of the leading lights in the pre-war era. From the legends of the first championship victory in 1955 and the European Cup Winners’ Cup victory in 1983 right through to the current squad on their trophy quest, the book charts the highs and lows encountered by more than 450 men to have graced Pittodrie from the 1940s through to the modern day. From in-depth features on the most illustrious characters in the history of the Dons to pen pictures of those who made the briefest of cameo appearances, supporters from every generation will have memories sparked by the stories behind every one of the names to have been woven into the fabric of their club in the most comprehensive record of Aberdeen players ever produced. The Who’s Who of Aberdeen Football Club is packed with facts...

Author Bio
Paul Smith is the author of The Legends of Aberdeen, Gothenburg Glory, Pittodrie Idols and Duncan Shearer’s Shearer Wonderland. Paul has covered football from grass-roots to international level in the Scottish press for The Courier, The Sunday Post and the Sporting Post, and is currently serving as head of photographic at the Press and Journal.

Andy Fordham: The Viking
Andy Fordham, Eric Bristow

Summary
Andy "The Viking" Fordham is a darts legend and one of the most popular players of all time. He became a superstar in 2004, when he won the BDO World Championship. Overnight, the UK fell in love with this larger-than-life figure, and would do so again when he attempted to bring his weight under control on Celebrity Fit Club. But all was not well. Andy's drinking-more than 25 bottles of beer a day-made his weight skyrocket out of control. He weighed 31 stone when he won the world title and severe problems were building up. Over the next two years his health deteriorated and his playing suffered a dramatic decline. Then, in January 2007, Andy collapsed and nearly died. Doctors told Andy he would die if he carried on drinking, so he stopped immediately. But then, in the summer of 2008, he was told he would not survive without a liver transplant. With his life hanging in the balance, he was rushed to the hospital only to be told that the donor's organ was not a match. And then the seemingly impossible happened. Contrary to all medical wisdom, Andy Fordham's liver made an astonishing reco...

Author Bio
Andy Fordham was the winner of the 2004 British Darts Organisation World Championship, and is a four-time semi-finalist. Humfrey Hunter, co-author of Andy the Viking, is a literary agent, PR consultant and journalist.
Aston Villa On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Brian Beard

Summary
Aston Villa On This Day recounts, in diary form, major events and magic moments in the history of the Villa Park club. With individual entries for each day of the year and multiple entries for busier times, this book covers their ups and downs, domestic and European cup runs, boardroom battles, and sensational signings.

Author Bio
Brian Beard is a sports author.

The Birmingham City Miscellany
Tony Matthews

Summary
The Birmingham City Miscellany is a book on the Blues like no other, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legend. Delve deep to find out all about the events and people who have shaped the club into what it is today. Featured here are a plethora of stories on this charismatic football club ranging from how the club was formed, to little-known facts about players and managers. Here you will find player feats, individual records, and plenty of weird and wonderful trivia. Rivalry with Villa, favorite managers, quotes ranging from the profound to the downright bizarre, and cult heroes from yesteryear - a book no true Birmingham City fan should be without.

Author Bio
Tony Matthews is a prolific writer of football books including Football Oddities.
**The Blackburn Rovers Miscellany**

**Harry Berry**

**Summary**

A gem of a book, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legend

This is the ultimate book of trivia on the club and a treasure trove of information that you can dip in and out of at your leisure. It's a book that will make you smile, laugh out loud, sigh, and reflect on the good times and the bad. Written by lifelong fan Harry Berry, this is a book no self-respecting Rovers fan should be without.

**Author Bio**

**Harry Berry** has had a season ticket for the Rovers since 1960. He is an author of sports books.

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**Brian Clough**

**Nobody Ever Says Thank You**

**Jonathan Wilson**

**Summary**

This first full, critical biography of one of England's greatest football managers draws an intimate and powerful portrait.

Brian Howard Clough was a complex man; the sum of a contradictory bunch of impulses, desires, and drives. This biography draws an intimate, powerful portrait of one of England's greatest football managers, and his right-hand man, Peter Taylor, and reveals how their identities were forged in the unforgiving world of post-war football, a world where, as Clough and Taylor's mentor Harry Storer once said, "Nobody ever says thank you." Clough's playing career was famously and brutally cut short at Roker Park on Boxing Day, 1962. It was then, Peter Taylor said, that the iron first entered into his pal's soul. But as the likes of Inter Milan became a familiar sight in the mud of the Baseball Ground, and the residents of Nottingham were soon accustomed to floodlit nights of European glory, Clough brought the gleam of silverware to the depressed East Midlands of the 1970s. Initial triumph at Derby was followed swiftly by sudden departure and a traumatic 44 days at Leeds...

**Author Bio**

**Jonathan Wilson** is the football correspondent for the Financial Times, and the author of Behind the Curtain: Travels in Eastern European Football and Inverting the Pyramid: The History of Football Tactics, which won a National Sporting Club award and was shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year.
The Bristol City Miscellany
David Clayton

Summary
This book on the Robins is like no other, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legends. Now, with the club experiencing previously uncharted highs, look back at what has made this club what it is today—the players and characters that have represented City over the years and the events that have shaped the club. If you want to know the record crowd for a home game, the record appearance holder, or the longest-serving manager, look no further—this is the book you've been waiting for. From record goal scorers, to record defeats; from Ashton Gate to Kevin Mabbutt, from Wembley to Gary Johnson, it's all here—can you afford not to own a copy?

Author Bio
David Clayton has written more than 30 sports books.

Bristol Rovers
A Season to Remember - Champions and Cup Finalists 1989/90
Ian Haddrell, Mike Jay

Summary
In the 1989/90 season, Bristol Rovers clinched promotion to the old "Second Division," thanks largely to the tremendous team spirit of a side exiled in Bath, away from its traditional Bristol home. The "Ragbag Rovers," as they became known, set an outstanding club record, remaining undefeated in 41 matches throughout the season, the highlight of which was a 3-0 victory against local rivals Bristol City in the penultimate game of the season. This remarkable time is remembered with many previously unpublished photographs, statistics, and reports from every match, interviews with the players involved, plus a feature on the club's first ever visit to Wembley Stadium for the Leyland Daf Cup Final. Anyone who was there will relish in reliving some of the magic through the memories and illustrations collected here, while those who are too young to recall it themselves can discover the thrill and anticipation that made it a season to remember.

Author Bio
Ian Haddrell has compiled five books about local history in Bristol for The History Press. He has been a Rovers supporter for nearly 50 years and has a keen interest in the history of Bristol's oldest professional football club. Mike Jay is Bristol Rovers FC's official historian and has authored five books about the club. Brought up in the Easton area of Bristol, he attended his first Rovers match in 1967 and has seen them play at 135 different away grounds throughout England and Wales. Both authors live in Bristol.
Celtic FC On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
David Potter

Summary
Celtic FC On This Day recounts, in diary form, major events and magic moments in the history of the Parkhead club. With individual entries for each day of the year and multiple entries for busier times, this book covers their ups and downs, domestic and European cup runs, boardroom battles and sensational signings.

Author Bio
David Potter has written more than 20 books on football and cricket.

The Celtic Miscellany
David Potter

Summary
Celtic is an unusual football club, inspiring strong feelings in almost everyone. It is of course virtually impossible to chronicle all that has happened in the history of the club, but this little gem draws together some of the most interesting, quirky, and downright odd events that have taken place over their long and auspicious existence. Packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legend, the reader will delve deep to find out all about the events and people who have shaped the club into what it is today. Featured here are a plethora of stories on this charismatic football club ranging from how the club was formed, to little-known facts about players and managers. Here you will find player feats, individual records, and plenty of amusing quotes. Discussing the rivalry with Rangers, favourite managers, and cult heroes from yesteryear, this is a book no true Celtic fan should be without.

Author Bio
David Potter is a semi-retired teacher who has written over 20 sports books, including The Encyclopedia of Scottish Football and biographies of several Celtic players. He lives in Kirkcaldy.
Champions League Dreams
Rafa Benitez

Summary
Champions League Dreams is a stimulating and deeply insightful football narrative by Rafa Benitez which focuses on the legendary manager's dramatic six Champions League campaigns with the Liverpool football team. Rafa expertly navigates fans through intriguing European adventures that embrace the triumph and despair of two Champions League finals, three semi-finals, and five quarter-finals in what was a golden era for the Anfield club-an era that supporters felt gave them their pride back after years in the wilderness.

Author Bio
Rafa Benitez was appointed manager of Liverpool in 2004, in Rafa's first year in charge he delivered the Champions League trophy, courtesy of an astonishing second-half come-back against AC Milan that came to be known as "The Miracle of Istanbul."

Chicharito
The Javier Hernandez Story
Charles Samuel

Summary
Totally Unofficial
Javier Hernandez, El Chicharito ('The Little Pea', so named for his green eyes), is rapidly becoming one of the most idolised young football stars on the planet. After an amazing World Cup debut for Mexico, he left Guadalajara and started his dream career at Manchester United. He was initially expected to be a bit part player learning his apprenticeship, but instead instantly became a hit on and off the field with the fans and cementing his place with 20 goals and lightning pace as the club's leading striker alongside Wayne Rooney.

This is a story of the little boy with footballing stardom in his family (his father played for Mexico), who the coaches thought would be too small for the rigours of the professional game. The story of how he proved everyone wrong to reach the pinnacle of the game with World Cups, Premiership titles and Champions League finals.

Using sources from Guadalajara to Old Trafford, this totally unofficial book gets closer to the real Chicharito than any other source so far.

Author Bio
JAVIER HERNÁNDEZ BALCAÑEZ ZAR is a Mexican footballer who plays as a forward for Manchester United, being the first Mexican to do so. Hernández is commonly known as Chicharito, meaning little pea, in reference to being the son of former footballer Javier Hernández Gutiérrez, who was nicknamed Chicharo (pea) because of his green eyes. Hernández was born in Guadalajara, which was also his first club. He made his début for the Mexico national football team in September 2009 and represented them at the 2010 FIFA World Cup scoring two goals. He helped Mexico win the Gold Cup in 2011 and was named top scorer and 'Player of the Tournament'.
The Didi Man: My Love Affair with Liverpool
Dietmar Hamann

Summary
The cult Liverpool player pens an open love letter to LFC, the city of Liverpool, and its people
Dietmar "Didi" Hamann offers a warm, personal, and highly entertaining story of his time on Merseyside at a
football club which will always have a very special place in his heart. Hamann is a complete one-off—the foreigner
with a "Scouse" accent, the German who now plays cricket for his local village team, the overseas footballer
turned anglophile who fell deeply in love with the city of Liverpool, its people, and its eponymous football club.
The classy midfielder had a long and distinguished playing career, but it was his seven seasons at Anfield that
marked him out forever as a true Liverpool legend. His cult status was secured when he came off the bench at
half-time during the 2005 Champions League final in Istanbul to inspire his team to a dramatic comeback and
spectacular European glory.

Author Bio
Dietmar Hamann played professional football for Wacker Munich, Bayern Munich, Newcastle United, Liverpool,
Manchester City, and Milton Keynes Dons. In club football, he has won two Bundesliga titles, two UEFA Cups,
two FA Cups, and a Champions League winners' medal. At international level, he won 62 caps for his native
Germany and has a 2002 World Cup runners-up medal for his efforts. In 2010 Hamann became player/coach at
Milton Keynes Dons, and in 2011 he joined Leicester City as a first team coach. He has recently been appointed
as Manager of Stockport County.

Everton FC On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Neil Roberts

Summary
Everton FC On This Day recounts, in diary form, major events and magic moments in the Toffees history. With
individual entries for each day of the year and multiple entries for busier times, this book covers their ups and
downs, domestic and European cup runs, boardroom battles and sensational signings.

Author Bio
Neil Roberts is a sports writer.
For Richer, For Poorer
Rangers: The Fight for Survival
Paul Smith

Summary
The start of the 2011-12 season should have marked the dawn of a bold and brave era for Rangers Football Club, as new owner Craig Whyte accepted the keys to Ibrox from Sir David Murray. But football became a sideshow during Whyte's first campaign as tax rows, court action and the plunge into administration hogged the headlines in one of the most dramatic seasons Rangers have ever seen. With unique insights from those inside the game and within the club during its darkest hours, For Richer, For Poorer charts the tumultuous tenure of Whyte and examines in detail David Murray's own time in the owner's chair.

Murray took a white-knuckle ride on football's roller-coaster. He savoured the thrills of unbeatable highs, leading the club to the famous nine-in-a-row sequence of championships, and suffered agonising lows as the world's financial markets crashed and the club struggled to cope with mounting debts. The colourful businessman also changed the face of Scottish football, breaking down religious barriers and spending millions to attract world-class stars.

Whyte spoke of grand plans to...

Author Bio
PAUL SMITH has been working as a journalist in the Scottish national, regional and local press for more than 15 years, covering news and sport. As an author, he has penned a series of football titles, including To Barcelona and Beyond: The Men Who Made Rangers Champions of Europe, Shooting Star: The Colin Stein Story and Rangers' Cult Heroes. He lives in Kintore, Aberdeenshire.

The Fulham FC Miscellany
Alex White

Summary
The Fulham FC Miscellany is a gem of a book, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legends. This is the ultimate book of trivia on the club and a treasure trove of information that you can dip in and out of at your leisure. It's book that will make you smile, laugh out loud, sigh, and reflect on the good times and the bad. Written by lifelong fan Alex White, this is a book no self-respecting Fulham fan should be without.

Author Bio
Alex White is a lifelong Fulham fan and the author of Images of Sport: Fulham and The Men Who Made Fulham, as well as countless articles for fanzines.
The Gaffer
Neil Warnock

Summary
A top manager's intriguing insights into the daily trials and tribulations, the peaks and troughs of life as a football "gaffer"

For football fans who have ever wondered how a transfer deal is done, what a manager says during his prematch team-talk, or what he screams from the technical area, here the manager of Leeds United tells all. He also reveals what goes on in training sessions and on those long away trips, how a manager carefully builds a team, and what he does when the planning is disrupted by injuries. He explains how he lifts a team after a crushing defeat, and how he keeps their feet on the ground after a resounding victory. And he answers the question of how the man in charge handles the ever-present danger of getting sacked in the ultimate results business. In short, this book explains how one of today's top professional footballer managers somehow copes with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, with having to live, breathe, and sleep football 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Author Bio
In his 32-year managerial career Neil Warnock has taken charge of Gainsborough Trinity, Burton Albion, Scarborough, Notts County, Torquay United, Huddersfield Town, Plymouth Argyle, Bury, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, and QPR. He is currently manager of Leeds United. He has enjoyed seven promotions in that time, taking three different clubs into the country's top division.

Gaz
The Autobiography of a League Legend
Mark Gasnier, Andrew Webster

Summary
Read about the football champion who crammed more highs and lows into an 11-year career than just about any player of his generation

Carrying the surname of his uncle and Immortal Reg, he had blinding pace, a shimmy, a step, and an innate sense of timing. Whether it was for St George Illawarra, NSW, or Australia, he could seemingly sniff out a try at will. As former NSW coach Phil Gould once remarked: "Mark Gasnier, the best centre I have seen." Yet for a game that came to him so naturally, Gasnier's career was never so straightforward. His famous bloodlines and the notorious hoodoo that had seen the Dragons fail to win a premiership in three decades meant the weight of expectation never went away. A drunken phone call during a NSW bonding session that led to his sacking on the eve of his Origin debut, the curse of injury and the ultimate decision to walk away from the game and play rugby union for Paris glamour club Stade Francais only add to his complex journey. Those obstacles only made the finish—when he returned to the NRL to win the grand final with St George Illawarra—sweeter ...

Author Bio
Mark Gasnier is an Australian former rugby league player. Andrew Webster is the chief rugby league writer for the Daily Telegraph and the author of Supercoach: The Life and Times of Jack Gibson.
The Great and the Good
John Giles

Summary
Ireland’s leading football pundit and legend of the game John Giles will look back on more than 50 years of football, at developments in the game from the postwar period to the present day, the great players who drove it forward, the visionary managers and their teams, and the age-old question of what makes a player good and what makes one great.

Author Bio
John Giles was a gifted footballer, playing for the Manchester United youth team and Leeds United in the UK Premiership, and the Republic of Ireland. Giles is now a well known and greatly respected football analyst.

Green Is the Colour
The Story of Irish Football
Peter Byrne, Jack Charlton

Summary
The first history of soccer in Ireland, north and south

The story of Irish soccer in the 20th century is in many respects the story of Ireland itself, a rich, compelling narrative of events, political and social, which transformed the lifestyle of people and placed the country at the center of international focus. Starting with Ireland’s first success in the British championship in 1914, it deals with the highs and lows of the country’s international record, including Northern Ireland’s achievement in reaching the quarter finals of the 1958 World Cup and their subsequent qualification for the finals of the 1982 and ’84 championships in Spain and Mexico respectively. Likewise, the Republic’s golden period following the appointment of Jack Charlton as manager in 1986 is chronicled, with special emphasis on the win over England which triggered some fine performances in the 1988 UEFA European Championship and the achievements of Charlton (twice) and Mick McCarthy in taking the national team to the finals of the World Cup. The book is enriched by historical photographs through the generat...

Author Bio
Peter Byrne has been at the forefront of Irish sports journalism for 50 years and has won several national awards for his coverage of football, athletics and boxing. He wrote extensively on all three sports for the Irish Times in a career which took him to all the major events including the Olympic Games, the football and rugby World Cup championships in addition to the world championships in athletics and boxing. His books include My Part of the Day, a personal recollection of national and international sport, A History of The Irish Athletics Dispute as well as collaborating with Jack Charlton on his autobiography and his 1990 and 1994 World Cup Diaries. An occasional broadcaster, he currently serves as President of the Association of Sports Journalists in Ireland.
The Hibernian Miscellany
Bobby Sinnet

Summary
The Hibernian Miscellany-a book on the Hi-Bees like no other-is packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories and legends. From a European Cup semi-final to near extinction (more than once), from beating Barcelona and Real Madrid to losing to Stranraer and Edinburgh City, it's all here. Classic matches, the men who played for both Hibs and Hearts, nearly going out of business less than two years after winning the Scottish Cup, famous fans such as Dougray Scott, they all have a story to tell. The record wins, defeats, attendances, and plenty of facts about the club are listed in great detail, plus the answer to many questions such as what links Alan Hansen and George Burley to Hibs, and just what happened the famous night that Hibs knocked Barcelona out of the Fairs Cup. Also featured are a wide range of statistics, quotes and biographies from the club's history, making it a must for any fan. Can you really afford not to own a copy?

Author Bio
Bobby Sinnet is a lifelong Hibs fan and has set up a fan site and contributed articles to several others and fanzines. He has also started compiling a full online statistical history of the club.

The Hull City Miscellany
David Clayton

Summary
This is a book on the Tigers like no other, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legend. Now, with the club tasting previously uncharted highs, look back at what has made this club what it is today-the players and characters that have represented City over the years and the events that have shaped the club. If you want to know the record crowd for a home game, the record appearance holder, or longest-serving manager, look no further-this is the book you've been waiting for. From record goal scorers, to record defeats; from Boothferry Park to Dean Windass-it's all in The Hull City Miscellany.

Author Bio
David Clayton has written more than 30 sports books. Among these have been highly biographies and a number of trivia books. He lives in Manchester.
Jeff Stelling

**Jeffanory: Stories from Beyond Soccer Saturday**

**Summary**

TV's most popular sports broadcaster returns with the funniest and maddest stories from the unhinged world of football.

Are you sitting comfortably? Then Jeff will begin. The universally-loved, award-winning host of Sky Sports' *Soccer Saturday* and Channel 4's *Countdown*, and author of the bestselling *Jelleyman's Thrown a Wobbly*, returns with a Jackanory-style, football-flavored narrative which gathers together the funniest, weirdest, most tragic, most heartwarming, under-the-radar stories of the football season. The book is stuffed to the gunnels with behind-the-scenes revelations, opinions, and personal anecdotes from Jeff, and has a strong leaning towards the absurdities of both the highest levels and the grassroots of the game. From the Macclesfield goalkeeper booked for using a golf tee to take his goal kicks, to the unintelligible ranting and raving of South American dictator chairmen, let Jeff be your trusted guide through the madness of the football season, and let *Jeffanory* supply you with a veritable treasure trove of great anecdotes to take to the pub.

**Author Bio**

Jeff Stelling is a lifelong supporter of his hometown side, Hartlepool United. He was a presenter on LBC's Sportswatch program in the early 1980s before moving to BBC Radio 2's Sport on 2. He later spent time as a sports newsreader before moving to Sky in 1992 to present coverage of horse racing, snooker, and darts. Three years later Jeff became presenter of what is now called Soccer Saturday. In 2010 he was voted Sports Broadcast Journalist of the Year for the fifth year running, and he is the presenter of Channel 4's Countdown program. In 2011 he started hosting Sky Sport's coverage of the Champions League.

John Robertson: Super Tramp

**My Autobiography**

John Robertson, John Lawson

**Summary**

The unprecedented success of Nottingham Forest under master manager Brian Clough is one of the greatest stories in football folklore. Winning the European Cup in 1979 and 1980 were the remarkable highlights of that era in the club’s history. And the player at the heart of those Forest glories was winger John Robertson, who fashioned the goal that conquered Europe a first time and then scored the match-winner as Clough’s side retained the trophy.

His unkempt and unshaven appearance made him the most unlikely of star footballers but his artistry and vision made him the creative on-the-field force behind a Forest side that swept all before them.

After retiring from playing, Robertson went on to strike up a wonderfully successful managerial partnership with Martin O’Neill at Leicester, Celtic and Aston Villa. Yet, amid his years of football fame, Robertson has known moments of deep personal tragedy, with the death of his daughter, who had cerebral palsy, at the age of 13 and the loss of his elder brother in a car crash.

In *John Robertson: Super Tramp*, the footballing legend reveals al...

**Author Bio**

JOHN ROBERTSON’s football journey took him from the Glasgow suburbs to European heights with Forest. On the international front he won 28 Scotland caps and experienced the ecstasy of scoring the winning goal against England at Wembley.
Manchester United Greatest Ever Matches
Steve Bartram

Summary
Voted for by Manchester United’s fans from around the world, a collection of the greatest games the team has ever played

Was the greatest Man U game the famous comeback in added time to win the Champions League final in 1999? Or could it have been the Busby Babes’ swansong—a 5 to 4 thriller at Highbury? And who can forget the 8 to 2 thrashing of Arsenal in 2011? These are just a few of the greatest games ever played by Manchester United. In this remarkable and fascinating book, United fans have voted by the thousands to say which matches they believe were truly special. Featuring contributions from many of the stars who played in them, as well as individual supporter memories, this book takes the reader to the heart of why Manchester United is a club like no other: throughout its history are so many matches that no one who saw them can ever forget. Deciding which game was the best of the bunch will be the fans’ choice.

Author Bio
Steve Bartram is a regular writer for manutd.com and for the United Review. He is the coauthor of Behind the Scenes at Manchester United and The Story of Our Season 2009-2010. Adam Marshall is a sports journalist who also writes for manutd.com and has written for ESPN and Yahoo.

Manchester United On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Mike Donovan

Summary
Manchester United On This Day recounts, in diary form, major events and magic moments in the history of the Red Devils. With individual entries for each day of the year and multiple entries for busier times, this book covers their ups and downs, domestic and European cup runs, boardroom battles, and sensational signings.

Author Bio
Mike Donovan is a sports writer.
Match of the Day Annual 2013

Summary
The Match of the Day annual returns, bursting with fun footie games, facts, puzzles, cartoons, lists, stats and more—all from the nation's favourite footie magazine.

The very best footie annual is back, packed full of games, puzzles, cartoons and more!

With cut-out-and-keep posters of all the star players, plus lists of the best goals, tips on ball skills, all the latest transfer rumours and cartoons featuring Paz, Bez, Gary and all of the MOTD presenters, Match of the Day Annual 2013 is the coolest footie annual around.

Author Bio
MATCH OF THE DAY MAGAZINE is the UK's biggest-selling football magazine. Compiled by the staff of MOTD Magazine, which includes some of the top names in sport magazine publishing (the former editor of Match moved over to run Match of the Day).

Never Mind the Bluebirds
The Ultimate Cardiff City Quizbook
David Collins, Gareth Bennett

Summary
Which local South Wales side-still in existence—provided Cardiff's first ever opponents? Which renowned international "superstar" appeared at Ninian Park as part of his 1982 British Tour? Here is the ultimate quiz book on Cardiff City. Informative and fun, this is the perfect companion for those long car journeys to Preston, or wet Welsh nights down the local. An ideal gift for Bluebirds fans of all ages, here's the chance to interact with the long and eventful history of the club, from formation and name changes to new stadia and Craig Bellamy. From cryptic to convivial, get your Cardiff thinking caps on—it's quiz time!

Author Bio
David Collins and Gareth Bennett both worked on Cardiff City fanzines. Bennett is a trained journalist and keen local historian, while Collins has written extensively on Welsh football and Cardiff City and is a regular pundit on GTFM's Cardiff City phone-in. They are both based in Cardiff.
The Official Illustrated History of Manchester United 1878-2012
The Full Story and Complete Record
Sir Bobby Charlton

Summary
The definitive, official history of Manchester United, the world's most popular football club, is the one book no Ufan can afford to be without.

When the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company formed the Newton Heath L and YR Cricket and Football Club in 1878, they could have had no idea what it was they were starting. Renamed Manchester United in 1902 after financial problems, the new club would soon go on to win the league title and the FA Cup. It was just the beginning of one of the most remarkable and gripping stories in sport. This masterful account explains how United rose to success, and how the club recovered in the bomb-damaged aftermath of World War II under the brilliant guidance of Matt Busby. The loss of the lives of eight players in the Munich Air Disaster of February 1958 stunned a nation, and football fans around the world. Busby recovered to build a new team around the talents of Best, Law, and Charlton, becoming the first English football club to win the European Cup in 1968. The incredible story of United's success, the great stars from Billy Meredith more than 10...

Author Bio
Manchester United Football Club has more than 333 million fans worldwide, and is the best-supported club in the UK and Ireland. Sir Bobby Charlton is an English former professional soccer player who won the World Cup and was named the European Footballer of the Year in 1966.

Pep Guardiola
Another Way of Winning
Guillem Balague, Sir Alex Ferguson

Summary
An entertaining, perceptive biography of the hugely successful manager of FC Barcelona.

As a footballer, Josep "Pep" Guardiola was a much-acclaimed defensive midfielder who spent the majority of his playing career with FC Barcelona. He was part of the great Johan Cruyff's "dream team" that won the club's first European Cup. After retiring as a player, Guardiola became a coach at Barcelona, succeeding Frank Rijkaard as first-team manager in 2008. In his first season, he led the team to the treble of La Liga, the Copa del Rey, and the Champions League, and became the youngest-ever winning manager of that tournament. The following season the club won six trophies in six competitions, playing some of the most fabulous football ever witnessed. The team comprises global stars like Lionel Messi, Xavi, and Iniesta and continues to compete at a level its rivals cannot match. This book tells how Pep Guardiola did it—playing the Beautiful Game and winning.

Author Bio
Guillem Balague regularly appears on Sky Sports TV as its pundit on Spanish football. He is the author of A Season on the Brink.
Rangers FC On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Paul Smith

Summary
*Rangers On This Day* recounts, in diary form, major events and magic moments in the history of the Ibrox Park club. With individual entries for each day of the year, and multiple entries for busier times, this book covers their ups and downs, domestic and European cup runs, boardroom battles, and sensational signings.

Author Bio
Paul Smith writes on Scottish football for the *Aberdeen Press & Journal*. His bona fides come from the fact that he is the son of former Rangers player David Smith, who starred in the Gers' European Cup Winners' Cup triumph in 1972. Paul has written several books, including *To Barcelona and Beyond*, the story of Rangers' 1972 European triumph.

