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Red: My Autobiography - Gary Neville 2011-09-01

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 being the youngest starter at Euro 96 when football came home, to the ups and downs of five major championships and seven managers - Venables, Hoddle, Wilkinson, Keegan, Eriksson, McClaren and Capello. There are opinions and analysis on Gazza, Rooney, WAGs and the true story of the FA and Rio Ferdinand. For twenty glorious years, Gary Neville has worn his heart on his sleeve. This is his story.

Arsenal 101 - Rab MacWilliam 2021-08-13

Arsenal 101 is an entertaining compendium of Arsenal's fascinating history, facts, games, stories, personalities, legends and footballing adventures. Rab MacWilliam has revisited the club's history from its early years as Woolwich Arsenal at the end of the nineteenth century to its status as one of the leading European teams of the present day. Rab has distilled Arsenal's history into 101 facts, moments and stories, examining many of the key characters, matches, controversies, innovations, and dazzling instances of brilliance that have illuminated the proud history of this great, if occasionally erratic, club. Funny, irreverent, fascinating and insightful, Arsenal 101 is the ideal handbook for Gunners fans of all ages.

Is He All That? - Adrian Durham 2013-10-10

Football 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 footballer 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 football fans love to argue about, this book is full of the one thing that all football 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.

Arsène Wenger - Xavier Rivoire 2011-12-01

Arsene Wenger is credited with revolutionising one of the biggest clubs in Europe – famously bringing free-flowing football to ‘boring, boring Arsenal’ – and with influencing approaches to the modern game. In an industry of disposable contracts and ruthless sacking, his long tenure is testament to his success and dedication, and to the loyalty of players and fans. Wenger has said he is far too young to write his autobiography. Instead, he has cooperated with leading sports journalist Xavier Rivoire in this new authorised and definitive biography, which includes exclusive interviews with Wenger, ex and current players, family, colleagues and observers, across Japan, France and England. The result is a highly readable portrait of an astute and incisive manager, a shrewd talent scout and man manager, as well as an intensely private and intriguing man.

Soccer and Philosophy - Ted Richards 2010-04-10

This collection of incisive articles gives a leading team of international philosophers a free kick toward exploring the complex and often hidden contours of the world of soccer. What does it really mean to be a fan (and why should we count Aristotle as one)? Why do great players such as Cristiano Ronaldo count as great artists (up there alongside Picasso, one author argues)? From the ethics of refereeing to the metaphysics of bent (like Beckham) space-time, this book shows soccer fans and philosophy buffs alike new ways to appreciate and understand the world's favorite sport.

The Professor - Myles Palmer 2011-03-31

Idealistic, passionate and scientific, Arsène Wenger led the modernisation of English football. A star-maker who identifies and nurtures talent, he also opened the door for foreign coaches like Houllier, Eriksson, Ranieri and Mourinho. He is Arsenal's most

successful and longest-serving manager and the only manager in FA Premier League history to go through an entire season without a loss. Now completely revised and updated to include Arsenal's triumphant campaign to the 2006 Champion's League final, Wenger's induction into the English Football Hall of Fame and all the highlights from the 2007/08 season, *The Professor* tracks the highs and lows of Wenger's decade at Arsenal, his teams, his methods, his successes and failures, and asks what the future holds for the man who reinvented the beautiful game.

From Guernica to Guardiola - Adam Crafton 2018-05-03

As Pep Guardiola shatters records and confounds the norms of English football and players such as David De Gea and David Silva light up the national game, Spanish stars are transforming the way English football is conceived. But the origins of this particular Spanish invasion date back to 1937, when the Spanish Civil War led to a stream of refugees fleeing their country for the safe haven of England. Their families reveal how the refugees learned the game here, before returning to Spain where one would score Real Madrid's first goal in the Bernabeu stadium and another would be the first man to conceive of Barcelona's vaunted La Masia academy that would later launch stars such as Lionel Messi, Cesc Fabregas and Xavi Hernandez. In recent years the reputation of Spain's footballers has grown, and every club craves a sprinkling of tiki-taka magic. Through dozens of exclusive interviews, Adam Crafton has spoken to many of the key Spanish figures who have come to England and he creates a compelling portrait of their impact on the English game. We discover how and why it is that some players, such as Xabi Alonso, Pepe Reina and Juan Mata, have had great success here, while others have toiled so painfully. But this is not just a footballing story, pure and simple. Crafton provides the historical and social context that helps to explain how the relationship between the two nations is constantly changing, yet always close. For anyone who enjoyed Jonathan Wilson's *Inverting the Pyramid* or Sid Lowe's *Fear and Loathing in La Liga*, this book is a revealing and brilliant insight into this most benign of Spanish invasions.

The Big Book of Soccer by Mundial - Mundial 2020-05-05

Dive into the world of soccer with this mega book of everything to do with the beautiful game. Learn all the lingo from the essential phrases to the bizarre jargon. Meet the greatest players, managers and teams of all time from both the men's and women's games. There are masterclasses from the pros; learn to take a slide tackle like Nesta, bicycle-kick like Zlatan and shoot like Ji So-Yun. Wander through the haircut hall of fame and learn the most iconic goal celebrations. This is an essential guide to the wonderful world of soccer. The Basics and the Lingo History of Soccer The Game Through Time The Greatest Teams of All Time Soccer Boots past to Present The Evolution of the Ball The GREAT Players Legendary Coaches and How They Did It The Key Positions Managers and Formations The Big Cups Amazing Stadiums Coolest Jerseys How to... Take the Perfect Shot... Like Ji So-yun Make the Perfect Slide Tackle... Like Alessandro Nesta Take the Perfect Set Piece... Like David Beckham Play the Perfect Long Ball... Like Xabi Alonso Take Penalties... Like Matt Le Tissier Do Nutmegs... Like Luis Suarez Have the Perfect First Touch... Like Dennis Bergkamp Play the Perfect Through Ball... Like Xavi Beat the Offside Trap... Like Fernando Torres Do the Perfect Attacking Header... Like Didier Drogba Do the Perfect Defensive Header... Like Kalidou Koulibaly Weird and Wonderful Haircuts Celebrations The Big and the Small Soccer Lingo from Around the World: A Stir Fried Aeroplane More than the Game Respect the Referee Who's Who? The Match Day Crowds and Chants

The Illustrated History of Football - David Squires 2017-11-02

'A fresh look at the beautiful game' - NME Welcome back to the inimitable work of illustrator David Squires. Most football fans can only dream of pulling on the shirt of their favourite team and running out in front of thousands of adoring fans. Pitch invaders aside, few of us get to experience that adrenalin rush. Of those who do make it as a professional footballer, even fewer realise the giddy heights of success. In the Illustrated History of Football: Hall of Fame, cartoonist David Squires returns to celebrate those who straddle the game like giants; those talented, determined souls who were juggling tennis balls in the back streets before they could talk. There's more than one way to attain

football immortality though, and Squires also turns his comic eye to the mavericks, the pioneers, the forgotten legends and the anti-heroes. From Pele to Meazza, Maradona to Socrates, you will be taken on an unforgettable journey through the good, the bad and the Hagi.

Never Mind the Gunners 2 - Graham Lister 2017-05-15

If you enjoyed the first volume of the definitive quiz book on Arsenal Football Club, this all-new sequel is for you. Packed with nearly 400 carefully researched questions, it will test the breadth and depth of your Gunners knowledge - from the familiar to the formidable. Go on another exhilarating spin through the 130-year history of one of the world's greatest football clubs, taking in the results and records, triumphs and trophies, superstars and substitutes, headlines and footnotes, artists and artisans, goalscoring legends and defensive stalwarts who've helped create Arsenal's rich footballing legacy. Whether you stood on Highbury's North Bank or became a Gooner during the Wenger/Emirates era, this book of tantalising teasers provides an engrossing diversion on every excursion to an Arsenal away game with fellow Gunners fans.