Scottish Football
It's Not All About the Old Firm
Scott Burns

Summary
Heroes and legends of the Scottish game unite to share their stories and memories, in their own words, as they helped their respective clubs step out of the shadows of Rangers and Celtic

Offering a true behind-the-scenes story of some of the game’s greatest achievement, this history covers every title, European, Scottish Cup, and League Cup triumph from Sir Alex Ferguson’s time at Aberdeen to Dundee United’s Scottish Cup heroics of 2010. The triumphs of Motherwell, Kilmarnock, Raith Rovers, St. Mirren, Dundee United, Aberdeen, Livingston, Hibs, and Hearts are covered extensively by the very people who helped write themselves into the history books of the Scottish game. The likes of Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Paul Lambert, Jimmy Nicholl, Stevie Kirk, Stuart Lovell, Paul Wright, Steven Fletcher, Jim Jefferies, David Goodwillie, and Maurice Malpas give a unique insight into some of their greatest footballing moments. Fans finally have access to the inside story of each glory run, from stays in haunted hotels to the dressing room and tunnel bust-ups to the illegal betting scandals, as ...

Author Bio
Scott Burns is a sports writer with the *Scottish Daily Express* and has been covering domestic, European, and international football for more than a decade.
Shine On Swansea City
2011/12 A Season in the Sun
Keith Haynes

Summary
A sensational account of Swansea City's 2011/12 season in the Premier League covering 12 months in the life of a Welsh football club that in 2002 was just 40 minutes away from extinction and expulsion from the football league. Taking up the story where he left off at the end of Walking on Sunshine, Keith Haynes gives a vivid and passionate account of Swansea City's first foray into the Premier League. Playing with the top teams in England was never going to be easy, but under the expert guidance of manager Brendan Rodgers, the boys from the valleys have shown they are more than capable of holding their own.

Author Bio
Keith Haynes is a lifelong Swansea City fan and has written eight books as well as countless articles for fanzines and the Swansea City match day program. He lives in Gloucester.

Sir Walter Winterbottom
The Father of Modern English Football
Graham Morse, Sir Trevor Brooking

Summary
Sir Walter Winterbottom was arguably the most influential man in modern English football. He is known as the first England team manager, but more than that he was an innovator of modern coaching, sports administrator and a man ahead of his time; a man who had a profound effect on English football and who laid the foundations for England's success in 1966. Walter managed them all, from Lawton to Charlton, and inspired many to become coaches: Ron Greenwood, Bill Nicholson, Jimmy Hill, and Bobby Robson were among his disciples and took his gospel to the clubs they managed. Born in 1913, Winterbottom started out as a teacher and physical education instructor, playing amateur football in his spare time. He was soon signed up by Manchester United, playing his first game 1936 and winning promotion to the First Division in 1938. A spinal ailment curtailed his career, but during World War II he served as an officer in the Royal Air Force before the FA appointed him as national director of coaching and England team manager in 1946. He remains the only manager to have taken the national side to...

Author Bio
Graham Morse is the author of The Islands Time Forgot. Sir Walter Winterbottom is his father-in-law.
Sky Sports Football Yearbook 2013-2014
Jack Rollin, Glenda Rollin

Summary
This 43rd edition of the football bible brings you all the Premier League, Football League, Champions League, and Europa League stats. It never fails to deliver with unrivaled stats and information including an exhaustive daily round-up of the main diary events; comprehensive season-by-season players' directory with an invaluable A-Z of all entries; the most informed stats for English and Scottish league and cup matches; and English and Scottish important dates at home and abroad for the 2012-2013 season. As ever, this is the "first reference book you should turn to."

Author Bio
Jack Rollin was soccer columnist for the Sunday Telegraph for 21 years and has worked on all but three editions of this yearbook as well as editing Playfair Football Annual with his daughter, Glenda Rollin. Glenda has been coeditor of the yearbook since 1995.

Steel City Rivals
Steve Cowens, Anthony Cronshaw

Summary
A double-sided flip book exploring the divide between fans of Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday

Football rivalry is a common factor anywhere in the world where the sport is played, but some take it far more seriously than others. In Sheffield, the traditional capital of Britain's steel manufacturing industry, there is no greater tribal divide than between fans of Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday. The two clubs' supporters berate each other with a venomous passion, their long-running feud intense enough to divide families and workplaces from 1889 to the present day. But why? How does a natural rivalry that, in the 1960s, saw supporters from both clubs going to Hillsborough Stadium (Wednesday’s ground) one week, then Bramell Lane (home to United) the next, turn to such enmity? In this history, authors Cowens (a United supporter) and Cronshaw (Wednesday) leaven their insider knowledge and fan anecdotes with a dark humor and bitter fascination with football violence. The struggle for supremacy between red (United) and blue (Wednesday), between "blade" and "owl", is absolut...
Steven Gerrard: My Liverpool Story
Steven Gerrard

Summary
A stunning illustrated celebration of Gerrard’s Liverpool career, complete with exclusive photographs and intriguing commentary from the man who is a hero to Liverpool's fans worldwide

Steven Gerrard has been Liverpool's most totemic player for more than a decade. The 31-year-old has been with the Merseyside outfit for the duration of his career, and is now certain to finish as that very rare animal indeed—a one-club man. He has recently signed a new contract which will see him stay at Anfield through to the end of his playing days, and which also includes an ambassadorial role for when he does finally retire.

Author Bio
Steven Gerrard is Liverpool FC’s most talented player for a generation, and one of their all-time greats. During his illustrious Liverpool career, Gerrard has won the Champions League, the League Cup three times, the FA Cup twice, and the UEFA Cup.

The Stoke City Miscellany
David Clayton

Summary
The Stoke City Miscellany is a book on the club like no other, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legend. Now, with the club tasting previously uncharted highs, look back at what has made this club what it is today—the players and characters that have represented City over the years and the events that have shaped the club. If you want to know the record crowd for a home game, the record appearance holder, or the longest-serving manager, look no further: this is the book you've been waiting for. From record goal scorers, to record defeats; from The Victoria Ground to Alan Ball, from Mark Chamberlain to Gordon Banks, it's all in here—can you afford not to own a copy?

Author Bio
David Clayton has written more than 30 sports books.
**Sunderland AFC Miscellany**

*Black Cats Trivia, History, Facts & Stats*

Rob Mason

**Summary**

Fully endorsed by the club is this compendium with everything Sunderland FC related

This fan must-have is packed with fascinating facts, figures, trivia, stats, quirky stories and legendary anecdotes all relating to the history of the club. From memorable matches and legendary players, the book follows no set order, chronological or otherwise, but has plenty to keep any fanatic coming back for more.

**Author Bio**

Rob Mason is the author of *Greatest Games: Sunderland*.

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**This Is Our Time**

*AFC Wimbledon Story*

Niall Couper

**Summary**

The story of the nine-year journey which took AFC Wimbledon from the very depths of nonleague football back to their rightful place in the Football League

Collecting more than 100 stories from the key figures involved in the club, this is a chronicle of the ups and downs, the controversies, and the final redemption as the Dons reclaimed their place in the Football League in 2011. Far more than a simple football tale, this is a story of romance and hard work, mostly by those forgotten heroes of modern sports—the fans, who, when the club they loved was torn away from them, rolled up their sleeves and refused to lie down. After the sale of Wimbledon FC to Milton Keynes, an unprecedented and unwelcome scenario in English football, the club reformed under a new name and began again in the lower leagues. With no stadium, players, money, manager, backroom staff, or kit, the fans were all that remained, and the club became a democratic, supporter-run business. What happened next demonstrates that modern football is about so much more than television money and overpaid superstars. Dozens of h...
**Tortoise Football**
Giles Andreae, Janet Cronin

**Summary**
A positive tale about the value of teamwork

Tortoises who stand alone are strong, but not as strong as those who work together. Read how this team of tortoises save the rest of their day with teamwork and fun!

**Author Bio**
Giles Andreae is the author of several children's books including *Cock-a-Doodle-Doo! Barnyard Hullabaloo, K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo*, winner of the Children's Book Award, *The Lion Who Wanted to Love*, and *Rumble in the Jungle*. Janet Cronin is the illustrator for the World of Happy series, as well as the BBC television counterpart.

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**Why Always Me?**
The Biography of Mario Balotelli
Frank Worrall

**Summary**
He is mercurial, troublesome, and frequently brilliant—this is the incredible story of the most fascinating man in world football today

Born in Italy to Ghanaian parents, Mario Barwuah suffered life-threatening health problems as a baby. By the age of three he had recovered, but his parents then entrusted him to a foster family—the Balottellis—and Mario grew up in the affluent village of Concesio. He began his football career with Lumezzane, earning promotion to the first team at the age of just 15. Balotelli’s skill soon brought him to the attention of the biggest clubs in Italy, and he was signed by Inter Milan in 2006. Having made his first team debut in 2007, he became the youngest Inter player to score in the Champions League in November 2008. His second season at Inter was blighted by disciplinary problems, however, and a series of high-profile clashes with manager Jose Mourinho, along with criticism from his teammates for his behavior on the pitch, paved the way for a move to the Premier League. Balotelli soon made his mark with a series of stunning goals—and yet more inciden...

**Author Bio**
Frank Worrall is the author of *Giggsy, The Magnificent Sevens*, and *Rory McIlroy*.
A Game of Three Halves
The Official Kenny Swain Biography
Brian Beard

Summary
The official biography of Kenny Swain. It's the tale of the man who quit teaching to sign for Chelsea, THE glamour club of the 1970s. At Aston Villa he helped them win the championship and European Cup. He also played for Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest and Kenny paints a personal picture of the most charismatic and controversial manager in English football history. Portsmouth and Crewe were his last clubs in an illustrious career that saw him play more than 100 games for five different clubs. Kenny now works in England's set-up and has helped develop players such as Michael Owen, Joe Cole, and Danny Wellbeck.

Author Bio
A qualified FA, Coach Brian Beard has written The Breedon Book of Premiership Records, a detailed and anecdotal account of the first dozen years of the English top flight. Three Lions is a history of the 46 years, and counting, of England's abject failure to win another international trophy. In between he wrote The Collins Gem book on Disaster Survival. The Don, an autobiography of Don Goodman was due out in late 2010 and in addition to A Game of Three Halves by Kenny Swain, Brian has also written On This Day Aston Villa. A former New York Cosmos trialist Brian considers himself a football fan with no particular allegiance.

Fulham Match of My Life
Craven Cottage Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Michael Heatley

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club’s biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Author Bio
Michael Heatley is the author of Football Grounds Then and Now, the Great Derbies series, The Non-League Football Factbook and Lost League Grounds. A Fulham supporter since 1970, he has made regular contributions to the club programme and has edited magazines including The Footballer, Matchday and The Championship Game.
Match Annual 2013

Match

Summary
From the UK’s most popular football magazine comes the essential annual for fans of the beautiful game. The 2013 Annual is packed full of Match’s best-loved features including Matchman, the magazine’s resident cartoon character, and all the usual quizzes, games and posters of top players and teams.

Author Bio
Match is the biggest-selling football magazine in the UK, selling over 80,000 copies every week. It is the magazine all football stars want to be in, and all football fans want to read.

Brighton & Hove Albion Match of My Life

Albion Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Paul Camillin

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club’s biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Author Bio
Paul Camillin began writing about Brighton & Hove Albion in the Brighton Argus. He subsequently became the club’s programme editor and later the club’s head of media. He has written three books on the Seagulls: Albion The First 100 Years, launched as part of the club’s centenary celebrations, Brighton & Hove Albion Miscellany and Match of My Life.
Charlton Athletic Miscellany
Addicks Trivia, History, Facts & Stats
Matt Eastley

Summary
Charlton Athletic Miscellany is packed with fascinating facts, figures, trivia, stats, quirky stories, and legendary anecdotes all relating to the history of the club. From memorable matches and legendary players, the book follows no set order, chronological or otherwise, but has plenty to keep any fanatic coming back for more-and is fully endorsed by the club.

Author Bio
Matthew Eastley is the author of From Bovril to Champagne-When the FA Cup Really Mattered.

Chelsea Cult Heroes
Stamford Bridge's Greatest Icons
Leo Moynihan

Summary
Cult Heroes looks back at the cult figures in each club’s history, the players who-regardless of ability, status, or legend-were loved by the fans. Looking back at a raft of household names who have gone down in folklore, it recalls those players’ careers and examines just why they gained cult status.

Author Bio
Freelance football writer Leo Moynihan’s first book, Gordon Strachan: The Biography, earned him a nomination as best new writer at the 2004 British Sports Book of the Year awards. He has since collaborated with David Beckham on the autobiographical Making It Real.
**Middlesex CCC Miscellany**

*Middlesex Trivia, History, Facts & Stats*
Steve Fletcher

**Summary**

*Middlesex CCC Miscellany* is packed with fascinating facts, figures, trivia, stats, stories, and anecdotes all relating to the history of the club. From memorable matches, legendary batsmen and bowlers, the book follows no set order, chronological or otherwise, but has plenty to keep any fanatic coming back for more—and is fully endorsed by the club.

**Author Bio**

*Steve Fletcher* is head of PR for Middlesex CCC. He is also the author of *Middlesex CCC On This Day.*

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**Nottingham Forest Cult Heroes**

*Forest's Greatest Icons*
David McVay

**Summary**

*Cult Heroes* looks back at the cult figures in each club’s history, the players who—regardless of ability, status, or legend—were loved by the fans. Looking back at a raft of household names who have gone down in folklore, it recalls those players’ careers and examines just why they gained cult status.

**Author Bio**

*David McVay* is a former professional footballer who played for Notts County, Peterborough United and Lincoln City. His books include *The Complete Centre Forward*, the biography of Tommy Lawton, and *Steak... Diana Ross*, his account of a journeyman footballer’s career during the 1970s, which was recently produced at the Nottingham Playhouse.
**Six Stickers**
Adam Carroll-Smith

**Summary**
Adam Carroll-Smith never completed a football sticker album as a kid. Try as he might, he was always a few stickers short. After uncovering one of his long-lost, almost-finished albums, he decided now was the time to break that duck. Disillusioned and out of love with the modern game, he decided to track down and photograph the six players missing from his Premier League 1996 sticker book. Examining the changes to the world of football in the last 15 years, *Six Stickers* tells the story of Carroll-Smith's bid to complete his childhood album and rediscover his love for the game.

**Author Bio**
Adam Carroll-Smith has been covering a range of sports across the country for three years. His first book, *Chasing Sachin*, saw him following his boyhood hero Sachin Tendulkar around the country.

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**Spurs Greatest Games**
*Tottenham Hotspur's 50 Finest Matches*
Mike Donovan

**Summary**
From games against noisy north London neighbors Arsenal to others against big rivals like Manchester United, Chelsea, and Liverpool

Tottenham Hotspur is a club founded in 1882 on romance, taking its name from a legendary historical figure immortalized by Shakespeare, a club with a tradition of panache and style. This book reflects these hallmarks through 50 of their finest matches: from the first FA Cup success to the Double and European Cup Winners' Cup triumphs.

**Author Bio**
Mike Donovan is a freelance writer who has covered sport for close to 40 years. He is the author of *Donovan's Science of Boxing* and has won two British Sportswriter of the Year awards.
Sussex CCC Match of My Life
Sussex Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Bruce Talbot

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Manchester City Cult Heroes
City's Greatest Icons
David Clayton

Summary
Cult Heroes looks back at the cult figures in each club's history, the players who—regardless of ability, status, or legend—were loved by the fans. Looking back at a raft of household names who have gone down in folklore, it recalls those players' careers and examines just why they gained cult status.

Author Bio
David Clayton (Author) : David Clayton was born and raised in Manchester. A lifelong Blue, he is still coming to terms with the fact City are now right up there with the big dogs— and loving every minute of it. An author of more than 20 books on the Blues, he has also ghost-wrote the autobiographies of Mike Doyle, Shaun Goater, Ian Holloway, Tony Book, Joe Corrigan and Andy Morrison. He also wrote acclaimed biographies on Georgi Kinkladze and the actor Richard Beckinsale. He has edited the official City magazine for over a decade and also works for the club website as well as regularly contributing to Four Four Two magazine. He lives in Didsbury with his wife Sarah and three young children Harry, Jaime and Chrissie.
Newcastle United Cult Heroes
The Toon's Greatest Icons
Dylan Younger

Summary
Cult Heroes looks back at the cult figures in each club's history, the players who—regardless of ability, status, or legend—were loved by the fans. Looking back at a raft of household names who have gone down in folklore, it recalls those players' careers and examines just why they gained cult status.

Author Bio
Dylan Younger is a freelance sportswriter with a lifelong passion for the Magpies. With an English MA from Oxford University under his belt, he became a cub sports reporter and later sports editor of the Sunday Sun. Dylan was instrumental in setting up one of the UK's first sports journalism degrees, and now has a decade's lecturing experience.

West Bromwich Albion Cult Heroes
The Baggies' Greatest Icons
Simon Wright

Summary
Cult Heroes looks back at the cult figures in each club's history, the players who—regardless of ability, status, or legend—were loved by the fans. Looking back at a raft of household names who have gone down in folklore, it recalls those players' careers and examines just why they gained cult status.
Brave Heart
Lessons Learnt from Life
Brett Kirk, Hayley S. Kirk

Summary
Brett Kirk opens up about his life and the challenges and triumphs that made him one of the most admired AFL players in Australia.

Most people know Brett Kirk as the courageous captain who helped his team, the Sydney Swans, win the holiest of grails on the Australian Football League calendar. What many people don't know is how he came to be such a tireless captain, honest teammate, and admired role model in both life and sport. Brett, with the help of his wife, Hayley, opens himself up like never before, sharing personal stories to guide you through the challenges of working out who you truly are, what drives you, what you love, and ultimately who you want to be.

Author Bio
Brett Kirk is an AFL legend who played 241 consecutive games for the Sydney Swans and led the team to premiership victory in 2005. Hayley S. Kirk is the author of Divine Clementine and When’s My Turn?.

At Easter Road They Play
A Post-War History of Hibs: Volume One 1945-1967
John Campbell, Lawrie Reilly

Summary
Since 1875, the Hibernian Football Club has been an integral part of sporting life in the city of Edinburgh and port of Leith, and this first of three volumes picks up the story from 1945, covering the most successful stretch of the club's history when Hibernian won three championship titles and became the first British club to play in the European Cup, reaching the semifinal. Packed with anecdotal tales of the times, it gives fascinating insight into life at the club when the Famous Five were in their heyday right through to the mid-60s when Joe Baker burst onto the scene. A game-by-game, goal-by-goal account of the many highs and numerous lows, At Easter Road They Play is a fantastic journey back to the days when massive crowds flocked to Easter Road to see Hibernian play.

Author Bio
John Campbell is a longtime supporter of the Hibernian Football Club and a scholar of the club’s long and illustrious history. He was the editor and a regular contributor to the long-running fanzine Mass Hibsteria before moving on to join the club’s interactive team, writing regularly for the match-day program and club website as well as providing internet-based match commentaries. Lawrie Reilly is a former Scottish association soccer player who was one of the "Famous Five," the legendary Hibernian forward line during the 1950s. He is rated among the top forwards in Scottish soccer history and was inducted into the Scottish soccer Hall of Fame in 2005.
Class of '92
The Official Story of the Team That Transformed United
Ian Marshall

Summary
The official story of the team of Beckham, Giggs, Scholes, and Neville that revolutionized Manchester United

In May 1992, Fergie's Fledglings won the FA Youth Cup for the first time since the era of George Best—more than a generation. David Beckham, Nicky Butt, Ryan Giggs, Gary Neville, and Paul Scholes were all part of United's youth set-up in 1992; by 2011, they had won 42 league title medals between them and all of them played a key role in United's famous Treble-winning side of 1999. Their achievements will surely never be matched. On the 20th anniversary of their win, this incredible story reveals how sometimes dreams really do come true.

Author Bio
Ian Marshall is a lifelong United fan, first visiting Old Trafford in 1973. A publisher for much of his career, he has worked with some of the greatest sporting personalities in the world, among them Eric Cantona. He is the author of Official Manchester United Top Ten Book and Old Trafford: 100 Years at the Home of Manchester United.

Derby County Match of My Life
Legendary Rams Relive Their Favourite Games
Nick Johnson

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Author Bio
Nick Johnson is a freelance sports writer and broadcaster. He covers football for Sky Sports, writes for various newspapers and magazines and acts as a correspondent for international news agency Reuters. His other books include Sheffield United Match Of My Life and the acclaimed Setting The Record Straight with Peter Swan.
Hearts Greatest Games
Heart of Midlothian's 50 Finest Matches
Mike Smith

Summary
An entertaining and informative description of 50 of the greatest games involving Heart of Midlothian, one of Scotland's biggest football clubs. From the club's first national honor, the Scottish Cup win of 1891, through the glorious decade that was the 1950s, to the Vladimir Romanov era and challenging the Old Firm in 2011, this book is a must for all Hearts supporters.

Author Bio
Mike Smith is the author of Follow the Hearts and Hearts: The Diary of an Incredible Season. He has had a column in the Hearts match day program since 2005 and has contributed to the official club website.

Liverpool Match of My Life
Kop Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Leo Moynihan

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Author Bio
Leo Moynihan's first book, Gordon Strachan: The Biography earned him a nomination for best new writer at the British Sports Book of the Year awards. He has since collaborated with David Beckham on the autobiographical Making It Real and is also the author of The Liverpool Miscellany and The Pocket Book of Liverpool.
Manchester United Match of My Life
Red Devils Relive Their Favourite Games
Ivan Ponting

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

Author Bio
Ivan Ponting has written more than 30 books on football, including Manchester United Player By Player, and has penned the autobiographies of Bill Foulkes and Gary Pallister. He also supplies obituaries to The Independent newspaper, and his joint effort with David Foot, entitled Sixty Summers: Somerset Cricket Since The War, won Best Cricket Book at the 2007 National Sporting Club awards.

Moving the Goalposts
Why Maradona Was Really Useless . . . How to Win a Penalty Shoot-Out . . . and 65 More Astonishing Statistical Football Revelations
Rob Jovanovic

Summary
The perfect resource for the statistics junkies, tactics lovers, and analysis gurus who follow the beautiful game

This book debunks a few long-standing myths from the world of soccer. It examines the aspects of the game that are often overlooked, ignored, and taken for granted, and explains how and why football is a sport which is regularly misinterpreted. After taking a look at legends from the past and trends for the future that are outlined here, readers will never watch the game in the same way again.

Author Bio
Rob Jovanovic is the author of numerous nonfiction books on sports and music, including Big Star and Perfect Sound Forever: The Story of Pavement.
Norwich City Greatest Games
Ed Couzens-Lake

Summary
Modest in stature but with a giant heart, Norwich City have made their mark in English football over the last 100 years. From giant killing exploits during their Southern League days, to near glory in the inaugural season of the Premier League, not to mention all points in between and beyond, this book looks back at 50 of the greatest games in Canary folklore.

Author Bio
Ed Couzens-Lake is the author of the Norwich City Miscellany and Fantasy Football.

Picking Up the Threads
The Colours of World Football
John Chandler

Summary
A lighthearted look at some of the weird and wonderful reasons behind the choice of some of the world's famous and not-so-famous football uniforms

An illustrated look at more than 150 teams, from Brazil to the New York Cosmos and Manchester United to Dagenham & Redbridge, and the tales behind their choice of colors, this book includes entries for every English and Scottish Premier and Football League club, as well as leading international and nonleague teams. It features hundreds of pictures to illustrate the history of why various teams wear the football uniforms they do, as well as a detailed history of the England team uniform and three-lions crest.

Author Bio
John Chandler is a freelance illustrator whose commissions include The Mighty Book of Boosh. He is a regular contributor to publications such as the Independent on Sunday.
**Shadow of the Knight**

*Football's Life After Sir Alex Ferguson*

Paul Smith

**Summary**

A look at the future of Man U, once Sir Alex Ferguson retires

Certain things in life are inevitable—gas prices will rise, summer follows spring, and Sir Alex Ferguson will retire eventually. What is next for Manchester United once the club’s legendary manager retires? This book looks to the past for answers about the future. By studying the legacy left at Aberdeen and the fate of those who have worked alongside him at United, it paints a picture of what lies ahead for a club entering an era without its most iconic figurehead, and celebrates the most successful club management career in the history of British football.

**Author Bio**

Paul Smith covered his first Scottish Premier League match in 1996 as a reporter for the *Courier* newspaper and also served on the *Sunday Post* and *Sporting Post*. He currently serves as head of photographic with the *Press and Journal.*

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**Sheffield United Match of My Life**

*Bramall Lane Legends Relive Their Favourite Games*

Nick Johnson

**Summary**

The Match of My Life series features some of each club’s biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.
Soccer Drills
A Guide for All Levels of Ability
David Smith

Summary
A wide variety of 190 training drills for all levels of youth and adult soccer teams

Each soccer drill presented here is broken down into step-by-step diagrams, with possible variations on each drill given, making the book a valuable resource for coaches. The book is structured by drills according to age and skill level, providing progressive training for teams. Each drill has been rehearsed and refined over a period of many years. They are proven to work in developing skills and teamwork with players of all levels of ability. It also presents an extensive collection of original games and activities to enliven training sessions.

Author Bio
David Smith is a grade school soccer teacher and coach. He spent many summers coaching soccer in the United States, working for a period of 15 years with a range of recreational soccer programs, and has coached many club soccer players of all ages.

Stoke City Match of My Life
Potters Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Simon Lowe

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.
**Sunderland Match of My Life**  
*Legendary Black Cats Relive Their Favourite Games*  
Rob Mason

**Summary**

The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.

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**Theo**  
*Growing Up Fast*  
Theo Walcott

**Summary**

The amazing story, in his own words, of the meteoric rise to fame of one of England's most exciting young footballers.

When the name of Theo Walcott was included in the England squad for the 2006 World Cup, shock waves ran through the football world. But no one was more surprised than Theo himself.

Five years later, Theo Walcott is one of the most recognizable names in football. As the English heart of the brilliant young Arsenal team, he has become a firm favourite at the Emirates Stadium. He represents everything that is good about the beautiful game: a player with his feet on the ground, but lightning quick on the field. He carries the expectations of the nation on his shoulders, especially since one night in Croatia made him the youngest player in history to score a hat-trick for England.

It has been an incredible adventure, an unbelievable story for a quiet boy from a small village who only started playing football when he was 10. But how does it feel for your dreams to come true? In *Theo: Growing Up Fast*, Theo Walcott takes you for the first time right inside his world.

**Author Bio**

THEO WALCOTT was born on March 16, 1989 and grew up near Newbury. After joining the youth scheme at Southampton, he became the Saints' youngest ever player, before joining Arsenal in January 2006. Following his surprise selection in Sven-Göran Eriksson's World Cup squad, Theo set another record in making his England debut at the age of just 17 years and 75 days, and was named the BBC's Young Sports Personality of the Year in 2006. He is now approaching 200 appearances for Arsenal, and in September 2008 became the youngest player to score a hat-trick for England.
We Are Celtic Supporters
Richard Purden

Summary
In *We Are Celtic Supporters* Richard Purden examines what created the culture, ideas and beliefs around Celtic football club. In new and exclusive interviews with supporters, he explores the Celtic way of life and the rich traditions that give context to much of the support while deconstructing some myths along the way. As a traveling supporter he visits a variety of fans in locations such as New York, Spain, Germany, Italy and various parts of the UK. He talks to well-known Celtic supporters such as James MacMillan about the often misrepresented Catholic roots, to Pat Nevin about why he fell out of love with the club and to a number of well-known rock 'n' rollers such as Noel Gallagher, Bobby Gillespie and Johnny Marr. *We Are Celtic Supporters* gives the inside story of how major events in Celtic's history have shaped the identity of the fans, and what it really means to follow this unique football club.

Author Bio
Richard Purden grew up in Edinburgh but with family roots in Limerick and the west of Scotland he always felt a strong connection to Irish literature, culture and of course, Celtic FC.