You Can't Win Anything With Kids - Gavin Newsham 2017-07-27

For this unique gift title, the history of the Premier League is told through the words and quotations of its players, managers, their contemporaries and the media. This is the English Premier League in the words of the people who helped shape it into the world's most exciting league competition. From Alan Hansen's infamous "You can't win anything with kids†?" and Roy Keane's "prawn sandwich†?" rant to Kevin Keegan's "I will love it if we beat them...†?" meltdown and Sir Alex Ferguson's famous "[It's] squeaky bum time†?", this beautifully packaged book captures the highs and lows as well the fun and theatre of 24 seasons of the Premier League. Branded by the National Football Museum, the world's leading football museum, the oral history approach makes for a fun and accessible book, telling the story of all of the important Premier League moments - as well as the outcome of each of the seasons - in a unique and absorbing way.

Lacazette - Matt & Tom Oldfield 2020-04-30

Meet Alexandre Lacazette - Ultimate Football Hero Alexandre Lacazette

has shown just what hard work and perseverance can do. He might not be the flashiest player on the pitch, but he's a firm favourite with the fans for his goals, as well as his strike partnership with Aubameyang that helped Arsenal reach the Europa League final in 2019. The superstar striker grew up in Lyon but he's now one of the most important players in the Arsenal squad. Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to superstar professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Glory, Goals and Greed - Joe Lovejoy 2011-08-04

The FA Premier League was born 20 years ago, on 23 September 1991, and has since established itself as the most popular club competition in world football. At the start, however, there was opposition from the players' union and the Football League. Then the breakaway elite were faced with the exposure of the game's 'bungs' culture, which stained the reputations of Brian Clough and George Graham, among others. After weathering that storm, the new league was threatened again by the very real possibility of financial meltdown, which was averted only by the controversial takeover of many top clubs by predatory overseas owners. Joe Lovejoy reported on the creation of the Premier League for The Independent and revisits the story in Glory, Goals and Greed, interviewing many of the 'founding fathers'. Later, as chief football correspondent at the Sunday Times, he witnessed all the main events and has spoken again to those involved to shed new light on the best matches, best players and standout incidents of the Premier League's enthralling first 20 years.

Football's Fifty Most Important Moments - Ben Jones 2020-04-20

Football is more than just a game. Over the past 150 years it has become a source of identity, conflict and debate for all who follow and play it. It has reached the farthest corners of the globe and boasts more players and supporters than any other sport. Football's Fifty Most Important Moments charts the illustrious, colourful and often tragic history of football, uncovering the sport's most significant and staggering

moments. Starting in Victorian England with the 1857 introduction of modern football, we journey through 160 years of incredible events to the modern day, where new and innovative ideas are changing the game. Since its creation, football has been shaped by the actions of teams, supporters and of course remarkable individuals on and off the pitch. Whether through mass spectatorship at the 1923 'White Horse Final' or the infamous 'Hand of God' in 1986, football has never failed to amaze and inspire. Learn about its evolution from its modest 19th-century roots to the modern age of nine-figure transfer fees and billionaire investors.

Red Letter Days - Jon Spurling 2014-09-18

*i>*Red Letter Days dissects the myths and conjecture which surround Arsenal's epoch-defining moments, including key matches and tactical revolutions, and casts fresh light on the impact of important figures in the club's history. Matches under the spotlight include the 1930 'Zeppelin Final', the decisive Stoke semi of 1971, Anfield '89, Parma '94 and the epic duels with Manchester United under Arsene Wenger. The Gunners' tactical innovations take in the deployment of the WM formation in 1927 and Dave Sexton's blueprint in the late 60s A- while Norris, Buchan, Chapman, Mercer, Graham, Bergkamp and Vieira are among the Highbury legends reconsidered. Jon Spurling has pooled 25 years' worth of interviews with Arsenal stars past and present A- including George Male, Frank McLintock, Alan Smith, Patrick Vieira and Robert Pires A- blending archive research with analysis of crucial events on and off the pitch. The result is a groundbreaking and challenging reassessment of Arsenal's history.

Outside the Box - Duncan Alexander 2017-08-10

In football, numbers are everywhere. From touches in the opposition box to expected goals, clear-cut chances to win-loss ratios. In the modern game, these numbers help provide the narrative, the drama, and the conversation. They are scrutinised in order to justify results and to predict future outcomes. They even dictate transfer policy and drive clubs to achieve the impossible. But when did the numbers become so important and what do they mean? In Outside the Box, Duncan Alexander looks back at twenty-five years of the Premier League and

beyond, uncovering the hidden truths and accepted myths that surround the game. Using the archives of OptaJoe and never-before-seen data, we discover why Liverpool have gone 27 years without winning a league title and why Lionel Messi is the best player in the game's history. Or is he? Insightful, wry, and hugely entertaining, *Outside the Box* is an enlightening and accessible account of football across the decades, analysing data from some of the greatest seasons, players, teams and managers.

Mein Leben in Rot und Weiß - Arsène Wenger 2020-10-12

Dem Gegner immer einen Schritt voraus Arsène Wenger gehört zu den erfolgreichsten Fußballtrainern der Welt. 22 Jahre lang stand er an der Seitenlinie des FC Arsenal und gewann mehrere Meisterschaften und Pokalsiege. Erstmals gibt Wenger tiefgehende Einblicke in sein Leben - seine Kindheit in Frankreich, seine Anfänge als Fußballer bis hin zu seinem Abschied in England. Aber was heißt für ihn Erfolg? Wie führt er Teams? Oder wie geht er mit Niederlagen um? Was war früher anders, was war besser, aber vor allem: was bleibt? Arsène Wenger erzählt seine Autobiographie - und schöpft dabei aus den Erfahrungen und Erkenntnissen seiner einzigartigen Karriere: Er gibt Auskunft darüber, welche Werte und Erfolgsprinzipien ihn zu seinen Erfolgen als Trainer geführt und zu dem Menschen gemacht haben, der er heute ist. Und er zeigt, dass ein starker Wille, Leidenschaft, harte Arbeit und Spielfreude, die sich aus Selbstvertrauen und Teamerfolg speist, nach wie vor unverzichtbar sind. Im Fußball, im Sport und darüber hinaus.

Arsene Wenger - Layth Yousif 2014-08-11

ARSÈNE WENGER, French football manager and former player, has managed Arsenal since 1996, and has become the club's longest-serving and most successful manager. Wenger has contributed to the revolution of football in England, introducing several changes in training and the diet of players. Under his tenure, Arsenal have completed two League and FA Cup doubles, spent the 2003/04 League season undefeated, and reached the Champions League final in 2006. Season 2013/14 culminated in an FA Cup win, despite doubts over Wenger's contract being renewed. In 2014, 'Le Professeur' oversaw his 1,000th game in

charge of Arsenal, and was rewarded with a new three-year contract as manager. In *Arsène Wenger: Fifty Defining Fixtures*, journalist Layth Yousif takes a look at the great man's career as manager, and tracks those games that have defined one of the most successful managers of all time.

A New Formation - Calum Jacobs 2022-04-21

A New Formation is quite simply one of the most important football books ever written. What we often like to imagine as the history of football has, for the most part, been written entirely through the white male gaze. In this collection of essays *A New Formation* tells new stories, forgotten stories, undervalued stories, and does so with heart and humanity and humour. It's our game, as narrated by the people who love it. - Jonathan Liew *A New Formation* is an exploration of the unique role that Black British footballers have played in shaping the beautiful game both on and off the pitch, an inventive and highly original analysis of the intersections between football and wider Black British culture. *A New Formation* is not a book about football and racism. Jacobs and his co-contributors - including authors Musa Okwonga and Aniefiok Ekpoudom and sports broadcaster Jeanette Kwakye MBE - eschew the standard frameworks of trauma and oppression that are foisted upon Black narratives and seek to move beyond discussions of diversity, identity and representation. Featuring interviews with legendary players such as Ian Wright, Anita Asante and Andy Cole, they draw upon broader social and cultural history to examine Black footballers in contexts larger than themselves. By engaging with these subtler connections between football and Black cultural expression, *A New Formation* reveals the vibrancy and nuance of contemporary Black life in Britain.