Wolves Match of My Life
Molineux Legends Relive Their Favourite Games
Simon Lowe

Summary
The Match of My Life series features some of each club's biggest stars looking back at the standout game in their career, as well as giving a much broader view of their time with the club.
The Book of Football Obituaries
Ivan Ponting

Summary
The Book of Football Obituaries celebrates the lives of a cavalcade of remarkable characters, men who have loomed large in the collective consciousness of their countless fans, people who have admired them week by week, season by season; been touched by them, perhaps outraged by them, maybe even loved them in that special way which supporters reserve for their sporting heroes.

Author Bio
Ivan Ponting is a vastly experienced football writer with more than 50 books to his credit, and for more than two decades he has been contributing obituaries to The Independent newspaper. Among his most recent volumes are collaborations with Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs, Denis Law and Sir Bobby Charlton. He is the author of the Player By Player series, and has penned the autobiographies of numerous footballers, as well.

Diary of a Soccer Star
Shamini Flint, Sally Heinrich

Summary
In illustrated diary format, the hilarious tale of a boy who is a soccer star— not! Marcus is a math whiz who is not good at sports. But his dad, a self-help author, is convinced otherwise. He believes that Marcus can achieve anything he sets his mind to—with hilarious results. Marcus’s gentle, satiric humor and comic drawings will have readers laughing out loud while learning a surprising amount about soccer.

Author Bio
Shamini Flint has written many books for children but is best known for her Inspector Singh Investigates series of crime fiction for adults. She and Sally Heinrich collaborated previously on A T-Rex Ate My Homework.
The Secret Diary of Mario Balotelli
Bruno Vincent

Summary
A hilarious (and mock) insight into the weird and wonderful world of the Premier League's most endearingly eccentric player

"He's a total rock 'n' roller. There's a bit of Mario in all of us—well, maybe not Gary Neville—but the rest of us most definitely." - Noel Gallagher

Mario Balotelli is one of the most talked-about footballers in the Premier League: from his on-pitch talent to his off-pitch mishaps, he is one of those rare players whose fame has spread beyond Match of the Day and reached the watercooler. Everyone wants to know just what Super Mario will get up to next. Here, for the first time, fans are invited to take a glimpse into the "private ponderings" of the man who is famously unable to put on a bib without help, who set off fireworks in his own bathroom, who went to the store for cleaning products and came home with a trampoline and a Vespa, and who is rumored to be allergic to grass. Just what, exactly, is going on underneath that fabulous chicken hat? A must for all football fans, this book will have even Man U fans laughing out loud.

Author Bio
Bruno Vincent is the author of Do Ants Have Assholes? and Do Bats Have Bollocks?

Matthew Lloyd: Straight Shooter
Andrew Clarke, Matthew Lloyd

Summary
Now available in paperback, Matthew Lloyd was born into a football family, and it was clear early in his career that he had the ability to surpass his father's legacy. For a while it looked he would head to Carton as well, but Essendon conjured up a complex deal to secure the talented 16-year-old in the 1994 preseason draft. This of a young footballer who taught himself a process to become the most accurate shot for goal in the AFL after a tirade from one his coaches. It is how a boy with natural ability became the captain of the Essendon Football Club, a premiership player, and a life member of the AFL. And now it is about the transformation into devoted father and a multimedia expert on AFL when it looked like his career was cut short before its time. It's the story of a testy relationship with his final coach and the bone crunching hit that saw him finish his time as a player on suspension. It looks at how he considered a future with other clubs before deciding to retire on his terms. Above all, it is a brutally honest account of an astonishing career from a man who is a straight ...

Author Bio
Andrew Clarke has written three coauthored biographies, including his work with aerial skier Lydia Lassila and motor racing legend Mark Skaife. It is his 16th book. Matthew Lloyd is a former Australian rules footballer who played for and was the captain of the Essendon Football Club in the Australian Football League. Lloyd is currently an assistant coach at the AIS-AFL Academy and an AFL commentator.
Beautiful Soccer
Creating Passion and Confidence in Young Players
Ryan Marquez, Doug Werner

Summary
Exploring the role of coaches and parents, this book emphasizes the importance of team identity and a team mindset and presents the necessary foot skills and tactics to help young soccer players both perform better and have more fun. As youth soccer becomes increasingly popular, coaches often gloss over individual improvement in order to win, relying on rigid systems and a few elite players to carry a team. This impairs player development and kills the joy of the game—so how can adults make competitive soccer better for kids? Addressing that very problem, this book outlines basic patterns of play that young players can use to advance the ball and illustrates innovative techniques that will help improve any team. Moreover, this book advocates a soccer culture free from the fear of failure; instead, players, coaches, and parents are encouraged to foster confidence, passion, creativity, and the desire to try and keep trying.

Author Bio
Ryan Marquez is the head soccer coach for Bonita Vista High School and the Crusaders Soccer Club of San Diego. He played competitively since the age of nine and is a fully certified and licensed soccer coach with more than a decade of coaching experience. He lives in Chula Vista, California. Doug Werner is the author or coauthor of all 11 books in the Start-Up Sports® series, including Skateboarding: Legendary Tricks. He lives in San Diego.

Official Rules of Soccer

Summary
The international ruling body of soccer, the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), determines the official rules that govern the way the game is played. This book is in accordance with those rules and is the essential resource for serious fans and players. Including information for American play as well as international games, it is an appropriate guide for a thorough introduction to soccer that helps deepen one's understanding of the sport. Beyond the rules of the game, there are ample appendices that offer helpful diagrams and thorough explanations of standard game play, including the signals made by referees. This new edition provides added clarity by highlighting the latest changes to the regulations of the sport.

Author Bio
The U.S. Soccer Federation is the governing body of soccer in all its forms in the United States, and it has played an integral part in charting the course for the sport in the country for nearly 100 years. The federation's mission is to make soccer a preeminent sport in the United States and to continue the development of soccer at all recreational and competitive levels.
Close Range
Nick Hale

Summary
Set in sophisticated Milan, Striker's second adventure includes sniper assassinations, violent protests over blood diamond mining in South Africa, mega-million dollar corruption, and Jake's first love interest. Jake Bastin is in Milan for an international football tournament. His dad will be the TV commentator—but Jake knows this is a front. He is sure his dad's there on MI6 business. If only Jake could get close to the action, but instead he is stuck at a frenzied photo shoot for a priceless South African diamond. In all the chaos, a massive diamond heist takes place. When brutal assassinations quickly follow in retaliation, Jake finds himself playing center forward in another high-profile scandal—but this time, it's personal.

Author Bio
Nick Hale combines his passion for football, James Bond, and writing in the Striker series.

The Man City Miscellany
David Clayton, Shaun Goater

Summary
The ultimate book of Blues trivia, full of weird and wonderful facts. For fans who need to know the only goalkeeper to have scored for City, the name of Clive Allen's dog, the identity of the City player who played with a toothpick in the corner of his mouth, and who the "Invisible Man" is that the City fans sing about—this is the perfect reference. Packed with random Man City facts, stats, lists, tables, anecdotes, and quotes, from the club's record scorer to the bizarre name of the club cat, this is the ultimate trivia book for every City fan's bookshelf.

Author Bio
David Clayton is the club journalist at Manchester City FC and the editor of MANC magazine. He has written more than 30 sports books, including When Football Was Football: Manchester City. Shaun Goater played for Man City from 1997-2003. He scored more than 100 goals between 1998 and 2003, finishing as the club's top scorer for four consecutive seasons.
The Edge
Nick Hale

Summary
The third Striker thriller is a real time adventure at a World Cup Final in London. Jake can't believe he has been scouted for Olympic Advantage. It's a dream come true to train with the top teenage athletes from around the world—these are the kids who will go on to win gold medals! His dad has come along but has promised to stay behind the scenes, as this is Jake's moment. But the sunny Florida camp is hiding a nasty secret. The German weightlifter is crushed by a barbell, painkillers are being issued illegally, and many of the athletes are getting seriously aggressive. Jake knows something is up, and he's in the perfect position to report back to MI6. It's his first mission on his own, and Popov will be watching.

Author Bio
Nick Hale combines his passion for football, James Bond, and writing in the Striker series.

An Epic Swindle
44 Months with a Pair of Cowboys
Brian Reade

Summary
The inside story of how Liverpool FC came within hours of being repossessed by the banks after the shambolic 44-month reign of American owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett. This is a tale of debts, lies, cowboys, and a civil war that dragged Britain's most successful football club to its knees, through the High Court, and almost into administration. Players Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher tell of their anger at the broken promises, as well as their pain at watching loyal fans in open revolt. The manager, the chief executive, board members, leading fans, and journalists reveal the turmoil at a revered sporting institution run by two men at war with each other, and who trampled the notion of The Liverpool Way into the gutter. No story sums up the naked greed at the heart of modern football quite like Hicks' and Gillett's attempt to turn a quick buck at Liverpool, and no one has had as much access to the truth, or tells it with as much passion, wit, and insight as Brian Reade.

Author Bio
Brian Reade is a radio host, a writer for the Daily Mirror, and the author of 43 Years with the Same Bird.
The Daily Telegraph Football Years
The Ultimate Season-by-Season Celebration of British Football
Norman Barrett

Summary
An authoritative and compelling account of the history of the world's most popular sport Set out in a year-by-year chronological format and written from the British perspective, this book includes articles on all the notable soccer stories from 1863 to the end of the 2010-11 season, with newspaper-style reports on the football stories that hit the headlines, plus special features summarizing the rest of the football news and memorable football quotes. It includes end of season statistics up to 2010-11; the champions and leading scorers of all the divisions of the Football League and Scottish League; the FA Cup, League Cup, Scottish Cup, and Scottish League Cup winners; and the record of British clubs in European competitions; as well as special features on each of the Fifa World Cups and selected European Championships. Special feature spreads are allocated to each major tournament and the year-by-year reportage is interspersed with essays on leading characters and milestone events. This is one of the most comprehensive, chronological histories of the game ever published.

Author Bio
Norman Barrett has been writing on football and other sports for more than 30 years. He previously edited the Telegraph Football Year Book and is a regular contributor to Rothmans Football Yearbook.

The Day a Team Died
The Classic Eye-Witness Account of Munich 1958
Frank Taylor

Summary
Written by the only journalist aboard the plane to survive the disaster, The Day a Team Died is the definitive, firsthand account of the crash that killed eight members of one of the greatest Manchester United teams in history. On February 6, 1958, a plane carrying the so-called Busby Babes-named for manager Matt Busby-attempted to take off from a slush-covered runway in Munich following a European Cup match; the plane failed to lift off, careened off the runway, and crashed into a nearby house, killing 23 passengers. In this retelling of the harrowing experience, Frank Taylor recalls the events leading up to the disaster, the moment of the crash, and its appalling aftermath, as well as the flowering of this youthful, talented team and its rebuilding following the tragedy. Essential reading for all soccer fans, this compelling, eyewitness account features recollections from players who survived-including the revered Duncan Edwards who died 15 days after the crash-as well as exclusive photographs from the scene.

Author Bio
Frank Taylor, OBE, was a legendary British sports journalist who wrote for the Daily Mail, the Daily Mirror, and the Sun. He was the first Briton to serve as president of the International Sports Press Association in 1973 and was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for his services to sport and journalism.
Little Book of Aston Villa
Dave Woodhall

Summary
The unofficial book of Aston Villa Football Club
Tradition is a byword for Aston Villa. Few clubs anywhere in England, let alone anywhere else, can boast a timeline of success to match the Birmingham club. Founding members of the Football League, they first won the First Division in 1893-1894 and by the end of the 1890s they had won five of their six championships and two of their seven FA Cups. Their last major portion of footballing glory came in 1981 when they won the League again under the disciplinarian Ron Saunders and went on to take the European Cup under his assistant Tony Barton a year later.

Author Bio
Dave Woodhall is the editor of the Aston Villa fanzine Heroes and Villains and also the author of severval books about Villa, including Champions, the story of the 1980-1981 title-winning team.

Little Book of Celtic
Graham McColl

Summary
A celebration of the Celtic football club through the words and comments of the many larger-than-life characters
The glory days may be returning to Celtic Park. Celtic was the first British team to win the European Cup in 1967, with a team whose 11 members were all born within an hour's journey of the center of Glasgow and whose manager was the legendary Jock Stein. These days Celtic players are a more cosmopolitan bunch under the managing of Neil Lennon, and they regularly defeat their rivals, the Rangers, in the race for the Scottish title. As things stand, they are also in regular contention for larger tournaments in Europe. Celtic FC is a unique club with faithful fans to match.

Author Bio
Graham McColl is a freelance sports writer and author of The Jock Stein Years, United: In the Sixties, and a contributor to The Official Illustrated History of Manchester United.
Little Book of Rangers
Neil Cameron

Summary
A celebration of the great traditions of the Rangers as well as the many larger-than-life characters who have walked through its doors.
Rangers are one of the two great powers in Scottish football who have dominated the domestic game for more than a century. They have won the Scottish League a record 54 times and been runners-up 26 times, in addition to winning the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1972, the Scottish Cup 33 times, and the Scottish League Cup on a record 27 occasions. People at the club have always been famous for their "patter" and the pride with which they pull on the famous royal blue shirts. And no club has more loyal support—Rangers' most famous song is "Follow Follow" and the club's vast ranks of supporters do indeed follow their team to the ends of the earth.

Author Bio
Neil Cameron is a sports writer for the Daily Record, Scotland's biggest newspaper.

Psycho Pat
Legend or Madman?
Pat Van Den Hauwe, Terry Venables, Howard Kendall

Summary
"Psycho" is a word rarely bandied about in football today. There is no place on the pitch for player contact, let alone the sort of hard, robust tackling that could earn a player such a nickname. But 25 years ago, things were different. Only when players really overstepped the mark were their names added to the referee's little black book. And Pat Van Den Hauwe had a reputation as one of the hardest players in the game. In a career encompassing some 401 Football League appearances for Birmingham City, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur, and Millwall, he notched up two league titles and a European Cup Winner's Cup medal—but he also made his mark as one of the toughest and most feared defenders in the game. But Pat wasn't just a tough player on the pitch. The way he lived his life meant that he needed to be tough off the pitch as well. A "hard nut" reputation invites people into your life who want to see how far they can push you, and Pat Van Den Hauwe attracted such people by the bus-load.

Author Bio
Pat van Den Hauwe is a former footballer who played for Birmingham City, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Millwall in a 20-year career. Though born in Belgium, he made 13 appearances for Wales. He is currently a coach at South African side FC Cape Town.
Sudden Death
Nick Hale

Summary
The first in a thrilling new action series combining international football and international espionage
Meet Jake Bastin-talented teenage footballer, son of England’s top coach, and last line of defense against international terrorism. He is Striker. Jake’s dad has been posted to Russia to train Igor Popov's all-star team. No expense has been spared to lure the best talent in the world to St. Petersburg, including American goal scoring sensation Devon Taylor. But people are being killed—a football scout, a journalist, and an eco-scientist are all murdered within days of one another, and Jake's dad is always at the scene of the crime. Torn between loyalty to his father and the power of the Russian mafia, Jake must use his striker instincts to bring the bad guys down. But what if the bad guy is his own father?

Author Bio
Nick Hale combines his passion for football, James Bond, and writing in the Striker series.

Who Are Ya?
The Talksport Book of Football’s Best Ever Chants
Gershon Portnoi

Summary
When Chelsea FC welcomed Turkish club Galatasaray in the Champions League, the home fans struck up a chorus of "You’re shish, and you know you are!" In this comprehensive collection, TalkSPORT has tracked down the wittiest and the best football chants of all time. Featuring contributions from stars of the station such as Alan Brazil and Andy Gray, this is a compendium of terrace banter that no fan should be without.

Author Bio
Gershon Portnoi is an editor of TalkSPORT magazine and author of the bestselling Why Are You So Fat?
Football: Those Were the Days
Captain William Featherstone-Dawes

Summary
In the good old days of association football there was no such thing as WAGs, the balls were made from rhino hide, and players made their way to the field by tram. And the rudest thing you could say to a referee was, "Hoy, referee! Do you need spectacles?" Those Were The Days: Football journeys back through the photo archives to find photos of prewar football accompanied by a sparkling commentary, delivered in a Pathé news style that wouldn't go amiss delivered by Mr Cholmondley-Warner (of Harry Enfield fame). Those were the days when you could still smoke while playing center forward, when games often ended 6-6, and a broken leg was no excuse to miss the second half.

Author Bio
Andrew Davies has written a variety of comedy books including The Grumpy Driver’s Handbook and 101 Places Not To Visit.

The Encyclopaedia of Scottish Football
Phil Hulme, David Potter

Summary
With in-depth information about Scotland’s vast football heritage, the hundreds of entries in this second edition of the encyclopaedia include even more clubs, players, and managers, as well as comprehensive information about Scotland’s international matches, cup finals, and club matches in Europe. Regional trophies, amateur leagues, and women’s football are among the many topics included, plus some of the more unusual aspects of Scottish football.

Author Bio
David Potter is a Scottish sports writer who has published more than 20 books on Scottish football and cricket. Several of his books include Willie Maley: The Man Who Made Celtic, Walk on: Celtic Since McCann, Celtic in the League Cup, among others.
Phil Jones also contributed to Beneath the Meniscus.
**Match of the Day Annual 2012**
Match of the Day Magazine

**Summary**
The *Match of the Day Annual 2012* is back and this time it's got even more fantastic footie, bigger stars, more amazing stats, more mind-bending skills, and all best bits from *Match of the Day Magazine*. There'll be cut-out-and-keep posters of the star players of the past year, puzzles and games to test the most dedicated fans, and cartoon stories starring the sport's funniest players, managers, and the MOTD presenters themselves. The coolest footie annual to hit the shelves this year, the *Match of the Day Annual 2012* will be the only footie annual to be seen reading this Christmas.

**Author Bio**
*Match of the Day* magazine is a publication for young soccer fans, packed with player interviews, game results, and soccer gossip, plus exciting posters, quizzes, and competitions.

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**The Official UEFA Champions League Treasures**
Keir Radnedge

**Summary**
Contains more than 20 removable reproductions of memorabilia including letters, program covers, media passes, posters, and team-sheets from some of the famous events in the history of the UEFA Champions League. The European Champion Clubs' Cup began in 1955 with an entry of just 16 clubs, from 16 countries. Rebranded as the UEFA Champions League in 1992, the 2010–2011 entry comprised 76 clubs from 52 nations. As well as providing a brief running history of the Champion Clubs Cup and a season-by-season review of the UEFA Champions League, this celebration of a great competition highlights the great clubs and players. It includes a season by season review from 1992–1993 to 2010–2011.

**Author Bio**
Keir Radnedge has been covering football for more than 40 years. He is the author of *The Complete Encyclopedia of Soccer* and *World Soccer Records* and a former editor of World Soccer, generally recognized as the premiere English-language magazine on global football. In addition to his writing, he has been a regular analyst for BBC, CNN, and Sky Sports.
**Soccer Skills**
*Way to Play*
Books, Triumph

**Summary**
Aimed at parents as well as their children, *Soccer Skills: Way to Play* is a step-by-step guide to the techniques the professionals use to enhance their skills, with expert advice on the tactics of the game and clear analysis of the rules. It contains hints, tips and training drills designed to hone individual skills as well as develop team play alongside practical advice for parents who want to help their children get the most out of the world's most popular game.

**Author Bio**
Triumph Books is a leader in quality and innovation in sports publishing. In 2000, Triumph Books launched Triumph Books Entertainment, a specialty pop culture and current events imprint. They are based in Chicago.

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**Jumpers for Goalposts**
*How Football Sold its Soul*
Rob Smyth

**Summary**
*Jumpers For Goalposts* is a fascinating reflection on the history of British soccer, which examines why the charm, innocence, and good humor has disappeared from today's game, compared to the golden days of yesteryear. Smyth considers everything from the huge wage bills, to players' lack of loyalty to their clubs, and their escapades off the pitch. He concludes that the true beauty of football is when it's at its simplest. Including anecdotes from players, past and present, and other sporting insiders, *Jumpers For Goalposts* is an exhaustive study of whether football has lost its charm-and, perhaps more importantly, whether it can ever get it back.

**Author Bio**
Rob Smyth is an experienced sports journalist who writes for the *Guardian, Wisden Cricketer, The Economist,* and many other newspapers and magazines. His first book, *The Spirit of Cricket* was published in 2010.
Cyrille Regis: My Story
The Autobiography of the First Black Icon of British Football
Cyrille Regis, David James

Summary
The autobiography of Britain’s first black football superstar

Cyrille Regis' story is a compelling one on many levels, including his migration from the French Caribbean to a racially divided West London in the 1960s; his development as a semi-professional footballer; his subsequent move to a top-flight Football League club—which brought national recognition and glory, yet found him still facing racial hatred; and his eventual receiving an MBE, recognition for his services to football and the community. This fascinating autobiography describes the battles Cyrille faced as a child and teenager before he turned professional and achieved great things as a footballer. As well as detailing the glorious moments in his career, it studies the impact that he and his black teammates had on the sociological outlook of football fans. It concludes with a review of Cyrille Regis’ life after he retired as a footballer, and his work in the community.

Author Bio
Cyrille Regis's professional playing career spanned 19 years, where he made 610 league appearances and scored 159 league goals, most prolifically at West Bromwich Albion and Coventry City. He is a spokesman for the Kick Racism out of Football campaign. David James plays as a goalkeeper for Bristol City.

The Worst Football Kits of All Time
David Moor

Summary
In the mad, money-driven world of football, some rather interesting and sometimes shocking kits have been worn upon the field of play. This book is a full-colour celebration of some of the most outrageous strips foisted upon the poor players and the loyal fans, both for club and country, from clashing colours and disastrous designs to surprising sponsors and bad luck omens. Written by a leading authority on kit design and with anecdotes from fans, this book is a wry look back at some of the more bizarre decisions taken by marketing companies and clubs alike. Ranging from Victorian outfits to modern-day efforts, The Worst Football Kits of All Time is also a history of the kit, the game and some of the many characters who have played, watched, loved, and despised at this most noble (and sometimes ignoble) of sports. Set to delight fans old and young alike, this book makes the perfect gift and an excellent reference guide. Illustrated with photographs, caricatures, and kit designs, this is an easy to read, vivid, vibrant, and downright humorous treat for the eyes. It's a must have for ...

Author Bio
David Moor is a respected authority in football kit history and runs his own, very popular, website historicalfootballkits.co.uk. Ever since the 1966 World Cup he's been fascinated by kit design and over the years has compiled one of the biggest football kit archives available. His favourite worst kit is Hull City's 1992 home, tiger print effort. It's a beauty.
Glory, Goals and Greed
Twenty Seasons of the Premier League
Joe Lovejoy

Summary
An enlightening account of the FA Premier League's eventful first 20 years

Born 20 years ago, in September 1991, the FA Premier League has since established itself as the most popular club competition in world football. But first it endured a struggle to survive in the face of opposition from the players' union and the Football League. It was touch and go for a year, then the breakaway elite faced a new crisis with the exposure of the game's "bungs" culture (payment made outside official arrangement), staining the reputations of Brian Clough and George Graham, among others. The new league was threatened again by the very real possibility of financial meltdown, averted only by a widespread and controversial takeover of many top clubs by predatory owners from overseas. Joe Lovejoy, chief football writer at the Independent at the time, reported on the creation of the Premier League, and revisits the story here, interviewing many of the "founding fathers" to cast new light on its arrival. Later, as chief football correspondent at the Sunday Times, Lovejoy had an up close and personal vi...

Author Bio
Joe Lovejoy is the author of Bestie, the authorized biography of George Best, and Sven: The Final Reckoning. He also worked with Ryan Giggs on Giggs: The Autobiography.

The Liverpool Football Supporter's Book
John White

Summary
Player biographies, match reports, fantasy football teams, songs and chants, trivia, quotes, and much more One of the most famous names in the world of sports, Liverpool FC has a history that stands up to the closest scrutiny. Their fans may be demanding, but they have enjoyed countless memorable nights watching the Reds and this book will bring back the glory days in so many ways. Filled with a cornucopia of facts and stats, match reports, biographies, and histories as well as fun and games in the shape of puzzles and crosswords, this is the perfect gift for any Liverpool fan.

Author Bio
John White is the author of The Formula One Miscellany and The Olympic Miscellany.
The Manchester United Supporter's Book
John White

Summary
Player biographies, match reports, fantasy football teams, songs and chants, trivia, quote, and much more Manchester United continues to be one of the biggest names in club football around the world. Filled with a cornucopia of interesting snippets of facts and stats, as well as history, reports, biographies, games, puzzles, and quizzes, there is something in this miscellany for every fan of the mighty Reds.

Author Bio
John White is the author of The Formula One Miscellany and The Olympic Miscellany.

My Liverpool Home
Kenny Dalglish

Summary
Updated with a new chapter, the story of Dalglish's epic love affair with Liverpool traces the highs and lows, the characters, the laughter, the triumphs, and the tears. Kenny Dalglish's relationship with the Liverpool Football Club is one of the great love stories of sports. For football fans, this revealing book about one of the game's greatest players is a must, while for those fascinated by how a very private man suffered after very publicly supporting his community, Dalglish's emotional story makes compelling reading. From the moment he first set foot in the Anfield dressing room nervously asking for autographs while having a trial at the club, Dalglish felt a passion for Liverpool stir within him. After joining from Celtic in 1977, the supremely gifted striker was embraced by Liverpool fans, and the Kop's adoration of King Kenny has never ebbed—ever game, they still sing his name. Fans have never forgotten how Dalglish held the club together through two tragedies, the first at the Heysel stadium in Brussels in 1985 and then at Hillsborough in 1989. Here, Dalglish explores bo...

Author Bio
Kenny Dalglish was one of the most successful footballers of his era, winning successive tournaments with Liverpool, and then turning to management where he triumphed with Liverpool and Blackburn. He is the author of My Liverpool Years.
The Official Encyclopedia of Manchester United
Steve Bartram

Summary
The definitive work on the story of Manchester United, presented in a new and absorbing encyclopedia format. With all the facts and figures, league tables, and more than 400 photographs throughout, this ultimate reference for all things Red Devil provides the most comprehensive and authoritative overview of the club in existence. Including a season-by-season look at United's progress, with special features on their trophy-winning campaigns, this book tells the complete story of their ascent to infamy, including a section of special value that profiles all the club's most significant players throughout its history.

Author Bio
MUFC, or Manchester United Football Club, is an English professional football club, based in Old Trafford, Greater Manchester, that plays in the Premier League.

Old Trafford: 100 Years at the Home of Manchester United
The Official Story
Ian Marshall

Summary
The definitive official account of Old Trafford, home of the Manchester United, reveals the full story behind the ground as it celebrates its 100th anniversary, including exclusive interviews with players, fans, and even those who helped rebuild the ground after the war. In the Edwardian era, Manchester's leading football club, Manchester United, was one of the best in the land—but its stadium at Bank Street did not reflect its aspirations. So the directors took the brave decision to build a spectacular new stadium to reflect the club's, and the city's, status, and on February 19, 1910, Old Trafford was open for action. Here, Ian Marshall tells the astonishing story of the 100 years that followed. From early triumph, through inter-war depression, Old Trafford saw it all. But when the ground was twice bombed during World War II, its entire future was in question. However, under the inspirational managership of Matt Busby, both the team and the ground were rebuilt, and a new era of dominance was ushered in in the 1950s, only for United to be once again struck down by Munl...

Author Bio
Ian Marshall is a lifelong United fan, first visiting Old Trafford in 1973. A publisher for much of his career, he has worked with some of the greatest sporting personalities in the world, among them Eric Cantona.
Red Men
Liverpool Football Club The Biography
John L. Williams

Summary
In researching the first book to cover the complete history of Liverpool FC using a linear narrative, the author was given access to the club’s original minute books. John Williams explores the origins and divisive politics of soccer in the city of Liverpool and profiles the key men behind the emergence of the club and its early successes in this unique and exhaustively researched history of Liverpool Football Club. The figures of the club featured here include the first great Liverpool manager, Tom Watson, who piloted the club to its first league championships in 1901 and 1906 before taking the club to the FA Cup final in 1914; Elisha Scott, the darling of the Kop in the 1920s; and, of course, Bill Shankly, who won that elusive first FA Cup in 1965. The recent tragedies that have shaped the club’s contemporary identity are covered, as are the new Continental influences at Liverpool, and, of course, the glory of Istanbul in 2005. This is the definitive history of a remarkable club from its formation in 1892 to the present day, told in the wider context of the social and cultural de...