Who Invented the Stepover? - Paul Simpson 2013-11-07

Have you ever wondered who invented the 4-4-2 formation? Why footballers used to celebrate success by releasing a platitudinous pop single? And who has really scored the most goals in the history of the game? You can find the answers to all these questions and more in a book which takes the time to consider the debt the stepover may owe to Dutch speed skaters, explores the most surprising world transfer record

and celebrates the most dysfunctional World Cup campaign ever. Through a series of answers to puzzling and perennial questions, the book sheds unexpected light on the beautiful game, challenging conventional wisdom, discovering neglected heroes and destroying a few urban myths along the way.

Premier League Legends: The 10 greatest Premier League players of all time - Ian Slatter

The Blizzard - The Football Quarterly: Issue Fifteen - Jonathan Wilson
2014-12-10

The Blizzard is a quarterly football publication, put together by a cooperative of journalists and authors, its main aim to provide a platform for top-class writers from across the globe to enjoy the space and the freedom to write what they like about the football stories that matter to them. Contents of Issue Fifteen ----- The North-East -----

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Record Breakers - Paul Smith 2018-08-01

Record Breakers: The Inside Story of Notts County's Momentous 1997/98 Title Triumph delves into the inner sanctum of a basement-league dressing room in the 90s, as its inhabitants attempt to write themselves into the history books. Led by future England boss Sam Allardyce, taking some of his first managerial steps, Record Breakers is the inspirational tale of how the world's oldest Football League club fought back from a plunge down the divisions, falling attendances and financial strife to become the first side in post-war English football to win a title in March. The momentous feat is relived by the players themselves, lending a unique insight into their record run. It's packed with characters and anecdotes, and augmented with memories of supporters who lived through this season of tumbling records. From training ground punch-ups to transfer tales and unforgettable celebrations, Record Breakers is a remarkable winners' story in what now seems a bygone era.

The Joy of Football - Johnny Morgan 2014-07-07

This pocket-sized miscellany, packed with fascinating facts, amusing anecdotes and captivating stories and quotes from the world of football, is perfect for anyone who knows the incomparable joy of the beautiful game.

The Romford Pelé - Ray Parlour 2016-05-05

THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP TEN BESTSELLER The Trophies ... The Tuesday Club ... The Prawn Crackers ... Marc Overmars may have given him the nickname, but the Romford Pele is a legend in his own right. Over 16 action-packed years, from a trainee scrubbing the boots of the first XI, to a record-breaking 333 Premier League appearances, Ray Parlour's never-say-die performances, curly locks and mischievous sense of humour have gone down in Arsenal history. Battling tirelessly on the pitch, often in the shadows of his star-name teammates, Parlour won three premier league titles and four FA Cup trophies with the Gunners. But he was also the heart and soul of the dressing room, the training ground and the after work drink. From nights out with Tony Adams, to teaching Thierry Henry cockney rhyming slang, from playing golf with Dennis Bergkamp to trading Inspector Clouseau jokes with Arsène Wenger, this wonderfully funny and candid autobiography looks back on a golden age of the beautiful game, reliving the banter, the stories and the success. Ray Parlour is an Arsenal legend. During his 16-year career he won 3 Premier League titles, 4 FA Cups and the UEFA Cup. One of the most underrated players of his generation, he was also part of Arsenal's famous Invincible team of 2003/4, which went the entire Premier League season unbeaten. He is now a regular pundit for TalkSport and Sky Sports. He enjoys a short back and sides.

The TalkSPORT Book of Premier League Legends - Bill Borrows 2012-08-02

In this wonderful celebration of all that is best about the world's greatest football league, talkSPORT has taken on the challenge of listing the 100 greatest Premiership legends. Featuring contributions from many of talkSPORT's presenters, including Alan Brazil, Stan Collymore and Andy Gray, the talkSPORT team has drawn up its definitive listing of

Premiership stars. Of course, being talkSPORT, nothing is straightforward and the opinions are hotly debated. Some surprising names make into the list, while others are relegated to the bottom or even fail to appear at all. Who comes out on top: Gianfranco Zola or Alan Shearer? How do you decide who's in and who's out from 20 years of footballing genius? Each of the stars is fully profiled, with surprising and fascinating information revealed about all of them, and their individual ranking in the list is fully justified. In short, this book will not only provide great football memories of moments that won leagues, spared clubs from relegation, and drew stunned silence from watching crowds, but cause much controversy - just like talkSPORT itself.

The Big Book of Soccer by MUNDIAL - MUNDIAL 2020-05-05

"Equally appealing for browsers and avid readers, this is a recommended purchase" - School Library Journal Dive into the world of soccer with this mega book of everything to do with the beautiful game. Learn all the lingo; meet the greatest players, managers, and teams from both the men's and women's games; take masterclasses with the pros; wander through the haircut hall of fame; learn the most iconic goal celebrations; and more. Written by the team at MUNDIAL, the celebrated soccer lifestyle magazine, and filled with fun, colorful illustrations, The Big Book of Soccer by Mundial covers it all: The basics and the lingo that will have you talking like a soccer expert in no time. History of soccer, including how we got from playing with a ball made of feathers to using high-tech soccer balls, the greatest teams of all time and the evolution of soccer cleats. The great players, including Paolo Maldini, Lev Yashin, Joy Fawcett, Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Cruyff, Michelle Akers, Sir Stanley Matthews, and Marta Vieira da Silva. Legendary managers and how they did it—learn the favorite killer formations of greats like Rinus Michels and Sir Alex Ferguson. The big cups, with their histories and greatest players. The world's most amazing stadiums, including Wembley, Melbourne Cricket Ground, and San Siro. Uniform hall of fame, from the USSR's (now Russia) classic red sweatshirt with 'CCCP' written across the front to Mexico's green home shirt with Aztec patterns and the giant face of the Aztec god of death. How to take the perfect shot like Ji So-

yun, take the perfect set piece like David Beckham, take penalties like Matt Le Tissier, beat the offside trap like Fernando Torres, do the perfect attacking header like Didier Drogba, and more. Weird and wonderful, from the way we describe things that happen in the game (a fox in the box) to the way we celebrate a goal (by pretending to be a robot) or do our hair (shaving it all off except for a triangle at the front). The culture and people surrounding the game, from traditional pre-game food to the referee, commentator, and all-important crowd. This great big book is your essential guide to the wonderful world of soccer.

More Than 90 Minutes - Alejandro Pérez 2017-10-02

More than Ninety Minutes is an analysis of tactics, signings, managers, players, and club directors' decisions. Based on real examples taken from recent soccer history, the author dissects these people's mistakes, their successes, and how their actions on and off the pitch impacted their play and their trophy cabinets. It is a critical account arising from a weekly study made over the course of ten years of the top European leagues and clubs such as Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Barcelona, Real Madrid, Atlético de Madrid, Inter Milan, Bayern Munich, and Borussia Dortmund. The author presents and compares the processes followed by these teams—the ones that were successful as well as those that failed—while analytically assessing the most important aspects that make up the game of soccer. The book selects specific situations in relevant clubs where tactics, psychology, and the ability to manage a group of players are combined. Without claiming to find a nonexistent magic formula, it helps the reader—whether they are simply a fan, manager, player, or director—to understand the intricacies of this complex sport and to put themselves on the road that is certain to lead to success. This book is one of a kind in the history of soccer literature, and it is written in a readable, emphatic, and reflexive style.

Jack Wilshere - Arsenal DNA - Joe Jacobs 2013-08-05

Born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, in 1992, Jack Wilshere began his football career at Letchworth Garden City Eagles, where his drive, intelligence and competitiveness entered in to local legend. Spotted by Arsenal's

chief scout Steve Rowley while playing for Luton Town youths in 2001, Jack was signed by the Gunners at the age of nine and immediately placed under the guidance of youth coach Roy Massey at Arsenal's Hale End Academy. Nine incredible years later, Jack was lining up for England, becoming one of the youngest ever players to pull on the famous three-lions jersey; he has since become an integral part of the England setup and his presence is key in the ongoing quest for World Cup glory in Brazil in 2014. From successive years as a captain of high-school football teams, through to becoming one of the first names in Arsène Wenger's Arsenal team-sheet, Jack Wilshere's story is the stuff of football dreams, and the emergence of such a talent is a testament to English football at both grass-root and professional levels. With the heart of Viera, the skill of Brady, the courage of Adams, and the elegance of Bergkamp, Jack Wilshere - Arsenal D.N.A. is a tale of true grit and determination, and a story wholeheartedly intertwined with the history of Arsenal F.C. and the future of English football.