Author Bio
John Williams has been studying soccer as a sociologist for the past 30 years and is the author of several books on Liverpool FC, including Into the Red, The Miracle of Istanbul, and Passing Rhythms.

Robin van Persie
The Biography
Andy Lloyd-Williams

Summary
The story of the Dutch footballer who plays for Arsenal

From early rifts with coach Bert van Marwijk as a young player at Feyenoord, through to establishing himself as a world class talent after van Marwijk guided the great Oranje to the World Cup final in 2010, this is the fascinating story of a true sporting talent and one of the most naturally gifted football players of his generation. An intelligent playmaker and deadly striker, he brings creativity and intelligence to Arsenal's forward line and is the first name on the Netherlands team sheet. Signed by Arsene Wenger in the summer of 2004, van Persie quickly established himself as an integral part of Wenger's talented side, initially plying his trade on the left side of midfield. Playing alongside the likes of Thierry Henry, Robert Pires, and Patrick Vieira, he developed into one of the most creative, competitive, and intelligent players in the Premier League. Scoring what Wenger called the "goal of a lifetime" against Charlton in 2006, Van Persie was asked to lead the Arsenal line following Henry's departure in the summer of 2...

Author Bio
Andy Lloyd-Williams is a sports and music journalist.
Scholes: My Story
Paul Scholes, Sir Alex Ferguson, Sir Bobby Charlto...

Summary
Lavishly illustrated, this is the first autobiography of one of the most revered and popular soccer players of the modern era
Paul Scholes is one of the most celebrated footballers of today, both at home and internationally. A one-club player, he has served Manchester United for more than sixteen years, making over 600 appearances in that time—the fourth highest number of appearances by any player for the club. He also represented the England national team for seven years, winning 66 caps that included two World Cup and two European Cup campaigns. Throughout this time, Scholes has always played a decisive role in his teams' fortunes. As well as the technical brilliance that makes Paul Scholes such a breathtaking player to watch, it is the determination and integrity which he demonstrates both on and off the pitch that means he is a fascination to fans of the sport. In an age of overpaid, workaday players, Scholes has become an icon of professionalism and club loyalty, admired by fans everywhere. Now, for the first time, Paul Scholes shares his story—from his beginnings at United un...

Author Bio
Paul Scholes has represented Manchester United for more than 16 years and represented the England national team from 1997 until his retirement in 2004. He was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 2008.

Blues and Beatles
Neil Roberts

Summary
Duncan Ferguson. David Moyes. Paul McCartney. A passion for Everton and The Beatles. From legendary footballers to the Fab Four, Blues & Beatles is the story of football and music across the generations. The story of how a young boy inherited those fascinations from his father—and would one day pass them on to his own son.

Author Bio
Neil Roberts began a career in newspapers and television at the Liverpool Echo. He went on to work for the BBC and Independent Television News.
Got, Not Got
The Lost World of Football
Derek Hammond, Gary Silke

Summary
Got, Not Got focuses on British football’s apparent lost utopia of the 1960s, 70s and 80s—the golden age of mudbaths and cloggers, of miniature, carpet-level games and imaginary, comic-fuelled worlds. But this big, beautiful, nostalgia book is far more than grumpy old men on a football theme, building into a passionate fan’s blueprint to help restore the game to its former glories!

Author Bio
Derek Hammond and Gary Silke recently co-authored The talkSPORT Book of World Cup Banter and were the two major contributors to The talkSPORT Book of Sporting Legends. Got, Not Got is based on their blog, the UK’s biggest football website with 3 million unique users. They have written on football fandom for countless official programs, club magazines, and unofficial fanzines.

Underdog!
Fifty Years of Trials and Triumphs with Football's Also-Rans
Tim Quelch

Summary
After 50 years following various struggling football teams, Underdog is a tale of improbable successes and abject failures, of inspired leadership and dogged hope, all wrapped with descriptions of the changing times in English football and in life outside.

Author Bio
Tim Quelch is the author of Forever and Ever and Never Had It So Good: Burnley's Incredible 1959/60 League Title Winning Triumph
Voices From Croke Park
The Stories of 12 GAA Heroes
Sean Potts, Dessie Farrell

Summary
Croke Park is the spiritual home of Gaelic football and hurling, where the dreams of ambition are realized. The essays in Voices from Croke Park chart the journeys of 12 true greats of the games: men who pursued that elusive glory in Ireland’s greatest sporting arena, players whose passion and vision were embodied in their performances in their county’s jersey. The footballers featured are Bernard Flynn (Meath), Mikey Sheehy (Kerry), Ciarán Whelan (Dublin), Anthony Molloy (Donegal), Peter Canavan (Tyrone), Liam McHale (Mayo), and Cork footballer and hurler Jimmy Barry-Murphy. From hurling, Eamonn O’Donoghue (Cork), Tony Keady (Galway), DJ Carey (Kilkenny), Gerard McGrattan (Down), and Michael Duignan (Offaly) are interviewed. This collection is a paean to the heroes who take to the stage every year carrying the hopes of their county, a celebration of their achievements in the GAA. Each player profiled in Voices from Croke Park has helped shape the rich history of football and hurling, and their stories are vividly brought to life by Ireland’s leading sportswriters, many of whom repor...

Author Bio
Seán Potts is the author of two bestselling GAA biographies, of Páidí Ó Sé and Dessie Farrell. Formerly an editor for the Irish Independent and the Evening Herald, he is now head of communications with the Gaelic Players Association, the official representative body for Ireland’s top GAA players.

Charlton Athletic On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Matthew Eastley

Summary
Charlton Athletic: On This Day chronicles, in diary form, the major events in the British football club’s history. With individual entries for every day, and multiple listings for more historic and busier days, the book includes all the club’s big matches, cup finals, significant events, and sensational signings—and is fully endorsed by the club.

Author Bio
Matthew Eastley is the author of From Bovril to Champagne-When the FA Cup Really Mattered.
Darragh
My Story
Darragh Ó Sé, Ewan MacKenna

Summary
For 16 years, Darragh Ó Sé wore the number 8 jersey for Gaelic football's most celebrated county, stoking the fires in Kerry's engine room. With six All Ireland medals, he is the most decorated footballer of the modern era. Darragh's name is synonymous with his county's unrelenting appetite for success, but throughout his illustrious career he has held his counsel, allowing his football to do the talking. Until now. This is the story of a modern Kerry icon who has helped carry the torch for the home of football. Uncompromising, passionate, and possessing a savage wit, Darragh talks openly for the first time about his life in the green and gold, and about his constant drive to succeed. Elsewhere in the book, he details his setbacks, reflects on a family tragedy, and reveals how his upbringing on the fringe of west Kerry helped shape his character, steeling him for a career in the toughest position in Gaelic football. This is the story of Darragh Ó Sé—the life of a legend.

Author Bio
Darragh Ó Sé was born in 1975 in Dingle, County Kerry. He played in midfield for Kerry from 1994 to 2009, during which time he made 176 championship appearances, more than any other player in the history of Gaelic football. He continues to play at club level for An Ghaeltacht and for his divisional side Ciarraí Thiar.

There's Only One Dixie Deans
The Autobiography
Dixie Deans, Ken McNab

Summary
Dixie Deans is a true Celtic football club legend. Between 1971 and 1976, he scored 132 goals in 184 games—a tally that earned him a place in the pantheon of greats to have worn the famous green and white hoops—and was part of the great Celtic team that swept to nine consecutive Scottish league titles and dominated a golden era for our national game. Dixie cemented his status in football folklore by becoming the first Scottish player to hit hat-tricks in two cup finals, but he is remembered just as much for the special bond he struck with the fans—ties that remain as strong today, exactly 40 years after he first signed for Celtic from Motherwell. Now Dixie, a member of the Celtic Hall of Fame, opens his scrapbook of memories on a lifetime of adventures in the beautiful game of football. From the struggle of growing up in a one-parent family to losing his beloved mother just as his career was starting to blossom, to playing under the legendary Jock Stein, Dixie recalls the tumultuous days of a roller-coaster career at the very pinnacle of Scottish football. He lifts the lid on the unt...

Author Bio
Ken McNab is a journalist with Scotland's Evening Times. He lives in Glasgow.
The Sevenpenny Gate
A Lifelong Love Affair with Celtic FC
John Cairney

Summary
This is a story seen through green-and-white spectacles. It begins when nine-year-old Glaswegian John Cairney walks through the boys’ gate at Celtic Park and embarks on a series of football adventures that, over the years, take him all over Scotland and beyond. The Sevenpenny Gate is about a search for heroes, Celtic heroes. It is also the tale of an East End club of humble Irish origins that has developed into a worldwide brand and continues to command the devotion of its fans, even with the Celtic diaspora now spread across the globe. The development of Celtic is a cultural and historical phenomenon. The club means as much to millions around the world as it ever did to that nine-year old boy who bought his ticket and pushed his way through the sevenpenny gate into paradise.

Author Bio
John Cairney was brought up in the East End of Glasgow and enjoyed a long career as an actor in film, television, and theater. He has written two volumes of autobiography and a dozen other books, including A Scottish Football Hall of Fame and Heroes Are Forever: The Life and Times of Celtic Legend Jimmy McGrory.

A Life Too Short
The Tragedy of Robert Enke
Ronald Reng

Summary
Winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year, the biography of Robert Enke, the international footballer with the world at his feet who took his own life

Here, award-winning writer Ronald Reng pieces together the puzzle of his lost friend’s life. On November 10, 2009, the German national goalkeeper, Robert Enke, stepped in front of a passing train. He was 32 years old. Viewed from the outside, Enke had it all. He was a professional goalkeeper who had played for a string of Europe’s top clubs, including Jose Mourinho’s Benfica and Louis Van Gaal’s Barcelona, and was destined to be his country’s first choice for years to come. But beneath the bright veneer of success lay a darker story. Reng brings into sharp relief the specific demands and fears faced by those who play top-level sport. Heartfelt, but never sentimental, he tells the universal tragedy of a talented man’s struggles against his own demons.

Author Bio
Ronald Reng is the author of The Keeper of Dreams: One Man’s Controversial Story of Life in the English Premiership.
Straight Shooter
Andrew Clarke, Matthew Lloyd

Summary
Matthew Lloyd was born into a football family, and it was clear early in his career that he had the ability to surpass his father's legacy. For a while it looked he would head to Carton as well, but Essendon conjured up a complex deal to secure the talented 16-year-old in the 1994 preseason draft. This of a young footballer who taught himself a process to become the most accurate shot for goal in the AFL after a tirade from one his coaches. It is how a boy with natural ability became the captain of the Essendon Football Club, a premiership player, and a life member of the AFL. And now it is about the transformation into devoted father and a multimedia expert on AFL when it looked like his career was cut short before its time. It's the story of a testy relationship with his final coach and the bone crunching hit that saw him finish his time as a player on suspension. It looks at how he considered a future with other clubs before deciding to retire on his terms. Above all, it is a brutally honest account of an astonishing career from a man who is a straight shooter in more ways than on...

Author Bio
Andrew Clarke's has written three coauthored biographies, including his work with aerial skier Lydia Lassila and motor racing legend Mark Skaife. It is his 16th book. Matthew Lloyd is a former Australian rules footballer who played for and was the captain of the Essendon Football Club in the Australian Football League. Lloyd is currently an assistant coach at the AIS-AFL Academy and an AFL commentator.

I'm Not Really Here
Paul Lake

Summary
Paul Lake was Manchester born, a City fan from birth. His footballing talent was spotted at a young age and, in 1983, he signed coveted schoolboy forms for City. Only a short time later he was handed the team captaincy.

An international career soon beckoned and, after turning out for the England under-21 and B teams, he received a call-up to the England training camp for Italia '90. Earmarked as an England captain in the making, Paul became a target for top clubs like Manchester United, Arsenal, Spurs and Liverpool, but he always stayed loyal to his beloved club, deeming Maine Road the spiritual home at which his destiny lay.

But then, in September 1990, disaster struck. Paul ruptured his cruciate ligament; sustaining the worst possible injury that a footballer can suffer. And so began his nightmare. Neglected, ignored and misunderstood by his club after a succession of failed operations, Paul's career began to fall apart. Watching from the sidelines as similarly injured players regained their fitness, he spiralled into a prolonged bout of severe depression. With an enforced retire...

Author Bio
PAUL LAKE was born in Manchester in October 1968. He signed schoolboy forms for Manchester City FC in 1983, and made his senior debut against Wimbledon four years later. Capped several times at England under-21 level, he was selected for Bobby Robson's Italia '90 training squad. Later that year, and shortly after being handed the City captaincy, Paul suffered a serious knee injury. In 1995, following countless operations and a long spell of rehabilitation, he was forced to retire from the game. He went on to qualify as a sports physiotherapist, working for a number of football clubs in the north west. In March 2010 he was appointed Ambassador for Manchester City in the Community.
We Are the Damned United
The Real Story of Brian Clough at Leeds United
Phil Rostron

Summary
Brian Clough's 44-day tenure as manager of Leeds United between July and September 1974 is one of the most infamous episodes in British football history. While the bestselling The Damned United was a fictional account of Clough's short-lived but controversial reign at the club, We Are the Damned United reveals the true story, as told by the players he managed at the time. Vividly recreating the atmosphere of the era, the book features candid contributions from legendary names such as Peter Lorimer, Eddie Gray, Terry Yorath, and Duncan McKenzie. They reveal what it was like to make the transition from the relatively smooth management style of former manager Don Revie, who helped the club achieve success in Europe, to a constant crossing of swords with the outspoken Brian Clough, who left the club flailing at the foot of the league upon his premature departure. This explosive account covers all the drama that ensued from the moment Clough was earmarked by the club directors as the favorite to succeed Revie to his exit less than two months later, saddled with the knowledge that he had b...

Author Bio
Phil Rostron has enjoyed a successful career in journalism and television. He spent 18 years in Fleet Street and was sports editor of the Yorkshire Evening Post. He is also the author of Leeds United: Trials and Tribulations.

True Storey
My Life and Crimes as a Football Hatchet Man
Peter Storey

Summary
True Storey is the compelling autobiography of notorious 1970s football legend Peter Storey, dubbed "the bastard's bastard," who gained a reputation for ultra-violence on the pitch and had a capacity to find even greater trouble off it—a fact borne out by a string of criminal convictions and several jail sentences. A key member, as their midfield enforcer, of the resilient Arsenal team that won the European Fairs Cup followed by the cherished Double in 1970-71, Storey was a confirmed ladies' man who loved a drink. In the mid-'70s, Storey's pub, the Jolly Farmers in Islington, became a magnet for north London villains and he rubbed shoulders with Great Train Robber Tommy Wisbey and Howard "Mr. Nice" Marks, Britain's biggest drug smuggler. Storey talks candidly about the crimes he committed and the spells in prison that blighted his life. He reveals the truth about his feud with George Best and relays an astonishing account of how Bertie Mee tried to make him miss the 1971 FA Cup final against Bill Shankly's Liverpool side because the Arsenal manager wanted Eddie Kelly to start instead...

Author Bio
Bill Nicholson

**Football's Perfectionist**
Brian Scovell

**Summary**
Bill Nicholson was revered as one of the most honest football managers in the business. Between 1960 and 1964 he turned Tottenham Hotspur into the finest team in Britain. This book, the first biography of Nicholson, commemorates the 50th anniversary of Tottenham's pioneering 1961 Double, which Nicholson followed up in 1963 by becoming the first manager to win a European trophy. By molding great players like Dave Mackay, Danny Blanchflower, John White, Cliff Jones, and Jimmy Greaves into an almost perfectly balanced team, he set new standards of attacking play. Nicholson was born in Scarborough in 1919. At the age of 17 he took the night train alone to London, signed for Spurs, and spent the rest of his life with the club as player, coach, manager, scout, and President. He never had a contract, spurned bonuses, and lived ten minutes' walk from the ground with his remarkable wife, who was known as Darkie, until his death in 2004. He is still revered by Tottenham fans as one of the most important figures in the club's history. This well-researched book offers a new, kinder impression of...

**Author Bio**
Brian Scovell (Author):

Richo

Martin Flanagan, Matthew Richardson

**Summary**
Matthew Richardson, known as Richo, retired in 2009 as the most popular player in the AFL. Why was that? The careers of other great players like Nathan Buckley and Michael Voss amount to a sort of sporting perfection. Richo's career didn't. He was fallible. His kicking was flawed and he had an inability to hide his feelings on the ground, but in other respects he was extraordinarily gifted. He was one of the best marks in the competition and it is said he could have run for Australia. Richo is essentially an account of the last two years of his football life with flashbacks that trace the outline of his long career. In the process we discover a man who is worldly and much-traveled, who has a deep love of music, and who thinks and uses words in a novel way.

**Author Bio**
Martin Flanagan writes for the *Age* newspaper and is the author of twelve books, among them *The Call* and *The Last Quarter*. 
Savage!
The Robbie Savage Autobiography
Robbie Savage

Summary
Robbie Savage could have been just another Manchester United reject. Instead, he used the Old Trafford scrapheap as a springboard to become one of the most instantly recognizable footballers in the Premier League, despite being told by Sir Alex Ferguson he was not good enough to stay in the class of '92 alongside David Beckham, Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs, Nicky Butt, and Gary Neville. For the last 16 years, Savage has carved out a reputation as a hard man and wind-up merchant with an unerring ability to grab a headline. From deliberately getting Tottenham's Justin Edinburgh sent off in a Wembley Cup final to the "Jobbiegate" row with referee Graham Poll and the bust-ups with John Toshack, Rio Ferdinand, Graeme Souness, and Paul Jewell, the list is endless. Yet numerous footballing legends will testify to the skill of the midfielder, who has starred for Crewe, Leicester, Birmingham, Blackburn, and Derby and won 39 international caps for Wales. Behind the long blond hair, the Armani tattoo and the flamboyant cars, Savage has always been the heartbeat of his team. Savage! provides a uniqu...

Author Bio
Robbie Savage currently plays for and captains Derby County and has previously played for a number of other English clubs. He won 39 international caps for Wales between 1995 and 2005. Janine Self is a sports writer with 20 years' experience working for national newspapers. She has known Robbie Savage since he played for Leicester City (1997-2002) and has reported on most of his controversial exploits over the years.

Little Book of Arsenal
More Than 185 Hotshot Quotes!
Nick Callow, Neil Martin

Summary
"I love the crowd and the atmosphere that you can only get by being around a bunch of Londoners at Arsenal."
—Roger Daltrey, lead singer, The Who
Arranged chronologically from the formation of the team to today, The Little Book of Arsenal is an explosive collection of wit and wisdom by and about the managers, players, and officials who have passed through the marble halls of Highbury. From Herbert Chapman to Arsene Wenger, via the likes of George Allison, Bertie Mee, and George Graham, from one Double to another, here are 150 hot-shot quotations for the avid Gooner.

Author Bio
Loyal Gooners Nick Callow and Neil Martin have been writing about Arsenal for more than ten years and are regular contributors to the official Arsenal magazine and the Arsenal's official website.
**Shall We Sing a Song For You?**
Alex Shaw

**Summary**
When it comes to football chants, British fans surely must be top of the league. Throughout the country every weekend, stadiums ring with the sound of hundreds of thousands of supporters singing the praises of their favorite players, rubbing the opposition, having a go at the ref, and waxing lyrical about past legends. From lengthy ballads reminiscing about club glory to spontaneous chants—often with extremely amusing results—football fans across the nation revel in the opportunity to make themselves heard.

**Author Bio**
Alex Shaw is also the author of *The Referee's a W****r*.

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**Silversmith**
The Biography of Walter Smith
Neil Drysdale

**Summary**
Walter Smith is one of the most talked about and respected managers in British football. This insightful biography casts a reflective and analytical eye over his life and career, examining this shrewd professional through the many highs and lows that he has experienced as a player and manager. After 250 appearances for Dundee United, Walter Smith was appointed assistant to Jim McLean in 1982, the same year in which he helped the Scotland under-18 side win the European Youth Championship. He later served as Alex Ferguson's assistant during the 1986 World Cup. He enjoyed an illustrious career in management at Rangers, joining the Souness revolution in 1987, winning nine successive league titles, a domestic treble in the 1992-93 season and winning both the Scottish Cup and League Cup three times. In 1998, Smith accepted a position in England with Everton, where he was the manager until 2002, before being reunited with Ferguson at Old Trafford in 2004. In December of that year, Smith was appointed as Scotland manager and his effort subsequently earned him the title of 'Scot of the Year'...

**Author Bio**
Neil Drysdale has been involved in journalism since the mid-1980s and has been praised for the quality of his writing across a wide range of sports. He was an award-winning writer with the *Scotland on Sunday* for 15 years, but now works freelance, mostly for the *Herald* and the *Sunday Times*. He is the author of two sports books—*Dad's Army* and the autobiography of Alan Rough. He is married and lives in Falkirk.
Little Book of Chelsea
More Than 185 True Blue Quotes!
Clive Batty

Summary
"In the 70s, it was Leeds; in the 80s it was Liverpool; and, in the 90s it [was] Manchester United. Now Chelsea are the team for the millennium. The team that everybody loves to hate, that is." - Observer
There are few football clubs in the world that attract as much interest in the modern game as Chelsea. Whether it is the latest observations from coach Carlo Ancelotti, big-money transfer targets, the style of play or results in Europe, everybody thinks they know what's happening-or at least has an opinion on it. From Ron "Chopper" Harris and Ken Bates through to Ruud Gullit, Roberto Di Matteo, Jose Mourinho, John Terry, Frank Lampard, and Damian Duff, there is no lack of characters to draw on for quotes-and this tiny guide has them all.

Author Bio
Clive Batty, a rabid Chelsea fan, has written or edited a number of books and compilations on Chelsea, including The Chelsea Miscellany, A Serious Case of the Blues, Kings of the Kings Road, The Little Book of Jose Mourinho, and The Pocket Book of Chelsea.

The Little Book of Liverpool
Over 185 Kop Quotes!
Geoff Tibbals

Summary
"I want to build a team that's invincible, so they'll have to send a team from Mars to beat us." - Bill Shankly
Liverpool's place in English football's hierarchy is recognized around the world and almost every high-profile star on the move gets linked with the Anfield club. From Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness through to Michael Owen, Robbie Fowler, Jamie Redknapp, and Steven Gerrard, few clubs can boast as many people with so much to say for themselves-especially in the case of ex-manager Bill Shankly, football's most quoted man. All can be found here, in this wonderfully compact fan fantasy!

Author Bio
Geoff Tibbals is the author of Crap Teams, Do I Not Like That?, Football's Greatest Characters, and Great Football Heroes.
Little Book of Man Utd
More Than 185 Red Soccer Soundbites!
Justyn Barnes

Summary
"The team never loses. They just run out of time." -Steve McClaren
From Alan Hansen's falsely prophetic "You'll never win anything with kids," to Eric Cantona's existentialist aphorism on the theme of seagulls, sardines, and trawlers, this fun reference is a neat collection of words of wit and wisdom by and about Manchester United's players, managers, and officials past and present. Appearing in no particular order, each quotation is dated and attributed to its source and—where appropriate—accompanied by explanatory asides and supporting statistics, making it the perfect companion guide for any fan of Man U.

Author Bio
Justyn Barnes is a former editorial consultant for United, the official Manchester United magazine. He has written numerous books on United including Manchester United: The Insider Guide and contributed to the club's official Illustrated History and Season Review book series. He is also the author of The England World Cup 2006 Book, The Little Book of England, The Reduced History of Cricket, The Reduced History of Football, and The Reduced History of Golf.

Little Book of Everton
More Than 185 Quotes to Get Your Teeth Into!
Becky Tallentire

Summary
"Once Everton has touched you, nothing will be the same." -Alan Ball
Older than Liverpool, Everton have nearly as rich a history. Nine-time winners of the English League title and winners of the FA Cup on five occasions, they've sent out some of the greatest characters in English football on to the pitch at Goodison Park. Everton have a proud tradition, very loyal support, and this book, filled with quotes from legendary Evertonians—such as Dixie Dean, Tommy Lawton, Alan Ball, Bob Latchford, Gary Lineker, Duncan Ferguson, Wayne Rooney, and Tim Cahill—aims to capture the flavor of both.

Author Bio
Becky Tallentire is the author of Real Footballers' Wives and Still Talking Blue, and a contributor to The 100 Greatest Everton Moments and Cup Final Blues.
The Little Book of Man City
More Than 185 Blue Moon Quotes!
David Clayton

Summary
"We could get into Europe this season or we could get relegated-that's why I support City." - Noel Gallagher
Up one season, down the next- there's never a dull moment at Manchester City and no football club's profile has become higher than City's since the takeover by Middle Eastern investors in 2008. The millions of pounds they have spent on world superstars and allegedly billions offered to others- has kept the media at the Eastlands doorstep on a daily basis. Their loyal fans have ridden the roller-coaster of English football's wildest ups and downs for so long they hardly know which division they're in, yet they keep coming back for more. It's all recorded here, a selection of the wit and wisdom from the great characters who have been associated with the club. From managers, such as Malcolm Allison and Roberto Mancini, to fans such as the Gallagher brothers, to voluble players such as Francis Lee, Dennis Tueart, Rodney Marsh, and Carlos Tevez - here are more than 180 funny and biting quotes for the avid fan of "the only club in Manchester."

Author Bio
David Clayton, the editor of the official Manchester City monthly magazine, has written extensively about the club he loves, including The DVD Book of Manchester City, Man City: 50 Classic Matches and Some to Forget, Kinkladze: The Perfect 10?, Feed the Goat: The Shaun Goater Story and Blue Blood: The Mike Doyle Story. Like many true City fans he lives in Manchester.

Little Book of West Ham
More Than 185 Bubble-blowing Quotes!
Robert Lodge

Summary
"The supporters at West Ham were marvelous; they always encouraged forward and midfield players to be creative." - Geoff Hurst
This little book contains a selection of pithy or amusing quotations about West Ham United and the colorful characters that have passed through Upton Park. From Ron Greenwood's football philosophies - "simplicity is genius"- and the club's joy at having three England World Cup winners through to their FA Cup success and the Premiership stars of today, this highly entertaining book contains more than 185 quotes by and about West Ham United.

Author Bio
Robert Lodge has written for the Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Times. His previous books include 1001 Bizarre Football Stories and 1001 Football Moments.
Little Book of Spurs
More Than 185 Lilywhite Quotes!
Louis Massarella

Summary
"A season in which the Spurs finished second in the League would be counted as a triumph, unless Arsenal finished first, in which case it would instantly become a disaster." - Terry Venables
This book is a collection of quotes from those who have passed through London N17 and some who are still there, sound bites that range from the inspired to the insane, from the profound to the surreal. From Danny Blanchflower, Jimmy Greaves, Paul Gascoigne and Sir Alan Sugar, to Daniel, Harry, and Jermain, few clubs can boast so many people with so much to say for themselves.

Author Bio
Louis Massarella, a dyed-in-the-wood Spurs fan, is a staff writer with the UK’s leading football magazine FourFourTwo and a contributor to BBC Radio Five Live, BBC World News, CNN, and Sky One. He has written or co-written a number of books, including two in the Match of my Life series and Diary of a Sports Freak.

Nemanja Vidic
Captain Fantastic
Frank Worrall

Summary
One of the best defenders playing in the English Premier League today, Nemanja Vidic is a cult figure among Manchester United fans and has enjoyed a meteoric rise to soccer stardom

This is the incredible story of a player renowned as one of the best defenders in Europe, if not the world. Born in Serbia in 1981, Vidic was signed to Red Star Belgrade's youth system at 15, and by the age of 20 had won the Yugoslav Cup with Red Star. The captain's armband soon followed and he led Red Star to a domestic double in 2004, before moving to the Russian Premier League and Spartak Moscow. In 2006 he signed for Manchester United. Alongside Rio Ferdinand, Vidic began a defensive partnership that has proved to be one of the most formidable in English football. Vidic picked up Premier League winner's medals in 2007 and 2008, and was part of the squad that won the 2008 Champions League. He played in every one of United's record-breaking run of 14 clean sheets in 2008/9 and helped the team to victory in the Club World Cup, before finishing the season with more Premier League glory as United won thei...