Bob Wilson's Ultimate Collection of Peculiar Sporting Lingo - Bob Wilson 2008

The world of sport has its own language, with strange words and phrases. This illustrated guide helps you discover the true meanings, heritage and evolution of the various sporting terms we use.

Calling the Shots - David Dein 2022-09-15

'A man I like to call my father - football royalty' Ian Wright 'Without David Dein there wouldn't have been a Premier League' Greg Dyke 'Mr Dein will always be Mr Arsenal' Thierry Henry The long-awaited memoir from international football ambassador, former co-owner of Arsenal FC and legend of the game: David Dein. There's no doubt that Dein has been one of the most significant and influential figures in British football for over three decades - operating at club and international level. He was a prime mover in the creation of the Premier League, hugely influential within the England set-up and, of course, was the mastermind - along with Arsène Wenger - in creating the glory days of Arsenal Football Club, leading the team for almost a quarter of a century. Connected to the most senior figures across the global game as a friend, rival, advisor, and

collaborator, Dein has been central to major turning points in the game. Calling the Shots is part memoir, part inspirational meditation on leadership, teamwork and how to invest in people. It tracks the full story of David's remarkable life and career to date, recounting never-before-told stories from the inside, intriguing characters met along the way, and discussing the past, present and future of football. An entertaining and motivational read for football and non-football fans alike, Calling the Shots is a dynamic masterclass in how to succeed in business and life.

Bobby Moore to Thierry Henry - Liz Heade 2014-05-28

You never forget where you were or who you were with when you watched your first World Cup... in fact, every World Cup in your life. Liz Heade takes us on a journey through her life, beginning with her first World Cup in 1970 when, aged ten, she fell in love with Bobby Moore and decided she was going to be a football commentator when she grew up.

Highbury - Bruce Smith 2012-11-30

Highbury - citadel for Arsenal Football Club for over 90 years and home to the memories of over 10,000 matches. In this informative book, Bruce Smith exhaustively chronicles the life and times of the Gunners' home ground in north London, from the site's humble beginnings as college playing fields to its present status as one of the most recognisable pieces of football real estate in the world. The book highlights how pioneering architects such as Archibald Leitch, Claude Waterlow Ferrier and William Binnie played a vital role in shaping Highbury and how other personalities, including Sir Henry Norris, A.G. Kearney, Herbert Chapman and David Dein, have influenced its development. Highbury documents the important role and influence of the Football League, Premiership, FA Cup and European competitions in the ground's colourful history and, in addition, details the England internationals, representative encounters, FA Cup semi-finals and European play-offs which have taken place there, as well as the legendary Cooper v. Clay World Championship bout of 1966. Featuring many personal photographs by the author and others from the archives, Highbury is a timely tribute to an iconic structure that was part of the fabric of

sporting history for almost a century.

50 Teams That Mattered - David Hartrick 2012-10-17

From the Mighty Magyars to the Lisbon Lions, football's history is littered with teams that mattered. Here you can read the story of fifty of them, from Sheffield FC forming the first football club to Spain's World Cup winning side of 2010. Along the way there are trips to Italy, Brazil, Uruguay, Scotland, America and more, each chapter detailing a team who have left an indelible mark on the game. Whether you're a casual fan or a football obsessive, there will be a story in here you will never forget.