Author Bio
On Fire With Fergie
Stuart Donald

Summary
Late on a winter’s night in 1976 at the age of 5, I lay awake in bed, absolutely petrified. Something was causing a man to shout, swear and bang in the lounge beneath my room. When I eventually went downstairs, I found my elated Dad sitting in front of the last couple of minutes of the football highlights on TV. He’d watched his team, Aberdeen, reach the Scottish League Cup Final with a dramatic 5-1 victory over Rangers. It was the first in a series of events that would forge an amazing relationship with my dad as we followed Aberdeen at home and away, for the next ten years. It was a time when the enormous fan base of the old firm rampaged through the streets and football grounds of Scotland. A time when we watched Alex Ferguson’s Aberdeen rise to the top of Scottish and European football, and then fall all the way back down again...

Author Bio
Stuart Donald was born in Aberdeen in 1971, and moved to Perth a year later when his father got a job as a Geography teacher. As the fortunes of Aberdeen FC waned in the late eighties, he left Perth High School to pursue an HND in business studies with languages in Dundee. Throughout the 1990s, he worked regularly in Italy and France. He then attended Strathclyde University where a degree in International Business led to a job working for General Electric based between London and Paris. He returned to Scotland in 2005, where he now lives with his wife, Catriona and daughter, Elodie.

Arise Sir David Beckham
Footballer, Celebrity, Legend - The Biography of Britain's Best Loved Sporting Icon
Gwen Russell

Summary
The accomplishments of England’s greatest and best-loved soccer player are traced in this inspiring biography. Soccer superstar and darling of the paparazzi, David Beckham has reached iconic status across the world for his achievements and exploits both on and off the field. This all-inclusive biography traces Beckham's incredible life starting from his early years playing for Manchester United at the age of 17 up to his present day success playing for Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy squad. Beckham's successes on the field—he is the only player to score a goal in three different World Cups—are only matched by his public accomplishments. Aside from his lauded marriage to Victoria Beckham, he is also known for his support for UNICEF, his work as a goodwill ambassador for the charity, and for founding soccer academies in both Los Angeles and London. Although an injury sadly thwarted his dream of playing in the 2010 Finals, his status is such that he traveled with the England team to South Africa to act as a mentor. This is the inspiring story of an extremely talented and de...

Author Bio
Gwen Russell is also the author of Arise Sir Tom Jones and Jeremy Clarkson.
Arsene Wenger

**Pure Genius**

Tom Oldfield

**Summary**

Revised and fully up-to-date, this biography includes the 2009-2010 season and tells the story of one of world football's true masterminds. Arsene Wenger transformed Arsenal football club. The world-class manager from France developed the Gunners into a team capable of challenging for top domestic and European honors every year. His three Premiership titles—two of which came in "Double" winning campaigns—are evidence of Wenger's unique tactical skill and his famous ability to spot talented young athletes. Arriving almost unknown to English football, his incredible achievements have shown that Arsene and Arsenal have been a perfect fit. He inspired the likes of Dennis Bergkamp, Patrick Vieira, and Thierry Henry to produce the best form of their careers. Now the phenomenal boss, nicknamed "The Professor," has signed a new contract which commits him to the club until 2011, and Arsenal fans can look forward to a bright, red future.

**Author Bio**

Tom Oldfield is the author of *Cristiano Ronaldo*, *Gary Neville*, and *Rafael Nadal*.

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The Little Red Book of Liverpool FC

Darren Phillips

**Summary**

To find the record crowd for a home game, the record appearance holder, or longest-serving manager look no further than this book on the Reds, packed with facts, stats, trivia, stories, and legends Liverpool, the most prolific trophy-winning club in the history of domestic and European football, has a rich and varied history. Players such as Elisha Scott, Billy Liddell, Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush, and Steven Gerrard are synonymous with the club's success and their achievements, along with all those who have worn the red shirt, are envied throughout the world. This book charts the club's history in an intriguing format which will appeal to all fans, covering the players and characters that have represented Liverpool over the years and the events that have shaped the club. All the well-known events are covered, as are many priceless trivia gems—how else will fans know that a former world heavyweight champion boxer was once on the club's books, or that one trophy win may be down to a Romany curse on the opposition?

**Author Bio**

Darren Phillips is a sports journalist.
**Soccer vs. the State**

Tackling Football and Radical Politics

Gabriel Kuhn

Summary

Citing the professionalism and commercialization that dominate the multibillion-dollar soccer industry, this fascinating study also describes the game's rebellious side—from its working-class roots and political protests from fans and players to the current resurgence within radical communities. Documenting a complete history of the sport, this perceptive work also reflects on common criticisms, including the ways that soccer ferments nationalism, serves right-wing powers, and fosters competitiveness. Acknowledging these concerns, alternative perspectives on the game and practical examples of how to achieve egalitarian matches are explored. Serving as both as an orientation for the politically conscious football supporter and as an inspiration for those who try to pursue the love of the game away from television sets and big stadiums, this thoughtful examination reclaims the notion of soccer as "the people's game."

Author Bio

Gabriel Kuhn was one of Austria's youngest semiprofessional soccer players in the 1980s and is the founder of the Alpine Anarchist Productions publishing company. He is the author of *Life Under the Jolly Roger*, the editor of *Living for the Revolution*, and the editor/translator of *Gustav Landauer: Revolution and Other Writings.*

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**Hammered**

Mark Ward

Summary

Mark Ward enjoyed all the trappings of success as one of the most popular and highly-rated right wingers in football. "Wardy" proved an overnight sensation at Oldham and continued to be a star at West Ham, Man City, and Everton before inspiring Birmingham City to Wembley glory. But when his career on the pitch ended, his life swiftly unraveled. After failed business ventures and the collapse of his marriage to his childhood sweetheart he ended up unemployed—and desperate. Ward put his name to a rental agreement on a house near Liverpool that was used by others to stash drugs. When the police raided they found a drugs factory. He pleaded guilty to dealing and was sent to Liverpool's notorious Walton Prison. His life would never be the same. During the years he spent inside he has been able to reflect on an extraordinary playing career and an equally eventful life off the pitch. He recounts in heart-wrenching detail his highs and lows and tells it like it is with honesty that epitomized his playing career.
The Official Illustrated History of Manchester United 1878-2010
The Full Story and Complete Record
Alex Murphy, Sir Bobby Charlton

Summary
The definitive, official history of the world's most popular football club is the one book no United fan can afford to be without.

A masterful account of Manchester United's beginnings and rise to success, this book chronicles the club's incredible story. When the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company formed the Newton Heath L and YR Cricket and Football Club in 1878, they had no idea what it was they were starting. Renamed Manchester United in 1902 after financial problems, the new club would soon go on to win the league title and the FA Cup. It was just the beginning of one of the most remarkable and gripping stories in sports. In the bomb-damaged aftermath of World War II, the club recovered under the brilliant guidance of Matt Busby. The loss of the core of the side in the Munich Air Disaster of February 1958 stunned a nation, and fans around the world, but Busby recovered to build a new side around the talents of Best, Law, and Charlton, becoming the first English side to win the European Cup in 1968. More recently, United has dominated English football under manager Sir A...
The Manager
The Absurd Ascent of the Most Important Man in Football
Barney Ronay

Summary
An affectionate look at the changing role, status, and style of the European football manager since the dawn of the professional era, from man with sponge, through flamboyant medallion-wearing eccentric, to handsome celebrity millionaire fronting up a UN anti-landmine campaign. This history traces the remarkable journey of the football gaffer, from his humble beginnings as club secretary, to his modern incarnation—the man we all recognize, venting his spleen at the ref or getting huffy at a postmatch press conference. It takes the reader beyond the well-worn anecdotes, deeper into the stories of European football’s top men and the world they inhabit. Barney Ronay asks the important questions about these compelling characters—Where did they come from? Why are they so miserable? Where do they get their suits? Hilarious and absorbing, this book contains enough revelations to provide the most avid fan with a library of fresh tales.

Author Bio
Barney Ronay is the author of Any Chance of a Game? He is a senior sports writer for the Guardian online.

Barassi
The Biography
Peter Lalor

Summary
Long before Ronald Dale Barassi played his first match of Australian rules football, he’d already made a significant impact on the game. At the age of five his soldier father was killed at Tobruk, and so great was the footy fraternity’s respect for the Barassi family, that several years later the father/son rule was introduced. Innovative, creative, visionary, and ferociously tenacious, Ron’s achievements are legendary. As a champion player he is credited with having all but invented the position of ruck rover and as a premiership coach he is said to have revolutionized the use of handball. He was also one of the first (and certainly one of the loudest) to push for fully nationalizing the game. But as integral as Ron Barassi is to football, he is quick to point out that, "It was never my life." Now for the first time Barassi tells his story—the whole story—in his own words. Barassi goes behind the legend to reveal the devoted family man, the dabbler in the arts, the champion for disadvantaged kids, and the tale of a fatherless boy who was determined to make his own way in the world. ...

Author Bio
Peter Lalor is an award-winning author and journalist. Now a senior sports writer with The Australian, he has contributed articles to The Weekend Australian Magazine, Rolling Stone, Black + White Magazine, Luxury Travel and a number of books and international publications. In his two decades as a journalist he has covered numerous major stories including the Bali bombings, the Hoddle St massacre, the Tampa crisis, the Sydney and Athens Olympics and countless Australian cricket team tours. His first book, Blood Stain became an instant bestseller and won the 2003 Ned Kelly Award for Best True Crime Writing and is the subject of a Discovery Channel documentary. He is also the author of The Bridge, a definitive history of Sydney Harbour Bridge.
Red Men
Liverpool Football Club: The Biography
John Williams

Summary
In researching the first book to cover the complete history of Liverpool FC using a linear narrative, the author was given access to the club's original minute books.
John Williams explores the origins and divisive politics of soccer in the city of Liverpool and profiles the key men behind the emergence of the club and its early successes in this unique and exhaustively researched history of Liverpool Football Club. This is the definitive history of a remarkable club from its formation in 1892 to the present day, told in the wider context of the social and cultural development of the city of Liverpool and its people.

Author Bio
John Williams has been studying soccer as a sociologist for the past 30 years and is the author of several books on Liverpool FC, including Into the Red, The Miracle of Istanbul, and Passing Rhythms.

Wonder Goal!
Michael Foreman

Summary
Michael Foreman tackles the world's favourite sport in this paperback reissue of a picture book for football fans of all ages!
Like many children all over the world, a small boy dreams of winning the World Cup! But in the meantime, scoring the perfect, time-stopping goal would be just fine. And once you've done that, who knows what the future might hold?

Published to coincide with the 2014 Football World Cup.

Author Bio
MICHAEL FOREMAN is one of the most talented and popular creators of children's books today. His highly acclaimed books are published all over the world. He is married and has three sons. He divides his time between St Ives in Cornwall and London.
When George Came to Edinburgh
George Best at Hibs
John Neil Munro

Summary
Played 25, won 10, lost 10 and drawn four. Three goals, three benders, one suspension, and one sacking. This is the inside story of what happened when the world’s most famous footballer joined the tenth best team in Scotland. In the winter of 1979, Hibs were enduring a season from hell and were freefalling towards relegation. They needed a miracle man to save them—what they got was a lonely, depressed man caught in a downwards alcoholic spiral. In just under a year in Edinburgh, George Best was never off the front and back pages of the national newspapers. A scrupulous, moving, extraordinary account, John Neil Munro weaves together an absorbing and unique portrait of a lost icon, with insights from his widow, his team-mates, his drinking buddies, and many of the fans who saw his great performances; this is the definitive story of what happened when George Best came to Edinburgh.

Author Bio
John Neil Munro lives in Laxdale, Isle of Lewis. He studied Modern and Economic history at Glasgow University, then completed a postgraduate journalism course in Cardiff. Other publications include Some People are Crazy: The John Martyn Story and The Sensational Alex Harvey, both published by Polygon.

The Toon
A Complete History of Newcastle United Football Club
Roger Hutchinson

Summary
This is the full, unofficial and uncensored story of one of the greatest football clubs in the world. It brings to life the sensational early successes of the great Anglo-Scottish team before the First World War and follows the club's successes as Cup giants in the 1950s and European conquerors in the 60s, to the Macdonald and Keegan squads of the 1970s and '80s, to its rebirth in the 1990s and through its trials and tribulations of the first decade of the 21st century. Exploring and explaining the lean years as well as the successful decades, Roger Hutchinson brilliantly portrays the managers and players throughout the club's long history and brings the story right up to date as, after the relegation traumas of 2008/09, Newcastle United looks forward to a resurgence in their fortunes as they return to the Premiership in 2010.

Author Bio
Roger Hutchinson is an award-winning author and journalist. After working as an editor in London, in 1977 he joined the West Highland Free Press in Skye. Since then he has published thirteen books, including Polly: the True Story Behind Whisky Galore. He is still attached to the WHFP as editorialist and columnist, and has written for BBC Radio, The Scotsman, The Guardian, The Herald and The Literary Review. His book The Soap Man (Birlinn 2003) was shortlisted for the Saltire Scottish Book of the Year (2004). Calum's Road has been a huge bestseller, shortlisted for the Ondaatje Prize (2007) with film rights sold.
Cesc Fabregas
Tom Oldfield

Summary
From an early age, Fabregas showed dedication and commitment to his sport. Going from playing for his youth team in Barcelona to being the second-youngest player ever to score a Champions League goal, Fabregas's life story is a lesson in persevering with your passion and chasing your dream to the end. As the nations gear up for the World Cup in 2010, Cesc Fabregas could be ready to help bring about the biggest surprise of them all.

Fernando Torres
Ian Cruise

Summary
From an early age, it was clear the game was in his blood. At 11, Fernando joined Atletico Madrid, and, three years later, he was voted the best under-15 player in Europe. From then on, the Liverpool player became known as an unstoppable goal machine. Here is your chance to find out about the man behind the myth.

Author Bio
Ian Cruise was chief feature writer at Shoot magazine and a match reporter for the Sunday Mirror before moving online to become a senior member of the team behind the hugely successful Football365 website.
Strikers: Bad Boys
David Ross

Summary
Third in the fast-paced series of gripping soccer tales for young fans
At the top of the Premier League, it's a battlefield in more ways than one. Sherwood Strikers are famous for fast and furious action on the pitch—but for some of the team, it doesn't stop there. They ride the thrills and they take the spills. They're big boys; they can cope. But for Thomas Headley there's a dilemma. Just how does he concentrate on his international chances when his little brother has run away—because of Thomas?

Author Bio
David Ross and Bob Cattell are the coauthors of Strikers: Big Deal and Strikers: Young Blood.

Wayne Rooney
Mike Parry

Summary
The definitive look at the boy wonder who has matured into the talismanic driving force for the England side. From being talent-spotted on the school pitches to gaining international recognition during Euro 2004, where he dominated the competition and scored four sensational goals that rank him among the world's best football players, can Rooney repeat his success in the 2010 World Cup?
**Manchester United: The Biography**
The Complete Story of the World's Greatest Football Club
Jim White

**Summary**
Following the club's extraordinary journey from its birth in the railway works of Newton Heath to its current status as the biggest club in world soccer, this is a fascinating history of a remarkable team. The key stages in Manchester United's history are covered: the Munich Air Crash of 1958, which saw the best part of an entire team (the Busby Babes) being killed; becoming the first English team to win the European Cup in 1968 (with Bobby Charlton and George Best); the dominance of the club in the Premiership; the controversial sale to American tycoon Malcolm Glazer; right up to Moscow 2008. By drawing on the recollections of everyone from players and managers to fans and backroom staff, enough new material as been unearthed to interest fans and casual supporters.

**Author Bio**
Jim White is an award-winning sports journalist and columnist formerly for the *Guardian* and currently for the *Daily Telegraph*. He is the author of *You'll Win Nothing with Kids*.

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**The World Cup's Strangest Moments**
Extraordinary But True Tales from 80 Years of World Cup Football
Peter Seddon

**Summary**
Find out how a dog called Pickles helped the Football Association, why an England captain was arrested by Colombian police, where the Mexican wave really started, why the German fans taunt the Dutch with cheesy insults, and which defender was shot for scoring an own goal. With stories from every single tournament since the inaugural contest for the Jules Rimet trophy in 1930 right up to the present day, this end-to-end collection of amusing, bizarre, and shocking true stories is filled with dodgy refs, eccentric mascots, and manic managers.

**Author Bio**
Peter Seddon is also the author of *A Football Compendium*, *The Law's Strangest Cases*, and *Tennis's Strangest Matches*.
Eric Cantona
Philippe Auclair

Summary
Many have tried to persuade Eric Cantona to write his autobiography. He never will. Philippe Auclair has interviewed every key player in Cantona's life to produce a biography that reveals, for the first time, the heart and inner thoughts of this most extraordinary character. Cantona played for six different French clubs, making his international debut at twenty-one, before going to England in 1992 and making an immediate impact with Leeds United. He transformed the team but became even more talismanic when he moved to Manchester United, where to this day Manchester United fans refer to him as "King Eric." Eric Cantona graced the Premiership like few others and he remains a deeply compelling figure to anyone who cares remotely about football.

Author Bio
Philippe Auclair has been a correspondent with France Football for over a decade, and is a prolific freelance journalist on both sides of the Channel.

The Real Football Factories
Shocking True Stories from the World’s Hardest Football Fans
Dominic Utton, Danny Dyer

Summary
These are the crews who think nothing of using tear gas, meat hooks, home-made bombs, and worse to make their point—these gangs of organized hooligans for whom their team is their life can be found globally: in Brazil and Croatia, Argentina and Italy, these soccer fans are everywhere. Meet the fans prepared to go to the furthest extremes to defend their team’s honor. Actor Danny Dyer, star of the hit film The Football Factory, took a film crew with him to meet all of these gangs, and this is the full story of what happened when he did. Join him on a journey around the hooligan world in 90 days, visiting nine countries in 12 weeks to meet the nastiest, naughtiest European soccer hooligans on the planet. Shot at, stoned, glassed, and tear gassed, they survived gunfire in Brazil, a riot in Poland, and the opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with the foreign teams as it all goes off. Full of spine-chilling encounters, extraordinary characters, and brutal clashes, this book shows that soccer hooliganism is alive and kicking-all over the world.

Author Bio
Dominic Utton writes for the Guardian and the Daily Express. Danny Dyer is an actor who hosts the British TV shows The Real Football Factories and The Real Football Factories International, and has voiced characters in Grand Theft Auto: Vice City and Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas.
USA Soccer
America's Quest for World Cup 2010
Don Gulbrandsen

Summary
Packed with dynamic photos, authoritative text, and the latest stats, this guide is the perfect introduction to the U.S. Men's National Team as they prepare for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. Finding itself ranked among the planet's best as it seeks an unprecedented sixth straight appearance in the World Cup, the team is filled with an amazing collection of young talent, including players competing at the highest levels of European club soccer or starring in America's flourishing Major League Soccer.

Author Bio
Don Gulbrandsen is an editor for Triumph Books.

Nemanja Vidic
The Biography
Frank Worrall

Summary
Born in Titovo Užice, Serbia, in 1981, Vidic was signed to Red Star Belgrade's youth system at 15, and by the age of 20 had won the Yugoslav Cup with Red Star. The captain's armband soon followed and he led Red Star to a domestic double in 2004, before moving to the Russian Premier League and Spartak Moscow. In 2006 he signed for Manchester United. Alongside Rio Ferdinand, Vidic began a defensive partnership that has proved to be one of the most formidable in English football. Vidic picked up Premier League winner's medals in 2007 and 2008, and was part of the squad that won the 2008 Champions League. He played in every one of United's record-breaking run of 14 clean sheets in 2008/9 and helped the team to victory in the Club World Cup, before finishing the season with more Premier League glory as United won their 18th League title. Loved by the Old Trafford faithful for his aggressive defensive style, and his ability to score goals from set pieces, Vidic was short-listed for the PFA Player of the Year in 2009 and was Manchester United fans' and players' Player of the Year. This is ...

Author Bio
Frank Worrall is the author of Rooney: Wayne's World and The Magnificent Sevens.
Englischer Fussball
A German View of Our Beautiful Game
Raphael Honigstein

Summary
Starting with the origin of the modern game in the late nineteenth century, Honigstein traces the development of English football from its public-school origins to the glory years of Ramsey and beyond, exploring the culture and foundational myths of a peculiarly English invention. Is English football really about manliness, hard work, fair play, and a never-say-die attitude? Why is there so little room in our game for individual brilliance? And just why are we so hung up on beating the Germans? Provocative, incisive, and very topical, Englischer Fussball is the product of an outsider's life-long love affair with English football, a book that explores the difference between how we see ourselves and how the rest of the world sees us. From hooligans to sex scandals, Wayne Rooney to Stanley Matthews, it asks what football can teach us about the English national character.

Author Bio
Raphael Honigstein has been covering English football since 1993, currently as a correspondent for the Süddeutsche Zeitung.

Carra
My Autobiography
Jamie Carragher, Kenny Dalglish

Summary
For the Anfield faithful, Jamie Carragher represents everything that is great about Liverpool Football Club, prompting the fans to sing "we all dream of a team of Carraghers." The club's vice-captain, longest-serving player, and one of a select band of players to have made more than 500 appearances for the Reds, Carra never gives less than 100 percent. Here, the Liverpool defender takes us deep into the heart of Anfield, into the club's past glories and its uncertain future. Carra shares his views on the England team and tells why he rejected calls from both Steve McClaren and Fabio Capello to return to the international fold. Full of sensational stories and controversial opinions, of glory and heartbreak on and off the pitch, this is a soccer book unlike any other.

Author Bio
Jamie Carragher won 34 international games for England before retiring from international soccer. Kenny Dalglish is a former Scottish international soccer player.
Dundee United
The Official Centenary History
Peter Rundo, Mike Watson

Summary
Dundee United celebrates its centenary in 2009. This official history, written by two men deeply ensconced at the very heart of the club, is the most comprehensive account of Dundee United's history ever published. Reflecting the many colorful events it has encountered over the past 100 years, Dundee United records all the high and low moments the club has enjoyed, profiles famous players, events and personalities from each era and includes coverage from behind-the-scenes events as revealed by club minute books, dating back to its foundation in 1909. A comprehensive statistical history of each season is also presented in the latter part of the book. Illustrated throughout with match images, portraits and memorabilia, this is both a fascinating and beautifully presented account of one of Scottish football's great institutions and a must-have for all true fans of Dundee United.

Author Bio
Peter Rundo has been the club's match day programme editor since 1984, with the exception of the period between 2003 and 2005 (when the task was undertaken by Mike Watson). He has written several books about the club, including one as ghost-writer for the autobiography of Paul Sturrock, one of the club's most famous players. Peter, who together with his wife, runs a long-established business selling football books, programmes and other memorabilia throughout the UK, is the foremost authority on the club's history. Mike Watson was a director of the club between 2003 and 2005 and was the author of Rags to Riches, the first history of Dundee United. He has contributed articles to the club programme and its monthly magazine for many years.

Official Soccer Rules Illustrated
Stanley Lover, Joseph S. Blatter

Summary
With more than 100 easy-to-follow illustrations, this completely updated guide answers all the frequently and not-so-frequently asked questions about the rules of soccer, providing fans, parents, and coaches with easily understood explanations of the rules of play and imparting a quick and clear understanding of the game. While the game of soccer does not need elaborate equipment, this helpful book is certainly a must-have for soccer players who want to play in friendly team games or in organized matches in competition. This simple, clear, authoritative approach will broaden one's knowledge and increase one's enjoyment of the world's most widely played sport.

Author Bio
Stanley Lover is the author of several books on soccer and is a former player, coach, referee, instructor of international referees, and administrator.
**Fernando Torres**
*Liverpool's Number 9*
Ian Cruise

**Summary**
Fernando Torres is already a sports idol. Signed to Liverpool for £20 Million, "El Nino" has taken 10 years to go from child prodigy to one of the greatest players on earth. His pacy runs and genius goal scoring has won the hearts and minds of millions of fans. This is his amazing story. Fanatical about the great game from the age of five, Fernando joined Atletico Madrid in 1995, at only 11 years old, and three years later was voted best under-15 player in Europe. A few seasons later, and after many a stunning goal, Torres was named Atletico's club captain, going on to score 21 goals in 2003-04. Fast becoming a goal machine, Fernando netted three times in the 2006 World Cup in Germany, and established himself as a true contender on the international stage. Several clubs were queuing up to sign him, and form a storm of media speculation emerged the truth: Fernando was to wear the number 9 shirt for Liverpool in 2007. He hasn't looked back since-33 goals in 2007-8 made Torres the highest foreign goal-scorer in a debut season in football history. To top it all off, Torres put in an inc...

**Author Bio**
Ian Cruise was chief feature writer at *Shoot* magazine and a match reporter for the *Sunday Mirror* before moving online to become a senior member of the team behind the hugely successful Football365 website.

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**Hillsborough: The Truth**
Phil Scraton

**Summary**
First published in 1999 to universal acclaim, *Hillsborough* has been established as the definitive, unique account of the disaster in which 96 men, women, and children died; hundreds were injured; and thousands were traumatized. Detailing the appalling treatment endured by the bereaved and survivors in the immediate aftermath and the inhumanity of the identification process, this book reveals the inadequacies of the police investigations, official inquiries, and inquests, and uncovers the systematic review and alteration of South Yorkshire police statements conducted with the approval of police investigators and Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry. It also examines the subsequent private prosecution and trial of two senior police officers in 2000. Using verbatim accounts, Scraton's analysis demonstrates the inadequacy of legal processes and the remarkable breadth of judicial discretion undermining and inhibiting such cases. Powerful, disturbing, and harrowing, *Hillsborough: The Truth* exposes the institutional complacency that made a tragedy on this scale inevitable. It shows the law's failu...

**Author Bio**
Phil Scraton is a professor of criminology and the author of *Power, Conflict and Criminalisation* and *The Violence of Incarceration*. 

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Forza Italia
The Fall and Rise of Italian Football
Paddy Agnew

Summary
When journalist Paddy Agnew and his girlfriend touched down in Rome in 1985 in search of adventure, sunshine, and the soul of Italian soccer, they were traveling into the uncharted terrain of a country they did not know and a language they did not speak. It soon became clear that neither Italy nor Italian soccer would be boring. In that first week in Italy, Michel Platini and Juventus won the Intercontinental Cup, while just days later the PLO killed 13 people in a random shooting at Rome's Fiumicino airport. Paddy covered both stories. The coming years saw the rise of TV tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, as he became owner of AC Milan and then Prime Minister of Italy, naming his political party Forza Italia after a football chant. In that same period, Argentine Diego Maradona became the uncrowned King of Naples, leading Napoli to a first ever Scudetto title in 1987, notwithstanding a hectic, Hollywood-esque lifestyle that mixed soccer genius with off-the-field excess. Forza Italia is a fascinating tale of inspired players, skilled coaches, rich tycoons, glitzy media coverage, Mafia corrupt...

Author Bio
Paddy Agnew is a match commentator on Italian football for state broadcaster RAI and has covered Italian soccer for ESPN TV, BBC World Service radio, Reuters, World Soccer magazine, and many other news organizations.