Invincible - Amy Lawrence 2014-10-23

Invincible by Amy Lawrence: A gripping insider's account of how Bergkamp, Henry, Vieira and Pires became the first team in 100 years to go the entire season undefeated 2014 Writer of the Year, Football Supporters' Federation 'This book is so full of exclusive interviews you'll soon feel like part of the squad. A worthy tribute to one of English football's best ever teams, it makes you long for one more game at Highbury' Shortlist 'Unbeatable insight' Henry Winter, Daily Telegraph In 2003-04, a team that played with lightning speed and lustrous skill fulfilled Wenger's lifelong dream - to go a whole season unbeaten. They pushed and inspired each other, bringing the best out of strong characters like Jens Lehmann, a self-styled 'Mad German', Sol Campbell, an intense competitor, Robert Pirès, an instant friend if you give him a football, Patrick Vieira, a soft-spoken, battle-hardened captain, Gilberto, a thoughtful Brazilian, Thierry Henry, a supremely gifted and obsessed scorer and creator, and Dennis Bergkamp, the perfectionist conductor. Based on exclusive player interviews, and with a foreword and afterword by Arsene Wenger, this definitive book allows the Invincibles to tell their own story. Football writer Amy Lawrence weaves together the team's recollections, and the testimonies of other key players and protagonists around the club, to relive the pivotal games and moments. From the battle of Old Trafford to jubilation at White Hart Lane, from training ground sparks to dressing room revelations, readers will go behind closed doors, onto the pitch, and into the players' minds to understand the teamwork and the psychology to go unbeaten. Published in time for

the 10-year anniversary, this is a must-have read for any Arsenal fan. It will be enjoyed by readers of memoirs by Dennis Bergkamp and Tony Adams, and will also appeal to football fans everywhere who enjoy classic sports books such as *The Damned United*. Amy Lawrence has watched football avidly since her first trip to Highbury at the age of six, and has written about it, mostly for the Guardian and the Observer, for twenty years. She lives in London.

Arsene Wenger Fifty Defining Fixtures - Layth Yousif 2014-08-15

Fifty fixtures that defined the career of an ordinary footballer, who went on to become one of the most successful managers of all time.

World Soccer Yearbook 2003-2004 - David Goldblatt 2003-08

An overview of soccer around the world traces the history of the world's most popular sport, providing information on the various national teams, leagues, and soccer clubs in every region of the world, and a review of the 2002-2003 season.

The Football Lover's Companion - Johnny Morgan 2011-09-05

I loved football. I played in the morning and in the afternoon. Even when I went to bed with my wife I was training. DIEGO MARADONA The natural state of the football fan is bitter disappointment, no matter what the score. NICK HORNBY When the final whistle blows and you've finished shouting at the ref, relax with this Premiership-level miscellany of quotes, jokes, trivia and enough football inspired fun to have you rolling on the ground - even when you're not faking an injury!

Fever Pitch - Paul McCarthy 2022-09-29

THE INCREDIBLE FIRST 12 YEARS OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE AS TOLD BY THE LEGENDS WHO WERE THERE 'I met Jack Nicholson and when a Hollywood superstar asks about Manchester United, you realise how big the Premier League is around the world' David Beckham Based on the acclaimed BBC Series, with a foreword by Alan Shearer The

Premier League is the most watched sports league in the world, broadcast into 188 countries and watched by 3.2 billion people worldwide. It revolutionised football, transforming the beautiful game into a multi-billion-pound business and making its biggest stars millionaires. *Fever Pitch* tells the inside story of the formation of the league, from the early discussions with Rupert Murdoch about how Sky could be at the heart of this new league, to the bitter rivalries and radical new managers who changed the face of football forever. With insight from football's biggest names, this is the inside track on the Premier League as you've never heard it before. From David Beckham to Eric Cantona, Peter Schmeichel to Gary Neville, this book is full of exclusive interviews that give fascinating insight into the biggest sports league in the world from the people who made it happen. 'The recognition our game gets is astonishing and the love of the Premier League is undeniable' Alan Shearer 'England is special. It is more than football, it is like the players are rock stars' Eric Cantona 'It's what it should be about - enthralling, exciting, magic, taking risks, playing attacking football' Gary Neville

Thrills, Skills and Molehills - ChrisMD 2018-02-22

What makes the ultimate Sunday League footballer? YouTube star ChrisMD has turned amateur Sunday afternoon kick-arounds into a social media event - and now, for the first time, he's sharing all of his secrets. Join Chris as he reveals the characters, training tricks and top-level dietary regime (greasy sausage roll from the village café) that has got him where he is today. Chris's debut book also includes behind-the-scenes photos from his life as a YouTuber, plus his proudest moments, biggest embarrassments and favourite memories from his years of making videos with everyone from the Sidemen to his own family. Includes links to exclusive, never-before-seen ChrisMD videos.