Jamie Carragher

Summary
Jamie Carragher is one of the most charismatic footballers of his generation. Adored by the fans, he was recently voted the most popular player in the entire Liverpool squad. Yet the young Carra came to Liverpool as an Everton fan, from an Everton family, and with Everton friends. Packed with great anecdotes, controversial opinions and large helpings of his trademark humor, this is his story. Born in January 1978 in Bootle, Merseyside, Carragher signed professional terms with Liverpool in 1996, having served a successful apprenticeship, won the FA Youth Cup and played for England Under-21s. He scored a goal in his first full game for the senior team—pretty good for a defender and very unusual for him—and his versatility was to ensure a permanent place in the starting line up before long and he is now vice Captain. In fact he is so integral to the Liverpool squad, the Kop now chants "we all dream of a team of Carraghers" to the tune of "Yellow Submarine." Raw, funny, and down-to-earth, his book is an antidote to the anodyne sports autobiography. It takes you behind the scenes of all o...

Author Bio
Now vice-captain and Liverpool’s longest serving player, Jamie Carragher made his team debut with Liverpool in 1998.
Didier Drogba
Portrait of a Hero
John McShane

Summary
Didier Drogba is one of the most charismatic soccer figures of the modern era and his life story is as amazing as some of the goals which have turned him into a hero on two continents. Now one of the highest-paid soccer players in the world, his amazing life story reveals his early struggles, his battle for acceptance on and off the field, and the candid truth about his rivalry with Shevchenko in a story that really is stranger than fiction.

Author Bio
John McShane worked as a reporter in Fleet Street covering conflicts in Africa, the Middle East and Ireland before becoming associate editor of The Daily Mirror and The Sunday Mirror. His is the author of the highly-acclaimed biography of Arsenal favourite Perry Groves, We All Live in a Perry Groves World. He is married with three children and has homes in London and Spain.

Sir Bobby Charlton: The Autobiography
My Manchester United Years
Sir Bobby Charlton

Summary
Bobby Charlton is Manchester United through and through. One of the original Busby Babes; he has devoted his career to the club, playing in 754 games over 17 years, and winning everything the game had to offer. He played alongside some of the greats such as Best and Law, suffered devastating defeats and was involved in one of the greatest soccer tragedies of all time. Here, for the very first time, he tells the story of those United years, how he tasted FA Cup victory in the emotional final of 1963, won three First Division championships and in 1968 reached the pinnacle of club success-winning the European Cup. Inevitably, such highs are balanced with no less dramatic lows, such as the 1957 European Cup semi-final, the highly charged 1958 FA Cup loss which followed only weeks after the Munich Air disaster, and the 1969 European Cup defeat by Milan. The legacy that Bobby Charlton gives to United is beyond compare.
Gerrard
My Autobiography
Steven Gerrard

Summary
Steven Gerrard is a hero to millions, not only as the inspirational captain of Liverpool FC, but as a key member of the England team. Here, for the first time, he tells the story of his lifelong obsession with football, in an honest and revealing book which captures the extraordinary camaraderie, the soul-destroying tensions and the high-octane thrills of the modern game as never before. He speaks for the first time about the torturous will-he-won't-he Chelsea rumours and his undying passion for Liverpool. We experience first-hand the highs of winning in Istanbul and elsewhere, as well as the occasional lows of being parted from his much-loved family and friends. And of course, the book contains a full blow-by-blow account of England's world cup campaign in Germany 2006.

Author Bio
Born in 1980, Steven Gerrard made his Liverpool début in November 1998 as a second-half substitute against Blackburn. As well as collecting winner's medals in the League Cup (twice), FA Cup (twice), UEFA Cup, Champions League and the European Super Cup, Gerrard picked up the PFA Young Player of the Year award in 2001 and PFA Player of the Year for 2006.

The Italian Job
A Journey to the Heart of Two Great Footballing Cultures
Gianluca Vialli, Gabriele Marcotti

Summary
Soccer lies at the heart of popular culture around the world. It is played, watched, written about, and talked to death by millions virtually every day of the year. But how do the characteristics of England and Italy-two of the most passionate soccer playing countries-affect the game in these two nations? Do the national stereotypes of Italians as fervent, stylish lotharios and the English as cold-hearted eccentrics still hold true when they kick a ball around? For the first time, a player of the first rank-Gianluca Vialli-in conjunction with sportswriter and broadcaster Gabriele Marcotti, tackles this debate head on, and they have invited some of the biggest names to join them. Sir Alex Ferguson, Jose Mourinho, Arsene Wenger, Sven Goran Eriksson, Fabio Capello, and Marcello Lippi, among others, add their not inconsiderable weight to the highest-profile symposium on soccer ever convened. Every aspect of the game is explored, be it tactical and technical or cultural and sociological. Stuffed full of controversial opinions and gripping revelations, this study on the sport takes you on ...

Author Bio
Gianluca Vialli is one of the most famous Italian footballers in the post-war era. He won league titles with Sampdoria and Juventus and captained Juventus to Champions' League victory in 1996. At international level he won 59 caps for Italy, scoring 16 goals and leading them to the semi-finals of both the 1988 European Championship and the 1990 World Cup. As a manager, in two and a half seasons at Chelsea he won more trophies than any other manager in the history of the club, including the FA Cup, Cupwinners' Cup and League Cup. He currently divides his time between London and Italy where he is the top analyst for Sky Italia's Serie A and Champions' League coverage. Gabriele Marcotti is the UK correspondent for Corriere dello Sport, and World Football columnist for The Times. He has also written for the Financial Times, Sunday Herald, Daily Mail and La Stampa. He co-presents two weekly radio shows on TalkSport and is a regular analyst on Bravo, Setanta and SkySports News. He is also a columnist for Sports Illustrated.
The Claret and Blue Book of West Ham United
Hammers Trivia, History, Facts & Stats
John Northcutt

Summary
The Claret and Blue Book of West Ham United is packed with fascinating facts, figures, trivia, stats, stories, and anecdotes all relating to the history of West Ham United. From memorable matches and favorite sons, the book follows no set order, chronological or otherwise, but has plenty to keep any fanatic coming back for more-and is fully endorsed by the club.

Author Bio
John Northcutt was born in Leicester and spent his early life in South London. He is co-author to a number of other West Ham United books, including West Ham United: The Complete Record, and West Ham United: The Illustrated History. In 2003 he compiled the The Definitive West Ham United statistics book. John lives in Great Baddow in Essex with his wife Marian and daughter Louise.

The Football Ghosts
Malachy Doyle, Gary Parsons

Summary
Seamus loves two things-United and ghosts! So when he hears that the spooky old castle on the hill has ghosts playing football in it, he's up there in a flash! Well, as quickly as he can go with his scaredy Granda in tow. Once they get into the castle, Seamus discovers that there are two teams kicking a ball around there-the 1948 United and Rovers cup final teams, doomed to play on until they hear the final whistle. And guess what Seamus has in his pocket? But first, there's the chance to beat the Rovers, with Seamus the star striker in place!

Author Bio
Want Some Aggro?
The True Story of West Ham's First Guv'nors
Cass Pennant, Micky Smith

Summary
In this enthralling investigation, Micky Smith, a die-hard Hammers fan, teams with bestselling author and former member of the InterCity Firm (ICF), Cass Pennant to recall the turbulent 1970s—a time of skinheads, Doc Martens, and mobs of soccer hooligans. Thrilling, dramatic, and brutally honest, this work will fascinate any soccer fan or social historian.

Author Bio
Born in Stephney in the early fifties, Micky Smith grew up a staunch West Ham Fan. He followed his team up and down the country, and even abroad for the 1986 ECWC final. Cass Pennant is a best-selling author of Terrace Legends, Cass, Rolling With the 657 Crew, and Congratulations You Have Just Met the ICF.

Pele
The Autobiography

Summary
From the poverty-stricken streets of São Paulo to the top of the soccer world, Pelé's life story is as extraordinary as it is enrapturing. With his trademark wit and deference, the legend presents the fantastic events of his life with insight and humor in this tell-all autobiography. He discusses his meteoric rise to become one of the greatest soccer players of all time, including his three World Cup championships and numerous league victories. On top of his athletic achievements, Pelé also discusses his role as a staunch campaigner for human rights and the plight of street children in his home country, as well as his recent role as a UN Ambassador. By turns addictive, moving, and enlightening, this is the ultimate story of the ultimate sports star.

Author Bio
Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known to the world as Pelé, won the World Cup with Brazil in 1958, 1962 and 1970. He scored nearly 1,300 goals in his professional career and is Brazil's record goalscorer with 97 goals. He lives in Brazil and the United States.
Highbury
The Story Of Arsenal In N5
Jon Spurling

Summary
Kicking off with the story of the original "soccer czar," Sir Henry Norris, who bulldozed through opposition to move Woolwich Arsenal to north London, Jon Spurling's all-encompassing history of Arsenal's time at Highbury features testimony from a myriad of sources—from the peanut sellers, turnstile operators, local publicans and fans, through the likes of Bob Wilson, Liam Brady, George Graham, and Lee Dixon. An unflinching look at the last century in the club's history, this compendium tells the story of local opposition to the club's move, the construction of the impressive art deco East and West stands in the thirties, the assembling of the various title-winning sides, and culminates in the story of local opposition to the club's more recent move in 2004. Having written three previous titles on Arsenal's history, Jon Spurling is well placed to produce this definitive volume.

Author Bio
John Spurling is a regular contributor to Four Four Two and When Saturday Comes magazines. He is the author of three previous books on Arsenal.

Behind the Curtain
Travels in Eastern European Football
Jonathan Wilson

Summary
From the war-ravaged streets of Sarajevo, where turning up for training involved dodging snipers' bullets, to the crumbling splendor of Budapest's Bozsik Stadium, where the likes of Puskas and Kocsis masterminded the fall of England, the landscape of Eastern Europe has changed immeasurably since the fall of communism. Jonathan Wilson has traveled extensively behind the old Iron Curtain, viewing life beyond the fall of the Berlin Wall through the lens of soccer. Where once the state-controlled teams of the Eastern bloc passed their way with crisp efficiency—a sort of communist version of total soccer—to considerable success on the European and international stages, today the beautiful game in the East has been opened up to the free market, and throughout the region a sense of chaos pervades. The threat of totalitarian interference no longer remains; but in its place mafia control is generally accompanied with a crippling lack of funds. Jonathan Wilson goes in search of the spirit of Hungary's Golden Squad of the early 1950s; charts the disintegration of the soccer superpower that was ...

Author Bio
Jonathan Wilson is the soccer correspondent for the Financial Times.
Chelsea FC: The Official Biography
The Definitive Story of the First 100 Years
Rick Glanvill

Summary
One of the most successful, glamorous, and controversial soccer clubs in Great Britain, Chelsea is infamous for catching headlines on and off the field. This comprehensive account walks through a century of soccer, highlighting the club's star players past and present, the key games, and its rise to prominence. The controversies are addressed as well, including the club's near collapse in the 1970s from lack of funds, its handling of issues relating to racism, and the recent crackdown on the fans' rampant hooliganism. Updated to include a discussion of the club's recent seasons and its purchase by tycoon Roman Abramovich, this is the ultimate resource on the team in blue.

Author Bio
A Chelsea fan for almost forty years, Rick Glanvill is an experienced journalist and broadcaster in the fields of publishing, television, and radio. He is the author of more than 15 books, including Chelsea Football Club, The Chelsea Who's Who, The Extraordinary World of the Football Fan.

And Now Are You Going to Believe Us
Twenty-Five Years Behind the Scenes at Chelsea FC
John Ingledew

Summary
Photojournalist John Ingledew has been a lifelong Chelsea fan. Never without a camera at Chelsea games, he has photographed the Blues for a quarter of a century. For the last seven seasons he has contributed to the club's publications, photographing the team and fans in England and Europe, and working with the players and management at the training ground and Stamford Bridge. The unique color and black and white photographs capture the highs, the lows, and the passion of the fans, and give a unique look behind the scenes from boardroom to bootroom over the last 25 years of CFC.
Scoring at Half-Time
George Best

Summary
George Best was the first celebrity footballer and to many the greatest British player ever. In *Scoring at Half-Time* he gathers together his favourite memories, stories and anecdotes from his experiences in and out of the game over the last forty years. No dressing room door is left unopened, no player's bar tale untold and no secret kept in this fond, humorous look at football's golden era from the man who was usually there when it happened.

Congratulations, You Have Just Met the I.C.F.
Cass Pennant

Summary
Cass Pennant was one of the best-known figures of the I.C.F. He has used his unique position as a West Ham insider to bring together these first-hand accounts of the men who were at the eye of the storm, both on and off the terraces. These tales from the terraces range from the inflamed East End rivalry with Millwall to the shed-end-battles with Chelsea, from aggravation at Anfield's Kop to the disaster at Heysel. The stories unfold against a backdrop of sharp fashion and music, such as The Cockney Rejects and Sham 69, that became the hallmark of the hoolifans.

Author Bio
Cass Pennant is the best-selling author of eight football-related books, five of which have been UK Top Ten bestsellers. As the CEO of Pennant Books, he has conceived and published a wide array of valuable titles in the sport, biography, and crime genres.
Beckham
My World
David Beckham, Dean Freeman

Summary
A photographic portrait of one of the most talented and high-profile sportsmen in the world, accompanied by his own autobiographical text. While much is written about him, David Beckham remains an elusive character. Here he tells his own story and talks of the artistry of his soccer skills, his personal heroes and influences, his daily life in soccer and the celebrity world, and his hopes for the future.

Managing My Life
My Autobiography
Sir Alex Ferguson

Summary
1999 was an outstanding year for Alex Ferguson—not only did he lead Manchester United to a unique and outstanding treble triumph, but he was also awarded the highest honour for his sporting achievements—a Knighthood from the Queen. Universally respected for his tough but caring managerial style, Ferguson is an intelligent man with a fascinating life story. Covering his tough Govan upbringing through to his playing days and onto his shift into management, Managing My Life is told with a fine balance of biting controversy and human sensitivity.
**A Will to Win**
The Manager's Diary
Sir Alex Ferguson, David Meek

**Summary**
This is Alex Ferguson’s compelling account of Manchester United's rollercoaster 1996/97 season at home and in Europe. Outspoken as ever, Fergie confides to his diary the shocks, setbacks, and secrets of life at England's biggest football club.

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**The Final Whistle (2nd Edition)**
The Great War in Fifteen Players
Stephen Cooper, Bill Beaumont

**Summary**
In the years leading up to World War I, the rugby grounds of Britain became training grounds for war. This book plays tribute to the pivotal role rugby played in the Great War by following the poignant stories of 15 men who played for Rosslyn Park, London. They came from diverse backgrounds, with players from Australia, Ceylon, Columbia, Ireland, and South Africa, but they were united by their love of the game and their courage in the face of war. This history follows them from London to the Western Front, Mesopotamia, Turkey, Italy, and Dublin, through some of the war’s fiercest battles. *The Final Whistle* is a must-read for any rugby enthusiast or World War I historian.

**Author Bio**
*Stephen Cooper* has played and coached rugby for over forty years.
Gordie's Tales
Gorden Tallis

Summary
Who are the biggest "lady killers" in Rugby League past and present? What is Wayne Bennett really like? Which international footballer was beaten up by teenage kids in Spain? What are the best 10 on-field sledges of all time? In Gordie's Tales, The Footy Show star and Queensland and Australian league legend Gorden Tallis tells these hilarious true stories and many more. Gorden takes you inside State of Origin teams, on Kangaroo tours, and along for the ride on hilarious end of season trips. Gordie gives his "rant" on what is right and wrong with the game, and even tells us what he would do if he were to run the NRL for one day! Gordie's Tales is a very funny and rare insight into the real world behind modern day rugby league, written by someone who embodies the humor and the grit of the toughest game of all.

Author Bio
Gorden Tallis is a modern day league legend. He reached the pinnacle of the game, having captained the Brisbane Broncos, Queensland, and Australia. Gorden currently appears each week on Foxtel and Channel 9 Footy Shows.

Gladiators
Norm Provan and Arthur Summons on rugby league's most iconic moment and its continuing legacy
Norman Tasker

Summary
When rival captains Norm Provan and Arthur Summons came together in a momentary embrace at the end of the 1963 Rugby League grand final, they could never have imagined the tradition they were building. They became the subject of one of sport's most enduring images, and ultimately the centrepiece of League's premiership trophy. Fifty years on, that moment is still celebrated as an iconic reflection of the game and its people. It is also a symbol of the changing face of sport, and of the role that sport has played in the Australian way of life. This book traces the legacy of Norm Provan and Arthur Summons and the champions of their time. In their own words, they tell how the game was, how it has changed, and where it is headed. They bring insight that only time and experience can fashion, and they do so with jaunty good humor. Provan and Summons remain two of the most recognized players in the game. They were champion internationals in their own right, and they each went on to become coaches of high achievement. Provan is perhaps the most successful player of all time, having played in...

Author Bio
Norman Tasker has spent a lifetime writing on rugby league and is author of 8 books, including Beaver: The Steve Menzies Story.
Six Nations Rugby Miscellany
John White

Summary
Revised and updated to include the 2013 Six Nations Championship, there are hundreds of fascinating facts about the competition (and its predecessors the British and Five Nations Championships) on a wide range of topics, from individual players and famous teams to sports politics, scandals, and controversies off the field. It also features famous quotes, final championship tables, big match results, fantasy teams, records, lists, and numerous trivia entries. As the items appear completely at random, the book can be read from cover to cover, but is even better being dipped into and enjoyed-like short bursts over the gain line. Researched with unflagging energy by an unrivalled master of the sporting factoid, and a proud Irishman who celebrated long and loud after his country's 2010 Triple Crown, The Six Nations Rugby Miscellany will bring hours of reading pleasure to every rugby union fan.

Author Bio
John White has spent a lifetime creating one of the most comprehensive and diverse sports information databases around and he has put his passion for sport to good use in his innovative Miscellany series. The author of the eponymous White's Sports Almanac 2008, he has been responsible for more than a dozen various titles in the Miscellany series.

Rala
My Life in Rugby
Patrick O'Reilly

Summary
Irish rugby as you've never seen it before—from the man who got the job every rugby lover wants to have. Patrick 'Rala' O'Reilly has been Bag Man to the Irish Rugby team for nearly twenty years. Loved and respected by players and coaches past and present, here Rala tells of his life in rugby—the highs and lows, the players, the pranks, and the great memories of Irish rugby. In this own imitable style and humor, Rala describes his early days as Bag Man for Terenure College RFC, supplying fruit for the squad from his wife's parents' fruit and veg shop on Meath Street, the lasting friendships he's made throughout the years from Keith Wood to the "Claw" to Brian O'Driscoll and Jamie Heaslip and many other players, coaches, managers, and backroom staff-Irish and international both. With humor and Dublin wit he describes his love for Inis Boffin, his wife Dixie, his gradual succession to Bag Man for the Irish Squad and being chosen to tour with the Lions in South Africa in 2009. From wine gums to spare shoes to the music the lads listen to in their iPods the night before matches, this is I...

Author Bio
Patrick O'Reilly has been Baggage Master to the Irish Senior team for nearly twenty years, during which time he has toured every major rugby-playing nation, and attended three World Cup tournaments. In 2009 Rala was appointed Baggage Master for the British and Irish Lions.
**Matt Dawson's Lions Tales**
Matt Dawson

**Summary**
*Matt Dawson's Lions Tales* gives rugby fans a satisfying dose of wonderful Lions anecdotes, epic stories of triumph and despair, of camaraderie and controversy, and stirring examples of that special bond that only competing in the white heat of battle, halfway round the world, against the mighty All Blacks, Wallabies, and Springboks, can engender. *Lions Tales* is peppered with insight and laugh-out-loud moments, dredged from the memory banks of Dawson's own time in the iconic red shirt, and also from his keen interest in the Lions' remarkable 125-year traditions.

**Author Bio**
*Matt Dawson* won 77 caps and scored 101 points for England, and won 7 caps and scored 10 points for the British and Irish Lions, in a distinguished 15-year playing career, the pinnacle of which was winning the World Cup in 2003. At club level, he excelled at scrum-half for 13 years with Northampton and won the Heineken Cup in 2000, then finished his career at London Wasps, where he won the Premiership in his first season. Dawson is now a much-loved broadcaster who captains a team on BBC1's long-running *A Question of Sport* and passionately presents and commentates on rugby on BT Sport and BBC Radio 5 Live. In 2006 he won BBC1's *Celebrity Masterchef* and finished second in BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing*.

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**The Iron Duke**
The Life and Times of a Working-Class Rugby Hero
Bobby Windsor, Peter Jackson

**Summary**
Lions legend Bobby Windsor has enjoyed triumphs beyond the dreams of most international players, but has also suffered personal tragedy. His rugby career as the best hooker in the British Isles during the second golden era of Welsh rugby in the 1970s is a turbulent tale of blood and thunder on the pitch. There are riotous incidents off the pitch, including unscheduled fights with professional boxers, revelations about illegal payments during the so-called amateur era, and what Windsor did to upset the Establishment and become blackballed by one of the most famous clubs in the world. Windsor's irrepressible sense of humor comes shining through on every page, except when he gives chapter and verse on the personal crisis that drove him to plan suicide. *The Iron Duke* is the no-holds-barred, warts-and-all story of a working-class Welsh folk hero who rose from humble beginnings to become a permanent member of the greatest Lions team in the history of rugby union.

**Author Bio**
*Bobby Windsor* won 28 caps as a hooker for Wales between 1973 and 1979. *Peter Jackson*, a sports journalist, retired in 2009 as rugby correspondent of the *Daily Mail* after 35 years. His books include *Bread of Heaven* and *Lions of Wales*.
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
The Rise and Fall of Pontypool RFC
Nick Bishop, Alun Carter

Summary
Pontypool Rugby Football Club was one of the great Welsh teams until its decline in the 1990s; this is their story.

In this engrossing book, Alun Carter and Nick Bishop recount the dramatic story of the rise and fall of one of the great enigmas of Welsh club rugby: Pontypool RFC. They chart the glories and violence of the amateur era in the 1970s and 1980s before the club entered a period of steady decline in the age of professionalism, reaching the point of bankruptcy after a crippling legal battle with the Welsh Rugby Union. It is a symbolic tale of the disintegration of the social fabric that held a once-great club together, both on and off the playing field—often irresistibly funny, eventually tragic, but always larger than life.

Author Bio
Alun Carter is an ex-Wales internationalist and was head analyst for the national side for ten years. He played for Millau, Pontypool, Pontypridd, and his hometown of Newport. Nick Bishop has worked as a rugby analyst and scout for Graham Henry, and for the Wales National Squad. He is also the coauthor of Henry’s Pride: Inside the Lions’ Tour Down Under. Together, they are the author of Seeing Red: Twelve Tumultuous Years in Welsh Rugby.

The Bull
My Story
John Hayes

Summary
The legend of Irish and Munster rugby tells his story of graft and glory. John "The Bull" Hayes is an Irish rugby legend. Keith Wood calls him a "rugby giant," Donncha O’Callaghan calls him "the heart and soul of the team," but Hayes is adored as much for his down-to-earth personality and background as his legendary status on the pitch. The phenomenon that is The Bull grew up in GAA farming heartland and was a late recruit to the game, only picking up a rugby ball at the age of 18. His determination on the pitch and passion for the shirt comes through in many a tale of graft and glory in the front row. Hayes relates his story of over 100 caps for his country, including four Triple Crowns and a glorious Grand Slam in 2009. Two Heineken Cup-winning campaigns gild an incredible career of over 200 games for Munster. This is the story of a giant of a man, and a rugby legend who is of the people.

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On Rugby
Will Greenwood

Summary
England's World Cup-winning center, Will Greenwood, lets loose on the game

In his almost 20 years in the sport, Will Greenwood has achieved just about everything a professional rugby player could ever aspire to, playing an integral role in the World Cup-winning campaign of 2003, and achieving great things with England beyond that at the Six Nations and on tour with the Lions. Never was a man more well placed to write on the sport. From the grass roots to elite professionalism, Greenwood has made his name as the face of intelligent and entertaining rugby writing and punditry. From hilarious character sketches of players to technical discussion of scrummaging and World Cup reminiscences, Greenwood delivers unrivalled writing on the game of rugby.

Author Bio
Will Greenwood represented Leicester Tigers and Harlequins, won more than 50 caps for the England rugby team, including the World Cup-winning campaign of 2003, and served on three British Lions tours.
Ronan O’Gara: Unguarded
Ronan O’Gara

Summary
One of Ireland’s greatest ever players lays out his forthright views on the game he loves and his career in rugby with club and country.

Ronan O’Gara has been at the heart of Munster and Irish rugby for the past fifteen years. Now, as he comes to the end of a glittering playing career, it is time for him to reflect on those many successes and occasional failures with the straight talking attitude that has become his trademark. Never one to shy away from the truth, the result is Ronan O’Gara: Unguarded.

Packed full of anecdotes and analysis of the teammates O’Gara has been proud to share the shirt with, and of the coaches he has played under—often in controversial circumstances—this is the definitive record of an era when Munster rose to triumph in Europe, and Ireland to win the Grand Slam, before crashing down to earth again. It is simply the must-have rugby book of the year.

Author Bio
Ronan O’Gara was educated at Presentation Brothers College and University College Cork, captaining Pres to the Munster Junior and Senior Schools Cup and winning an All-Ireland Under-20 winners’ medal with UCC in 1996. For over a decade he played fly half for Munster and Ireland, and was a member of the British & Irish Lions touring teams in 2001, 2005 and 2009. He is the all-time highest scorer for both Munster and Ireland, and also holds the Heineken Cup record for points. O’Gara announced his playing retirement on May 18, 2013, and will join Paris-based Racing Metro as Assistant Coach for the 2013-2014 season. Gerry Thornley has been the rugby correspondent of the Irish Times since 1997 and is a regular contributor and rugby analyst on both television and radio. His previous book Trevor Brennan: Heart and Soul was the William Hill Irish Sports Book of the Year 2007.

More Important than Life or Death
Inside the Best of Australian Sport
Peter FitzSimons

Summary
For years journalists have been eyewitnesses to athletes—from the elite to downtrodden—chasing, achieving, or falling short of their dreams. They have observed, chronicled, and attempted to find the secrets to winning and losing. For some, sport may be a meaningless diversion. For most, it is life’s most important punctuation mark. In this book, the formidable Fairfax stable of fine writing thoroughbreds explains why. Roy Masters explores the heart and soul of rugby league. Peter Roebuck and Malcolm Knox provide a fresh look at the confusion of cricket. Richard Hinds focuses on the moment which won the Sydney Swans an AFL premiership. Jacqueline Magnay exposes a grubby cycling world. Jessica Halloran reveals the tense father-daughter relationship in the Dokic tennis family. Michael Cockerill buzzes with Harry Kewell. Max Presnell recalls when Amarillo Slim took on those at the City Tatts club. Greg Bearup dissects Khoder Nasser’s world and Peter Stone puts Tiger Woods in his place. On the journey to find the reasons why sport is a religion, an obsession to so many, there’s revelation...

Author Bio
Peter FitzSimons is a journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald and Sun-Herald and a former national representative rugby union player. He is also a regular TV commentator, a former Radio 2UE presenter, and the best-selling author of nearly twenty books, including Batavia, Kokoda, Tobruk, and biographies of John Eales, Nancy Wake, Sir Douglas Mawson, and Steve Waugh. Greg Growden worked for the Sydney Morning Herald for 34 years, and was chief rugby correspondent between 1987-2012, covering hundreds of Test matches around the world. He is now a rugby expert for ESPN and scrum.com. He has written 11 books, including A Wayward Genius, which was described by The Guardian’s Frank Keating as among the 100 best sporting books of the twentieth century.
Malthouse
A Life in Football
Christi Malthouse

Summary
Mick Malthouse, a tenacious, hard-hitting defender in Australian Football racked up 174 senior games for St Kilda and Richmond including a Grand Final victory with the Tigers in 1980 and eight finals appearances in all. But it was as a coach of genius that Malthouse fired the imagination of the football world. After cutting his teeth at Footscray, twice he took teams from the bottom of the ladder to Premiership glory-first West Coast, then Collingwood. A staggering eight grand final appearances and 50 finals in all mark an extraordinary record. Malthouse never made excuses for himself and he was equally uncompromising with his players. Some fell by the wayside but most prospered and it was as a team builder and canny tactician that he shone. He soon became a colorful figure in the media, playing that game to his club's advantage, but for all his antics he remained a devoted family man and loyal mate to a legion of friends. This book is a thrilling roller-coaster ride through the hurly-burly of elite sport. It is also a sensitive and intimate portrait of the man behind the public figu...

Author Bio
Christi Malthouse grew up in a famous household, as the eldest daughter of AFL great, Mick Malthouse and wife Nanette. She combined her studies and newspaper work with a start in television journalism. She has worked at Channel Seven Australia as a part-time reporter and lifestyle producer, Perth's Network Ten as a sport's journalist, AFL boundary rider, and producer of the kid's weekly football show Beyond the Boundary, and Channel Nine on the Weekend TODAY show.

100 Irish Rugby Greats
John Scally

Summary
100 Irish Rugby Greats is a unique celebration of the most significant stars of the sport from the 1930s to the present day. A veritable who's who of Irish rugby, it takes in all of the true greats, including Jack Kyle, Tony O'Reilly, Mike Gibson, Willie John McBride, Moss Keane, Keith Wood, Brian O'Driscoll and Paul O'Connell. Many of the in-depth and revealing profiles are based on interviews with the legends themselves, as well as with those who have lined up against them. The result offers remarkable insights into the myriad controversies, epic matches, thrilling contests and pivotal events on and off the field in which each player has been involved.

Author Bio
JOHN SCALLY works as a teacher in Dublin and was formerly a journalist and broadcaster. He is the author of more than 20 books, including 100 GAA Greats, Legends of Irish Rugby, The GAA, A Load of Balls and Odd-Shaped Balls.
Barassi
Peter Lalor

Summary
Ron Barassi was the definitive - some argue first - ruck rover. Together with Norm Smith, he won six premierships in a golden era for the Melbourne Demons. At Carlton, and later at North Melbourne, Ron fulfilled the second part of his destiny, by becoming the game's super coach. Barassi goes behind the scenes with the game's most revered and most loved figure.

Author Bio
Peter Lalor is an award-winning author and journalist, who is the author of Blood Stain and The Bridge.

Footy Flavours
75 Recipes From Your Favourite Rugby League Stars

Summary
The player recipes found within Footy Flavours are both a reflection of the modern face of the game and a reminder of who we are, where we have come from. Many recipes have been passed down to players from their parents, and are now in turn being passed on to their children. Others are interpretations of the classics. There are speedy recipes when there isn't much time on the clock, impressive dishes to wrong-foot your dinner guests and delicious desserts that will land you in the sin bin. Footy Flavours is a unique opportunity for you to share in the dishes that your favourite rugby league stars love to cook and enjoy at home. Whether it's Ben Ross's secret ingredient for a great lasagne, Dom Peyroux's Samoan twist on chop suey, Darren Lockyer's tips for cooking the perfect snapper, the chicken 'schnity' Sandor Earl was raised on, or David Williams's apple pie perfection handed down from Mother Wolf, in Footy Flavours you'll find delicious, hearty recipes from some of the greatest players in the game today - and a few legends to boot. Includes metric measures.

Author Bio
Recipes from 75 Rugby League stars past and present, including Darren Lockyer, Mark Gasnier, Michael Ennis, Kurt Gidley, Brett Kimmorley, Brett Stewart, Gordon Tallis and Billy Slater.
The Game
Best AFL Writing
Dennis Cometti, Jon Pierik

Summary
From the magnificent moments on the field to the moments of despair off it, this collection of AFL stories will captivate fans of the game and those interested in great sports writing. Featuring a range of columnists and reporters, including the award-winning Greg Baum, Caroline Wilson, Rohan Connolly, Emma Quayle, and Jake Niall, this collection captures the moments from the turn of the century, delving behind the statistics, examining the people, teams, and emotions that make the game. From Carey to Cousins, Judd to Franklin, Sheedy to Lyon, the dark days of the Blues to the dynasties of the Brisbane Lions and Geelong, and everything in between, it offers a winning combination of fascinating topics and top-notch writers. Whether the memories of yesteryear are still vivid or flickering, here is your chance to relive those moments in fine detail.

Author Bio
Dennis Cometti is one of the best known and most respected sportscasters in Australia. Over the years he has worked at the ABC, commenting on Test cricket alongside the great Alan McGilvray with Channel Seven, calling AFL matches around the country as well as covering two Commonwealth Games and the Barcelona and Atlanta Olympics, and with Channel Nine, where he has the reputation of being the most distinctive, eloquent, and beloved football commentators the game has ever known. As a football fan since he was old enough to see over the boundary fence and a sports journalist for major metropolitan newspapers for more than a decade, the Age's Jon Pierik understands what makes the game great—and why it inspires fine journalism. Pierik combines these two ingredients to help deliver a must read for AFL fans.

The Gloucester Rugby Miscellany
Robert Harris

Summary
No city in England can match Gloucester's passion for the game of rugby. The streets are festooned in cherry and white on match days and that famous cry of 'Glaw ... sterrr' can be heard far beyond the club's Kingsholm ground. This book illustrates what makes Gloucester Rugby Club so special. It features revealing and humorous interviews with some of the greats (including, to name but a few, Mike Teague, Andy Deacon and Ian Smith), historical facts, trivia, stats and stories, told by those who pulled on that famous shirt. It recalls the great matches, the cup wins, the highs, and also some of the lows. This is a book that shows what it means to play for Gloucester, a club steeped in tradition, pride, and sporting excellence.

Author Bio
Rob Harris is the sports editor for the Forester and had been named Gloucestershire Sports Writer of the year. He lives in Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Rugby Union Threequarter Play
A Guide to Skills, Techniques and Tactics
Peter Johnson, Stuart Lancaster

Summary
Rugby Union Threequarters Play is a technical playing guide that examines the demands of each of the positions in the threequarters, and analyzes the specific positional roles and responsibilities. The book will help coaches to place the right player in the right position.

Author Bio
Peter Johnson is the author of several books on rugby. He has coached school, university, representative rugby teams, and professional rugby clubs. As a former England Academy Manager, and presently as the manager of the RFU Apprenticeship program, Peter's career has been at the heart of the elite player development.

Supercoach
The Life and Times of Jack Gibson
Andrew Webster

Summary
Like most of the bouncers in town, Bobby Lee was an ageing boxer, but was as tough as they come. He was the muscle on the door at Thommo's, the illegal two-up game held in secrecy in Surry Hills in Sydney's inner city. It was owned by Joe Taylor - "The Boss," as everyone called him. In May 1951, Bobby Lee was shot five times. He didn't survive. Jack Gibson got his job. "Big Jack" was the original supercoach, but before that he was one of the toughest men in Sydney. It was there for all to see as a brutal front-row forward for Easts, Newtown, and Wests during the 1950s and 1960s. As a coach, he was a revolutionary, adopting methods from American football and innovating heavily in his own right to win back-to-back premierships with Eastern Suburbs in 1974 and 1975, and then three with Parramatta from 1981 to 1983 - giving the Eels their first ever premiership win. Yet behind his gruff exterior and trademark kangaroo fur coat was a generous and warm family man, whose life was changed forever by the death of his son Luke from a drug overdose. With the cooperation of Jack's family and friends...

Author Bio
Andrew Webster is a senior sportswriter at the Daily Telegraph and has been covering rugby league at the highest level for the past 15 years. Supercoach is his first book.
**Behind the Lions**  
*Playing Rugby for the British & Irish Lions*  
Stephen Jones, Tom English, Nick Cain, David Barne...  

**Summary**  
For 125 years, the British and Irish Lions have stood out as a unique emblem in world sport, and this book, written by four esteemed rugby writers from each of the Home Nations, delves into the heart of what it means to be a Lion. Interviewing a vast array of former players to uncover the passion, pride, and exhilaration experienced when wearing the famous red jersey, this is a tale of heartbreak, ecstasy, humor, and poignancy is at once inspirational and utterly compelling.

**Author Bio**  
**Stephen Jones** is a rugby correspondent for the *Sunday Times* and the author of several books on the sport, including *Lion Man: The Autobiography of Ian McGeechan*, *Midnight Rugby: Triumph and Shambles in the Professional Era*, and *Endless Winter: Inside Story of the Rugby Revolution*. He is also the recipient of the prestigious William Hill Sports Book of the Year award. **Tom English** is the award-winning chief sports writer for the *Scotland on Sunday* and has been voted Scottish Sport’s Feature Writer of the Year by the Scottish Press Association three times. He is the recipient of the Rugby Book of the Year award for his novel *The Grudge*. **Nick Cain** is a rugby columnist for the *Sunday Times* and the chief writer for the *Rugby Paper*. He is the editor of *Rugby World* magazine and the coauthor of *The Lions Diary* and *Rugby Union for Dummies*. **David Barnes** is a freelance journalist who covers rugby for various newspapers. He is the coauthor of *Behind the Thistle: Playing Rugby for Scotland and Centre of Excellence*.

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**Lewis Moody: My Life in Rugby**  
*Mad Dog - An Englishman*  
Lewis Moody  

**Summary**  
Lewis Moody has seen and done it all in a glittering career that has seen him win the 2003 World Cup under Martin Johnson's captaincy, lose in the final of the 2007 World Cup after the most shambolic passage, and now lead England under Johnson's management in the 2011 World Cup. Moody has not only been an ever-present in the England team for the past decade—a team that has featured some of the most iconic and interesting figures in British sport such as Jonny Wilkinson, Lawrence Dallaglio, and Jason Robinson—but also, until his shock move to Bath last summer, he was a key part of the all-conquering Leicester Tigers team that became champions of England six times and of Europe twice. Moody does not just explore the incredible highs, of which there are many, but also the equally incredible lows. There was the bullying at school, the time as a child when he was so near to death that the doctors advised his parents to prepare for the worst, and, later, the many occasions when he wanted to walk away from a sport that has produced so much success, when the injuries were mounting up and bec...

**Author Bio**  
**Lewis Moody** was born in Ascot in 1978. Educated at Oakham School and De Montford University, at age 18 Moody was the then youngest league debutant for Leicester Tigers. He made his debut for England in 2001, and was named captain in 2010.
Darren Lockyer - Autobiography
Darren Lockyer

Summary
Darren Lockyer will celebrate his 34th birthday this year. Of those 34 years, 17 have been spent putting his body through hell in perhaps the toughest football competition on the planet. Lockyer has, quite literally, spent half his lifetime in the NRL. By season's end Lockyer is set to hold the all-time appearance record for club, state, and country. The remarkable longevity of Lockyer's excellence has earned him the respect of fellow athletes around the world and the adoration of fans everywhere. But while undoubtedly one of the most recognizable athletes in Australia, Lockyer has largely maintained his privacy, rarely, if ever, allowing fans a look at the man behind the man. In this book Lockyer, for the first time, opens up on the people, places, incidents, and events which have shaped the life and career of an Australian sporting icon. From his days growing up and working at the family-owned truck stop on the outskirts of a tiny Queensland town, to his arrival at the Broncos as a teenage sensation, and subsequent ascension toward rugby league immortality, Lockyer will shed new li...

Author Bio
Darren Lockyer is an Australian professional rugby league player and current captain of the Australian national team, the Queensland State of Origin team, and his NRL club, the Brisbane Broncos. All three of these teams Lockyer has led to success in their respective competitions. In 2009 he broke the record for most games and in 2010 the most tries for the Australian national team.

The Liam Jurrah Story
From Yuendumu to the MCG
Bruce Hearn Mackinnon

Summary
Known as the "Warlpiri Warrior," the "Jurrahcane," and "Cougar," Liam Jurrah is a rising star of the Australian Football League (AFL), and this compelling biography follows Jurrah's journey from the remote Aboriginal desert community of Yuendumu to the bright lights of the AFL. Despite Liam's prodigious talent—his startling displays of skill, artistry, and the incredible impact of his football ability—he is the first from his community to play the game at an elite level. Filled with challenges and successes that go beyond the sport alone, this is truly an inspiring tale of an initiated Warlpiri man who has gone on to soccer fame.

Author Bio
Bruce Hearn Mackinnon is a senior lecturer with the School of Management and Marketing at Deakin University and a researcher in the university's Center for Entrepreneurship Innovation and Community.
Tom Wills
First Wild Man of Australian Sport
Greg de Moore

Summary
The definitive biography of the visionary sportsman who brought us Australian Rules football
This is the story of Tom Wills-flawed genius, sporting libertine, fearless leader, and agitator, and the man most often credited with creating the game we now know as Australian Rules football. Sent to the strict British Rugby School in 1850 at 14, Tom returned as a worldly young man whose cricket prowess quickly captured the hearts of Melburnians. But away from the adoring crowds, in the desolation of the Queensland outback, he experienced first-hand the devastating effects of racial tension when his father was murdered in the biggest massacre of Europeans by Aboriginal people. Yet five years later, Tom coached the first Aboriginal cricket team. Tom Wills lived hard and fast, challenging authority on and off the field. But when his physical talents began to fade, the psychological demons that alcohol and adrenaline had kept at bay surged to the fore, driving him to commit the most brutal of suicides. He was 44 and destitute. Greg de Moore has carefully pieced together Tom’s life, giving us...

Author Bio
Greg de Moore is a consultant psychiatrist at Sydney’s Westmead Hospital and his study of Wills’s life stems from his interest in male suicide. His 10 years of research has unearthed original medical records, letters, textbooks, and notes, previously believed to have been lost or destroyed. He lives in Sydney.

Kokoda Wallaby
Stan Bisset: The Rugby International Who Became a Kokoda Hero
Andrew James

Summary
Stan Bisset was a real hero, both in battle, on the rugby pitch and in desperate armed combat against the Japanese during the Second World War. As a member of the ill-fated 1939 Wallaby touring team to England, he was a rugby legend. In the Middle East and on the Kokoda Track, he was one of Australia’s most distinguished and heroic combatants. But above all else, he personified so many attributes of the Australian soldier: moral and physical courage, compassion, selflessness, independence, loyalty, resourcefulness, devotion, and humor. Stan Bisset’s remarkable life story is told by former Australian soldier and Afghanistan veteran Andrew James. This is a truly inspiring book that crosses generations.

Author Bio
Andrew James enlisted in the Australian Army at the age of 18. He subsequently served on combat operations in Afghanistan. Following his military service, Andrew continued his studies at Sydney University where he read History and English. During his degree, he supported himself by working as an expedition leader on the Kokoda Track where his first became interested in Stan’s story.
**Brian O'Driscoll: The Biography**  
The Story of Ireland's Greatest Rugby Hero  
Marcus Stead

**Summary**  
The definitive portrait of an internationally admired rugby player and an Irish hero, fully updated to include Ireland's 2011 6 Nations  
Dublin boy Brian O'Driscoll is Educated at Blackrock College, the alma mater of many Irish greats, his ambition was always to represent his country. After helping his country win the IRB under-19 World Championship and progressing through the under-21 ranks, O'Driscoll finally realized his dream of representing his beloved Ireland at the senior level. Making his debut against Australia at the tender age of 20—before he'd even made his senior club debut for Leinster—O'Driscoll went on to establish himself as one of the top outside centers in the game. Made captain of his country in 2003, O'Driscoll's phenomenal record includes consecutive triple crowns in 2006 and 2007 and the RBS Six Nations player of the tournament for 2006 and 2007. His exemplary leadership skills and bravery saw him achieve the ultimate accolade for a home nations' player: captaining the Lions for their 2005 tour of New Zealand. But his tour was to be cut short in a storm in ac...

**Author Bio**  
Marcus Stead is the author of *Arise Sir Frankie Dettori*.

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**Beware of the Dog**  
Rugby's Hard Man Reveals All  
Brian Moore

**Summary**  
A scorching and deeply personal autobiography lifting the lid on the life and character of one of English rugby's most successful ever players  
Brian Moore, or "Pitbull" as he came to be known during nearly a decade at the heart of the England rugby team's pack, established himself as one of the game's original hard men at a time when rugby was still an amateur sport. Since his retirement, he has earned a reputation as an equally uncompromising commentator, never afraid to tell it as he sees it and lash out at the money men and professionals that have made rugby into such a different beast. Yet, for all his bullishness on and off the pitch, there also appears a more unconventional, complicated side to the man. A solicitor by trade, Moore's love of fine wine, career experience as a manicurist, and preference for reading Shakespeare in the dressing room before games, mark him out as anything but the stereotypical rugby player, and in *Beware of the Dog*, Moore lays open with astounding frankness the shocking events, both personal and professional, that have gone towards shaping him over...

**Author Bio**  
Brian Moore won 64 caps for the England rugby team between 1987 and 1995. He played in three Rugby World Cups and won the Grand Slam in 1991, 1992, and 1995, and went on two British Lions tours. He now writes for the *Sun* and the *Telegraph* and is a co-commentator for international rugby matches on BBC TV.
What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger
Archie Thompson

Summary
Written by Australian A-League soccer star Archie Thompson, this personal memoir offers advice for success on and off the sports field. Candid and direct, this compilation of inspirational anecdotes covers a variety of topics—from the importance of discipline and loyalty to building confidence and overcoming life's challenges. Honoring Australian soccer legends, such as Harry Kewell and Tim Cahill, this account demonstrates that drive is found within.

Author Bio
Archie Thompson is a high profile A-League soccer player who currently plays for Melbourne Victory. He played for the Australian national team in the 2006 World Cup and holds the all-time record for most goals scored in one international match.

Rugby's Strangest Matches
Extraordinary But True Stories from Over a Century of Rugby
John C. Griffiths

Summary
Rugby fans will delight in this extraordinary collection of astonishing but true stories from the past 130 years, which reveal a bizarre and hitherto uncelebrated side to the sport. Here you'll find, among many other bizarre events, the Irish international who arranged his marriage in order to play against England, the match in which a team of top soccer players beat their rugby counterparts at their own game, the riotous encounter that meant that particular fixture was subsequently abandoned for seven years, the international match in which an entire Wales side were sent off, and the unknown player who was capped for his country due to an administrative mistake. Rugby's Strangest Matches is a fascinating compendium that is sure to amuse and entertain.

Author Bio
John Griffiths was a regular contributor to the Daily Telegraph's rugby column for many years, and is the author of several sports books, including The Book of English International Rugby, The Book of International Rugby Records, British Lions, and The Five Nations Championship.
Voices From the Back of the Bus
Tall Tales and Hoary Stories from Rugby's Real Heroes
Stewart McKinney

Summary
Voices from the Back of the Bus provides a rare behind-the-scenes look at international rugby at the height of a golden period. Recounted with genuine warmth and much humor, over a hundred players recall the scrapes, the games, the laughs, the glory, and the gritty reality of the pre-professional game. Packed with true rugby tales from the days when men played purely for the love of the game and of their nation, and multimillion-pound contracts and sponsorship deals were unheard of, this refreshing, revealing, and often hilarious collection will inspire sports fans of all generations.

Author Bio
Stewart McKinney is a former Ireland international rugby player who was part of the British and Irish Lions team that was victorious against South Africa in 1974.

A Game for Hooligans
The History of Rugby Union
Huw Richards

Summary
The rugby union has undergone immense change in the past two decades-introducing a World Cup, accepting professionalism, and creating a global market in players. This resource covers all of the great matches, teams, and players while also placing them in the context of the social, political, and economic changes which have affected the course of rugby's development. International in scope, this history includes not only Britain and France but also the great rugby powers of the southern hemisphere and other successful rugby nations, such as Argentina, Fiji, and Japan. Rich in anecdotes-including the story of why 1895 is the most important date in both the rugby union and rugby league history, allegations of devil worship at a Welsh rugby club, the game's contribution to the Cuban Revolution, and why the most fearsome of all New Zealand forwards was also a proficient knitter-this reference is a must-read for any fan of the oval ball.

Author Bio
Huw Richards has been the Financial Times rugby correspondent since 1995. His other books on rugby include Dragons and All Blacks, which was nominated for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award.
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Author Bio

Odd-Shaped Balls
Mischief-Makers, Miscreants and Mad-Hatters of Rugby
John Scally

Summary
Odd-Shaped Balls captures the humor, the agony, and the ecstasy of one of the world's most popular sports, rugby. The book is no less than a who's who of the game, with both old and young getting the opportunity to have their say. It looks at players such as Max Boyce, Keith Wood, Sean Fitzpatrick, Austin Healy, and Bill Beaumont and his streaker. All exponents of surrealism, comic genius, and savage wit, they offer a quirky insight into the sporting psyche as well as provide some riotous good laughs. With hundreds of funny stories, Odd-Shaped Balls is a light-hearted romp through decades of rugby tomfoolery that is guaranteed to put a smile on the face of all sports fans.
**The Real Jeeves**
The Cricketer Who Gave His Life for His Country and His Name to a Legend
Brian Halford

**Summary**
*The Real Jeeves* tells the story of a young cricketer whose glorious life was snuffed out, but whose name will live forever. Plucked from country-house cricket, all-rounder Percy Jeeves was to outshine the Golden Age's greats over two seasons with Warwickshire, clean bowling Jack Hobbs, hitting Wilfred Rhodes for six, and outclassing England captain Plum Warner. In September 1914, Jeeves bowled Warwickshire to victory over champions Surrey. It was his 50th first-class match-and his last. *The Real Jeeves* traces Percy's life from idyllic childhood via county cricket into the nightmare of war. Excerpts from battalion diaries detail the horrors of the Western Front, and ultimately his demise on the Somme. Yet Percy Jeeves' name lived on thanks to P. G. Wodehouse, who saw him play at Cheltenham in 1913 and was so impressed he noted the name for a character who shared the modest Yorkshireman's immaculate conduct and appearance.

**Author Bio**
Brian Halford has covered the fortunes of Warwickshire CCC for the *Birmingham Post & Mail* since 2000. Brian is the author of *Warwickshire CCC On This Day, 100 Years of Test Match Cricket at Edgbaston*, and *The Year of the Bear*, the story of Warwickshire's championship triumph in 2004.

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**Then Came Massacre**
The Extraordinary Story of England’s Maurice Tate
Justin Parkinson

**Summary**
Sussex and England superstar Maurice Tate’s story is one of triumph and fame, controversy and tragedy. In the 1920s and 1930s, the all-rounder was the world's most popular cricketer, famed for his brilliant bowling and broad smile-unlike his infamous cricketing father, whose costly error he more than repaid. In his day, Tate's enormous feet were the subject of a music-hall song, his extra pace considered magical; he's now recognized as the first proper "seam" bowler. He took almost 2,800 first-class wickets and thrilled crowds with rapid-fire sixes and centuries. But along the way he suffered a nervous breakdown at the Bodyline series, and threw beer over Douglas Jardine. After a bitter sacking by Sussex, he became a pub landlord and died in poverty. Recently voted Sussex's greatest ever player, Tate doesn't figure in any more widespread Hall of Fame. It's time to remember this forgotten great of England cricket.

**Author Bio**
Justin Parkinson is a political reporter for the BBC, covering developments at Westminster for radio and online. A lifelong Sussex cricket fan, he studied history at Cambridge before becoming a reporter and cricket columnist on the *Brighton Evening Argus*. A genuinely awful leg-spinner, Justin’s finest cricketing moment came bowling in the nets to Dean Jones.
Chasing Sachin
Adam Carroll-Smith

Summary
The story of one obsessive fan's unlikely ambition: to bowl just one ball at his childhood hero, Sachin Tendulkar. From the very first time he'd ever watched the "Little Master" bat, as a 12-year-old boy, Adam Carroll-Smith had been transfixed. He dreamed not just of bowling to Tendulkar, but of actually knocking over his off stump. Just one problem: he was never really much of a cricketer. However, determined not to let such a small detail stand in his way-and eager to settle an old score with a childhood chum-Carroll-Smith earnestly set about achieving the unthinkable during India's 2011 tour of England. A hilarious summer ensued as he attempted to live out his fantasy, fending off the attentions of over-zealous fellow fans, crazed Italian spiritualists and his meddling best friend-not to mention the dozens of blazered officials and luminous-jacketed stewards standing between him and his hero.

Author Bio
Adam Carroll-Smith is also the author of Six Stickers, the story of how he finally completed a childhood football sticker album. Adam has worked as a national newspaper sports reporter and at a news agency, and continues as a freelance to cover a wide range of sports nationwide.

Champions
The world's greatest cricketers speak
Mike Coward

Summary
A fascinating insight into the thoughts and experiences of the world’s greatest cricketers, in their own words

Clive Lloyd: "I really think that sportsmen have a chance of changing how the world thinks; how peoples in the world think about one another."

Shane Warne: "To play and perform at your best as an individual is about being prepared, about happiness and feeling fresh. You've got to have a clear mind."

Viv Richards: "If you are confident about what you are doing why not have a little strut about it?"

Allan Border: "I can honestly say I never walked off the ground 100 per cent satisfied."

Steve Waugh: "I think I developed the mental toughness to survive really."

Joel Garner: "I think if you played cricket at the top for 10 years and you didn't have friends from the teams that you played against you'd have wasted 10 years of your life."

Bill Lawry: "I had no philosophy. I wasn't that complicated. My attitude was to win at all costs and not to lose at all costs."

Mahela Jayawardene: "I just want kids to enjoy the game. It's as simple as that. For while they are playing crick..."

Author Bio
Cricket journalist, commentator, and author Mike Coward is recognized as an international authority on cricket and its history. Mike has written on the game in major publications for many years, and made five visits to the Indian subcontinent with Australian teams in the 1980s.
Playfair Cricket Annual 2014
Ian Marshall

Summary
The cricket world's bestselling pocket annual, this is the indispensable guide to the 2014 cricket season. Included inside is coverage of the 2013 season, detailed register of all current first-class county players and umpires, County records and 2013 first-class averages, current county players’ first-class and List A limited-overs career records, Test match scores and averages, Women's Test match and limited-overs international records, register of probable New Zealand and Australian touring teams and series records, a review of Twenty20 World Cup, IPL and Champions League Twenty20, and 2014 fixtures, including 2nd XI and Minor Counties.

Author Bio
Ian Marshall published sports books for more than 20 years, including 15 editions of the Playfair Cricket Annual, before going on to write books himself.

80 Not Out
My Favourite Cricket Memories
Dickie Bird

Summary
Hardly a week goes by without Dickie Bird visiting a county or Test match arena where he can keep up to date with all that is happening in the cricket world, while at the same time taking the opportunity to reflect, in the company of old friends and acquaintances, on his own colorful contribution to the sport that lasted for over half a century. Dickie remains the most famous umpire of them all and is still highly respected throughout the world. A lovable eccentric with a joyful sense of fun, he has decided, as he approaches his eightieth birthday, to recall the highlights of his life in cricket, while also providing an illuminating insight into what he has been up to since his retirement.

Author Bio
Dickie Bird was signed up to play for Yorkshire at 19, and played on the county circuit for the next 13 years. In 1979 he became a Test match umpire. The announcement that he would umpire his final Test at Lord’s in June 1996 signalled the end of an international career which has won him worldwide affection as the finest umpire in cricket history.
125 Lord's Tests
Jonathan Rice

Summary
Lord's Cricket Ground is the most famous in the world. It is home of the Marylebone Cricket Club (M.C.C.) and is variously described as the "cathedral of cricket" and the ground at which all Test cricketers aspire to play. England's first Test match there was played in 1884, and in July 2013 they will play their 125th Lord's Test. This wonderfully illustrated book brings to life the historic and the contemporary, recording in a brilliantly descriptive history all the Test matches played at this iconic ground.

Author Bio
Jonathan Rice is the author of more than 50 books on sports and popular culture, including The Pavilion Book of Pavilions, Presidents of the M.C.C., and Wisden on India. He is a member of the M.C.C. and the Cricket Writers' Club. He was chairman of the Lord's Taverners from 2006 to 2008, and is also President of Saltwood Cricket Club in Kent.

Gentlemen & Players
Charles Williams

Summary
The inaugural Gentlemen v. Players first-class cricket match was played in 1806, subsequently becoming an annual fixture at Lord's between teams consisting of amateurs (the Gentlemen) and professionals (the Players). The key difference between the amateur and the professional, however, was much more than the obvious one of remuneration. The division was shaped by English class structure, the amateur, who received expenses, being perceived as occupying a higher station in life than the wage-earning professional. The great Yorkshire player Len Hutton, for example, was told he would have to go amateur if he wanted to captain England. Gentlemen & Players focuses on the final ten years of amateurism and the Gentlemen v. Players fixture, starting with Charles Williams' own presence in the (amateur) Oxbridge teams that included future England captains such as Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, and M.J.K. Smith, and concluding with the abolition of amateurism in 1962 when all first-class players became professional. The amateur innings was duly declared closed. Charles Williams, the author of a rich...

Author Bio
Charles Williams (Lord Williams of Elvel) is a former Deputy Leader of the opposition in the House of Lords and speaks on financial affairs as well as being the author of five acclaimed biographies.
The Cricketers' Who's Who (2013)
Matt Thacker

Summary

The Cricketers' Who's Who (2013) is the turn-to book for players, journalists, and fans alike; their English cricket bible. The 34th edition of this esteemed publication is produced by the team at the popular cricket magazine All Out Cricket in association with the Professional Cricketers' Association, and includes a foreword by England Test captain Alastair Cook. With detailed, insightful personal profiles for every county cricketer featuring in the 2013 county season, it gives readers the inside track on every player both on and off the pitch, including career stats and a biography revealing hidden talents. This eminently dippable reference book extends to in-depth entries on Scotland, the Unicorns, the Netherlands, and all the umpires on the first-class panel; there is also a key profile of each first-class county and their coach, together with performance reviews for the previous season.

Stiff Upper Lips and Baggy Green Caps
Simon Briggs

Summary

Peppered with bouncers, expletives, and even the odd diplomatic incident, this is a rip-roaring journey through over a century of Ashes history. For a list of every Ashes century and five-wicket haul, try Wisden, but if you want to know which England batsman was a martyr to syphilis and which Australian fast bowler reckoned the Queen had "nice legs for an old Sheila," then read on . . . Stiff Upper Lips and Baggy Green Caps exposes the seamy side of Ashes cricket. It gives the inside story behind controversies from the Bodyline series of 1932-33 and the Lillee and Thomson blitzkrieg of 1974-75, right up to the unseemly modern spats that ensure that this biannual frenzy of backbiting, finger-pointing, and dubious facial hair remains one of the great events of the sporting calendar.

Author Bio

Simon Briggs covers tennis and cricket for the Daily Telegraph.
Beefy's Cricket Tales
Ian Botham

Summary
Life is very rarely dull or quiet when Sir Ian Botham is around. One of Britain's greatest sportsmen, 'Beefy' has always worked hard and played hard, and this book reflects that. Botham has compiled some of his favourite stories from a life devoted to cricket and brought them all together in one volume. With the help of his huge network of friends, colleagues, team-mates and opponents, he has put together a wonderful collection of the best and the funniest stories from the cricket world.

Featuring contributions from legends such as Shane Warne, fellow commentators and former team-mates including David Gower, and many of the current England team, this is a book the reader can pick up and immediately be privy to some of cricket's strangest and most hilarious moments, from the player who turned up to a game without any clothes on to avoid being fined for wearing the wrong kit to the cricketing legend whose desire for a burger landed him in hot water.

Author Bio
Ian Botham is widely regarded as England's greatest living cricketer, winning 102 caps and taking a record 383 Test wickets.

Endangered Species
David Gower

Summary
As a cricketer, David Gower was famed for the elegance of his strokeplay as one of England's greatest batsmen and for his superb fielding. As a captain, he led his country to Ashes success, yet some queried his application because it all seemed to come to him so easily and effortlessly. But that was never the whole story: Gower was always committed and a great competitor, as this fascinating and frank book, looking back on his life and career, shows. Once he retired from the game, Gower built a new career for himself, first as team captain in the long-running TV comedy series They Think It's All Over, and then as an astute and charming presenter and commentator with Sky Sports. After more than 30 years as one of the most popular figures in the game, Gower now reveals there is so much more to his story than the cliched image of "Lord" Gower flying in his Tiger Moth. He is a man of great insight, determination, and drive, but who also knows there is always more to be had from life.

Author Bio
David Gower made his England debut in 1978, famously hitting his first ball in Test cricket to the boundary. He went on to win 117 caps for his country, scoring 8,231 runs and captaining the side 32 times.
Cricket Banter
Chats, Sledging & Laughs from The Middle Stump
Dan Whiting, Liam Kenna

Summary
Cricket Banter is all the rage among the cricketing cognoscenti and the chat, the sledging, and the humor behind the game is all covered here by those boys at The Middle Stump, in conjunction with Factor 50. Here we cover most aspects of cricket, as we speak with some of the finest, funniest, larger than life characters from the sport over the last 30 years, along with a selection of hilarious stories about the game. It's a highly amusing book; read it and you'll see why most cricketers, whether from club, county, or international level, as well as the sport's most prominent journalists are all talking about those cheeky chaps from The Middle Stump and their alternative take on the game of cricket.

Author Bio
Dan Whiting and Liam Kenna are the brains behind The Middle Stump, a popular and amusing cricket blog and a growing Twitter presence. Both are local cricketers and their writing displays a broad knowledge of the sport as well as a talent for comedy. This is their first book. They both live in Hertfordshire.

Fibber in the Heat
Following England in India- A Blagger's Tale
Miles Jupp

Summary
Cricket obsessive Miles Jupp hatches an ill-conceived plan to join the England cricket team in India.

Fanatical about cricket since he was a boy, Miles Jupp would do anything to see his heroes play. But perhaps deciding to bluff his way into the press corps during England's Test series in India wasn't his best idea.

By claiming to be the cricket correspondent for BBC Scotland and getting a job with the (Welsh) Western Mail, Miles lands the press pass that will surely be the ticket to his dreams. Soon, he finds himself in cricket heaven—drinking with David Gower and Beefy, sharing bar room banter with Nasser Hussain and swapping diarrhoea stories with the Test Match Special team. Amazing!

But struggling in the heat under the burden of his own fibs, reality soon catches up with Miles as-like a cricket-obsessed Boot from Evelyn Waugh's Scoop—he bumbles from one disaster to the next. A joyous, charming, yet cautionary tale, Fibber in the Heat is for anyone who's ever dreamt about doing nothing but watching cricket all day long.

Author Bio
MILES JUPP is an actor, comedian and writer. He started performing stand-up in 2000, and the following year won both So You Think You're Funny and The Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year. He was nominated for the Perrier Best Newcomer award for his debut Edinburgh solo show Gentlemen Prefer Brogues. He contributes to a number of Radio 4 shows as well as his own series for the station Miles Jupp's Real World (with Frankie Boyle). His TV credits include The Thick Of It; Gary: Tank Commander and Rev. His film work includes Made In Dagenham, Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix and Sherlock Holmes. He is known to younger fans as Archie the Inventor in the children's series Balamory. His show Fibber in the Heat was one of the big successes of the Edinburgh festival in 2010.
Keeping Quiet
Paul Nixon: The Autobiography
Paul Nixon, Jon Colman

Summary
From Gower to Flintoff, Waugh to Vaughan, Cronje to Pietersen, Paul Nixon has shared a dressing room with some of the most evocative names in international and domestic cricket—and often enraged them on the field of play. The wicketkeeper, known as his sport’s most prolific “sledger,” has amassed more than 20 years of stories from his career at the heart of the game and now reveals them in typically outspoken style. From "Fredalo" to match-fixing, Nixon has experienced some of the most notorious episodes in cricket history, possesses strident opinions on the game, and has a track record of success in the English first-class game and the Twenty20 revolution. With an emphasis on off-the-field anecdotes, Nixon also lays bare the personality that led the Australian legend Steve Waugh to compare him to "a mosquito buzzing around in the night, that needs to be swatted but always escapes."

Author Bio
Paul Nixon is a high-profile domestic and international cricket star who has played for Kent, Leicestershire, and England. Jon Colman is a multi-award-winning sports writer with Cumbrian Newspapers. He is a fanatical England cricket fan and has followed the team and Paul Nixon’s career closely over the years.

Not Out First Ball
The Art of Being Beaten in Beautiful Places
Roger Morgan-Grenville, Richard Perkins, David Gow...

Summary
A delightful and witty book that is also a love letter to cricket through the story of an accidental club that has lasted 25 years and 263 matches

Not everyone can be a true sports hero. Most of us lost out in life’s sports lottery, and we have to find whatever virtue we can in effort and incompetence. Not Out First Ball is a laugh-out-loud manifesto for anyone who has ever silently sobbed at the sight of their off stump cartwheeling off into the distance, or thrown their bat in disgust onto an autumn bonfire. "To field idly at long off in the evening sunshine is to peep back over the wall to when things moved slower, cost less and didn’t always need to signify something. At a time of digital abundance, the whole glorious point of cricket is that so much of it is utterly pointless." Roger Morgan-Grenville and Richard Perkins have written a book that is not only funny but also immensely insightful and profound. All cricketers (and maybe even their wives) will identify with the authors’ experiences and those of their teammates. Long listed for the MCC Book of the Year 2012.

Author Bio
Roger Morgan-Grenville has a career batting average of 14.28 and sells things to cook with. Richard Perkins has a bowling average of 36.58 and sells trees.
**Playfair Cricket Annual 2013**
Ian Marshall

**Summary**
The cricket world's bestselling pocket annual. The indispensable guide to the season. The 66th edition of the *Playfair Cricket Annual* reviews England tests of the summer and looks forward to the 2013 season.

**Author Bio**
*Ian Marshall* published sports books for more than 20 years, including 15 editions of the Playfair Cricket Annual, before going on to write books himself. He regularly plays cricket during the summer, and has toured India, Sri Lanka, and Africa.

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**Tuffers' Alternative Guide to the Ashes**
Phil Tufnell

**Summary**
Phil Tufnell, aka 'Tuffers', is the much-loved English cricketer from the 1990s who has now become one of England's favorite broadcasters. Not cast from the same mold as other players of his generation, Tufnell became a cult figure for his unorthodox approach to the game and to life in general. *Tuffers' Ashes Tales* is a deliciously eccentric collection of the great man's favourite Ashes stories, centered around the great England-Australia clashes that have so enriched the sport's history down the years. Tufnell's unmistakably distinctive voice steers fans through dozens and dozens of terrifically entertaining and insightful anecdotes garnered from his 25-year playing and broadcasting career.

**Author Bio**
*Phil Tufnell*, aka 'Tuffers', played 42 Test matches and 20 One-Day Internationals for England between 1990 and 1997. He is currently a star turn on Radio 4's iconic 'Test Match Special' show.
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**Bent Arms & Dodgy Wickets**  
England's Troubled Reign as Test Match Kings During the Fifties  
Tim Quelch

**Summary**  
In 1953 England became the "unofficial world champions." Len Hutton's victory at the Oval in that coronation year heralded an apparently 'golden age' in England's test match history. There were many heroic performances not only from the immaculate Len Hutton and the dashing Denis Compton but there were controversies, too. Some bowlers were thought to "throw" but little was done, culminating in a 'chucking' debacle during the disastrous 1958-59 Ashes series. Some pitches were dodgy, too; in a time of uncovered wickets this was not only because of the weather. There were turgid run rates to bear. Safety first seemed the name of the game. So was snobbery, dulling English cricket's competitive edge. The title, 'Bent Arms' refers also to the petty constraints that its test players endured while 'Dodgy Wickets' reflects the political sensitivities associated with being Imperial ambassadors. When Andrew Strauss's team seized the world title in the summer of 2011 they finally recovered what had been lost at the Adelaide Oval in 1959. This tale of the preceding triumph and loss is recounted t...

**Author Bio**  
**Tim Quelch** is the author of *Forever and Ever*, *Never Had It So Good*, *50 Years of Trials and Triumphs*, and *In Bent Arms and Dodgy Wickets Quelch*.
Glamorgan Miscellany
Dragons Trivia, History, Facts & Stats
Andrew Hignell

Summary
Glamorgan CCC Miscellany is packed with fascinating facts, figures, trivia, stats, stories, and anecdotes all relating to the history of the club. From memorable matches, legendary batsmen and bowlers, the book follows no set order, chronological or otherwise, but has plenty to keep any fanatic coming back for more-and is fully endorsed by the club.

Author Bio
Prolific cricket author and statistician, Dr Andrew Hignell has been the Glamorgan 1st XI scorer since 1982. A self-confessed cricket addict, he left his post as Head of Humanities and Geography at Wells Cathedral School in 2005 to take up his present role as full-time archivist at Glamorgan Cricket.

Caught Out
Shocking Revelations of Corruption in International Cricket
Brian Radford, Darrell Hair

Summary
International cricket is being contaminated by crooked players, ruthless gamblers and bent officials. This staggering catalogue of revelations exposes appalling scandals involving the biggest names in the sport. Often under enormous pressure from gambling gangs who threaten serious physical harm and even abduction if their orders are not carried out, many of them have frequently and deliberately cheated. These riveting revelations will shock and disgust any fan and honest player, from those in school elevens and local clubs, right up to the sportsmen who play at county and international levels. Caught Out shines the light upon the most extraordinary cricketing tales, including the tragic death of Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer, whose body was discovered in his hotel room; the disgraced former South African captain Hansie Cronje, who was killed in a plane crash in 2002; the terrified Pakistan wicket-keeper who was forced to seek asylum in Britain after fleeing angry bookmakers; and how slippery England literally licked the Aussies with Murray Mints to bag the Ashes. Icons are names and sh...

Author Bio
Brian Radford is an investigative sports journalist who writes for the national press, and author of six books, including Taken for a Ride, an insight into the frauds of horseracing. He also assisted Steve Davis, the six-time world snooker champion, with his autobiography, and has written books on big names in cricket, football and horseracing. Brian and his wife, Jill, have a grown up son, and daughter, and live in Berkshire.
Hampshire CCC On This Day
History, Facts & Figures from Every Day of the Year
Alan Edwards

Summary
*Hampshire CCC On This Day* is fully endorsed by the club and chronicles, in diary form, the major events in their history. With individual entries for every day, and multiple listings for more historic and busier days, the book includes all the club's big matches, cup finals, significant events, and sensational signings.

Author Bio
*Alan Edwards* has been the Editor of the *Hampshire Cricket Society Newsletter* since April 1982. He has written nearly one million words on Hampshire and its cricketers since that date. He is the author of *Regency Buck*, the definitive biography of Lionel Tennyson. The book was nominated as one of *The Times'* Cricket Books of the Year. He is also the author of *Milestones of Hampshire Cricket*.

The Plan: How Fletcher and Flower Transformed English Cricket
Steve James

Summary
In 1999, England slumped to a new low in their long and tumultuous cricket history. Defeat in a home series at the hands of a mediocre New Zealand team saw them fall to the bottom of the world Test rankings. Yet just over a decade later, England had reached the top. It has been a remarkable and profound transformation, brought about largely by two men with an insatiable desire to succeed, Duncan Fletcher and Andy Flower. In *The Plan*, Steve James tells the story of the renaissance of English cricket from a unique perspective. As the former batting partner of ECB managing director Hugh Morris, a player under Fletcher at Glamorgan and Flower's closest confidant in the press corps, James is able to both relate and analyse the reasons behind the rise. From crucial choices of captain to innovative coaching and a complete overhaul of training and preparation for matches, it is the tale of a refusal to be second best. And in examining Fletcher and Flower's background in Zimbabwe, where James himself played, he uncovers the continental shift behind the turnaround. It is the story of how Engli...

Author Bio
*Steve James* is cricket correspondent for the Sunday Telegraph.
Playfair Cricket Annual 2012
Ian Marshall, David Lloyd

Summary
The 65th edition of the world’s bestselling cricket annual, packed with all the essential information required to follow events on the cricket field, including unrivaled up-to-the-minute statistical detail on all first-class players registered in the UK at the time of press.

Author Bio
Ian Marshall published sports books for more than 20 years, including 15 editions of the Playfair Cricket Annual, before going on to write books himself. He regularly plays cricket during the summer, and has toured India, Sri Lanka, and Africa.

Slipless In Settle
A Slow Turn Around Northern Cricket
Harry Pearson

Summary
Slipless in Settle is a sentimental journey around club cricket in the north of England, a world far removed from the clichéd lengthening-shadows-on-the-village-green image of the summer game. This is hardcore cricket played in former pit villages and mill towns. Winner of the 2011 MCC Cricket Book of the Year, it is about the little clubs that have, down the years, produced some of the greatest players Britain has ever seen, and at one time spent a fortune on importing the biggest names in the international game to boost their battle for local supremacy. This is a warm, affectionate, and outrageously funny sporting odyssey in which Andrew Flintoff and Learie Constantine rub shoulders with Asbo-tag-wearing all-rounders, there's hot-pot pie and mushy peas at the tea bar, two types of mild in the clubhouse, and a batsman is banned for a month for wearing a fireman's helmet when going out to face Joel Garner.

Author Bio
Harry Pearson is a journalist and writer who contributes regularly to the Guardian, GQ, and When Saturday Comes.
In the Firing Line
Diary of a Season
Ed Cowan

Summary
Based on the diary of Tasmania cricketer Ed Cowan, this book includes the left-handed batsman’s thoughts on the game, other players, motivational philosophies, and records of performances. Funny and intelligent, it offers a view into cricket life on and off the pitch and what makes cricket tick for both its fans and players. Far from the glamour of playing for Australia and uncomfortably close to the long drop to amateurism, this narrative illustrates the pressure and excitement of a player when every match is rife with the possibility of being discovered and propelled into international stardom in the baggy green.

Author Bio
Ed Cowan is an Australian cricketer playing for Tasmania and the recipient of a Man of the Match award.

Brett Lee: My Life
Brett Lee, James Knight

Summary
Brett Lee is known throughout the cricketing world as one of the fastest and most exciting pace bowlers to play the game. Intimidating while charming, decent yet ferocious, he is known for his quick-one liners as much as his gutsy bottom-order batting. He has been recorded bowling at speeds of over 100 mph leaving batsmen with only a fraction of a second to react once the ball leaves his hand. He had his first official game of cricket at the age of nine. He quickly developed into a very talented player and progressed through the cricket ranks to be in a position where he gained selection for his state at the age of 21 and his country at 24. Brett has one of the best strike-rates in the world for this form of the game. His pace bowling combined with his ability as a hard hitting and determined tail end batsman make him a crowd favorite throughout Australia and the world.

Author Bio
Brett Lee is an Australian cricketer. Lee won the inaugural Donald Bradman Young Player of the Year Award at the Allan Border Medal award ceremony in 2000 soon after his debut. In 2008 he was named Australian Test Player of the Year.
Cricket Wonderful Cricket
John Duncan

Summary
Boundaries, maidens, Botham, and Bell; centuries, dinks, Lara, and Laker . . . in this amazing collection of interviews, John Duncan explores the idiosyncratic, historical, and entertaining game of cricket through people who share a true passion for the sport. Drawing upon various memories of some of the most respected names in British culture, business, and politics—including Michael Parkinson, Sir Tim Rice, and the Duke of Edinburgh—and covering a variety of topics such as classic matches and personal cricketering heroes, Cricket, Wonderful Cricket is an entertaining and unique insight into the eccentric and indeed wonderful game of cricket.

No Holding Back
The Autobiography
Michael Holding

Summary
As one of the fastest bowlers the world has seen, Michael Holding went by the haunting nickname "Whispering Death," claiming 249 Test wickets. It was a moniker earned because he advanced on the bowling crease with stealth-like malevolence. Despite having not laced his bowling boots since 1989, it remains a fitting sobriquet. As a commentator and administrator, Holding has delivered his views on cricket in the same manner that he played the game: he speaks softly with a rich Jamaican rhythm and is calculated in either criticism or compliment. No Holding Back charts his effortless transition from one of the great players to one of the great pundits. Holding graphically describes his days as a player, looking back at how he tried to deliberately hurt batsmen on the wastelands of Kingston, and his first match for Jamaica when he almost collapsed from exhaustion—after only four overs. There is time, too, to divulge what it was like to tour with the West Indies, and unmissable insights about sharing a dressing room with other legends of the game like Sir Clive Lloyd, Sir Viv Richards, and ...

Author Bio
Michael Holding was born in Jamaica in 1954 and became one of the most admired cricketers in the modern game, not only at international level but in English county cricket.
**Australia You Little* Beauty**  
Inside Test Cricket’s Dream Team  
Justin Langer

**Summary**  
Justin Langer scored more centuries than Ian Chappell, Doug Walters, or Bill Lawry and had a better average than Mark Taylor, David Boon, or Mark Waugh yet lived almost every moment of his glittering Test career as if it was his last. In this intimate and at times poignant account, Langer looks back on the team, locker room antics, and onfield triumphs which made up his 105-Test innings as a member of one of the game’s greatest teams. Peer behind the scenes to relive the night they soaked the English locker rooms at Lords in beer, the midnight frolic around the SCG in their underpants and baggy green caps, and the Caribbean dinner which cost the Australian Cricket Board $16,000. What was it like to face the barrage of the West Indies and Pakistan attacks at their peak, who was the best bowler he ever faced, and why did an Adelaide pool table help Shane Warne hone his flipper. It’s a journey from the world’s great cricket grounds to the poorest areas of the sub-continent, Africa, and the West Indies, and the luxuries of a feted sporting champion to the day Matthew Hayden arrived in In...  

**Author Bio**  
Justin Langer played 105 Test matches for Australia between 1993 and 2007, scoring 7,696 runs and 23 centuries. He was a key player in great Australian teams captained by Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting, and with Matthew Hayden formed arguably the most successful opening partnership in Australian Test history. In 2001, he was named one of Wisden’s Cricketers of the Year. Justin is also the author of From Outback to Outfield, The Power of Passion, and Seeing the Sunrise.

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**Head On**  
Ian Botham: The Autobiography  
Ian Botham

**Summary**  
Voted the greatest English cricketer of the 20th century by the fans, Sir Ian Botham is the English game’s one true living legend and his story both on and off the pitch reads like a Boy’s Own rollercoaster ride. Born with a natural genius for the game, Botham began breaking records with bat and ball from a young age and soon became the man English cricket expected most from. After a troubled period as captain, Botham rose once again to become a national hero with his display in the Miracle Ashes of 1981. But, with his confrontational nature and wild streak, he began regularly making the wrong kind of headlines. With accusations of drink and drugs, affairs and ball-tampering, he became hounded by the tabloid pack, never sure whether they wanted him to triumph or implode. Now a knight and just as famous for his tireless charity work, Beefy gives us the definitive story of his never-dull life and times in his own no-nonsense words.  

**Author Bio**  
Sir Ian Botham is a cricket broadcaster for Sky Sports.
Beyond a Boundary
C.L.R. James

Summary
Part memoir of a West Indian boyhood, part celebration of the game of cricket, this self-portrait of a life spent playing, watching and writing about the game, tells us of its psychology and aesthetics, players the author knew, and the issues of class, race and politics surrounding it.

Author Bio
C. L. R. James was historian, novelist, cultural critic, and political activist. A central figure in the Pan-African movement and the struggle for colonial emancipation, he was the author of *The Black Jacobins* and *Minty Alley*.

Test Match Special: 50 Not Out
The Official History of a National Sporting Treasure
Peter Baxter

Summary
Filled with behind-the-scenes stories, photos, reminiscences and champagne moments, edited by Peter Baxter, TMS's producer for 34 years, the book is a celebration of five decades of top-quality cricket commentary on BBC Radio.
**The Fast Bowler's Bible**  
Ian Pont, Darren Gough, Ronnie Irani

**Summary**  
This fascinating book reveals the secrets of fast bowling and explains how it is possible to simultaneously bowl fast, straight, and accurately. It is a very practical, easily accessible bowling manual that any seam or swing bowler playing at any level can understand. Additionally, it contains explosive new information being used by the world's best cricketers.

**Sometimes I Forgot to Laugh**  
Peter Roebuck

**Summary**  
The exhilarating and troubled 25-year career of Peter Roebuck, best known to a generation of Australian cricket fans as the incisive, and sometimes controversial, cricketing voice of ABC Radio and the Sydney Morning Herald, inspires this passionate and riveting autobiography that takes a deep-and sometimes dark-look at cricket from both on and off the field.

**Author Bio**  
**Peter Roebuck** is a former first-class cricket player and the foremost cricket commentator for ABC Radio and the Sydney Morning Herald. He is the author of Great Innings.
Basil D'Oliveira
Cricket and Conspiracy: The Untold Story
Peter Oborne

Summary
Peter Oborne's outstanding biography of Basil D'Oliveira is the story of how a black South African defied incredible odds and came to play cricket for England, of how a single man escaped from apartheid and came to fulfill his prodigious sporting potential. It is a story of the conquest of racial prejudice, both in South Africa and in the heart of the English sporting establishment. The story comes to its climax in the so-called D'Oliveira Affair of 1968, when John Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, banned the touring MCC side because of the inclusion of a black man. This episode marked the start of the twenty-year sporting isolation of South Africa that ended only with the collapse of apartheid itself.

Garry Sobers
My Autobiography
Garry Sobers

Summary
Garry Sobers is a cricketing legend; his feats with the bat, ball, and in the field are remarkable. In this revealing and honest autobiography, Sobers talks about his upbringing and the tragic accident that inspired him throughout his career. He explains how he helped the West Indies to become the most feared cricketing nation in the world, setting them on a course of success that would run for another 20 years. With authority that comes from his unique status in the game, he assesses modern cricket, with its allegations of corruption, and gives his verdict on how the sport can progress in the 21st century.

Author Bio
Garry Sobers played 93 Tests for the West Indies between 1954 and 1974. On his retirement, he was the world's most prolific Test run scorer, with the record individual score in an innings, seventh highest wicket taker, and fourth most catches. He was knighted in 1975.
Bushell's Best Bits
Everything You Ever Needed to Know About the World's Craziest Sports
Mike Bushell

Summary
Loopy about lacrosse? Want to get into wing-walking? This is the book for you! Join BBC Breakfast sports presenter Mike Bushell as he swaps his suit for shorts to showcase the thrills and spills of the world's craziest alternative sports. Famed for trying out a dazzling array of extreme sports as part of his weekend sports bulletin, no one is better placed than Mike to explain how, when, where, and why you might consider joining the ranks of some of the world's most dedicated practitioners of activities with a high level of inherent danger. Find out everything you never knew you needed to know about shin kicking, elephant polo, worm charming, real tennis, swamp soccer, and roller hockey.

Author Bio
Mike Bushell is a BBC Breakfast sports presenter and author of Bushell's Best Bits.

Jim Hinkson

Summary
Describing the components of lacrosse in a step-by-step fashion, author and coach Jim Hinkson clearly explains and illustrates the most effective ways of mastering individual skills for passing, catching, cradling, and checking, as well as tactics and strategies for winning team play. In addition, the book offers dozens of drills applicable to both coaches and players for refining these techniques and contains specific instruction for both the indoor and outdoor game. Written with precision by one of the world's leading authorities on playing and coaching lacrosse and featuring numerous illuminating photographs and illustrations, Lacrosse Fundamentals is ideal for coaches, players, parents, and fans of the sport.

Author Bio
Jim Hinkson is a former lacrosse player on Canada's national team and has both played and coached in the National Lacrosse League. He is the author of Lacrosse for Dummies and Lacrosse Team Strategies. He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2000. He lives in Haliburton, Ontario.
Weekend Warriors
Men of the National Lacrosse League
Jack McDermott

Summary
Focusing on the players rather than the game itself, this collection of biographies of the leading athletes in the National Lacrosse League offers fans a closer look at these famous weekend warriors. Playing for the love of the game, with much lower salaries than other professional athletes, these sports celebrities all have weekday jobs. Readers will be intrigued to see their favorite players in their other roles as teachers, athletic coaches, or executives. Along with profiles of major league lacrosse players and the special skills it takes to have two often intense jobs, inside information is given on the National Lacrosse League.

Author Bio
Jack McDermott has written articles for Marathon & Beyond magazine, the Fleet Foot, and Tales from the Darkside. He lives in Tallahassee, Florida.