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Barcelona and Dortmund--and one emotional night in Amsterdam--One Step from Glory tells the story of a football odyssey. A journey into the mindset of a historic basketball superstar, and the importance of his landmark career. The seven-foot Dirk Nowitzki is one of the greatest players in basketball history. The Dallas Maverick's legend revolutionized the sport, redefining the role of the big man in the modern game. Dirk moved differently: flexible and fast, confident and in control. He thought differently, too. On the court, his shots were masterful--none more venerated than his signature one-legged flamingo fadeaway, a move that lives on in the repertoire of today's most skilled NBA players. How did this lanky kid from the German suburbs become an all-time top ten scorer and NBA champion? How can a superstar stay so humble? Award-winning novelist and sportswriter Thomas Pletzinger spent over seven years traveling with Nowitzki. He witnessed Dirk's summer workouts, involving fingertip pushups and the study of the physics, and spent days discussing literature and philosophy with Holger Geschwindner, Dirk's enigmatic mentor and coach. Watching Nowitzki in empty gyms and in packed arenas with 30,000 fans, Pletzinger began to understand how Dirk and Holger's philosophical insights on performance, creativity, and freedom enabled his success and longevity. The Great Nowitzki tells Dirk's dramatic story like never

before. Pletzinger describes Dirk's youth in small-town Germany, follows the steep learning curve of Dirk's early seasons, the devastating Finals loss to the Miami Heat, and the triumphant championship five years later. Traveling with Dirk in his final seasons, Pletzinger immerses himself in the community of people impacted by Nowitzki's game, interviewing everyone from average fans in Dallas and security guards at the arena to front office executives and Hall of Fame teammates, who reflect on what Dirk's career means to the next generation of ballplayers. And to the game itself. A masterpiece of sports writing that reads like a novel, The Great Nowitzki brims with a fan's passion. Pletzinger shows how strongly basketball influences our imagination and the extraordinary journey an icon like Dirk Nowitzki must take to reach the pinnacle of the game. 'On the pitch he was a magician' - Arsène Wenger The first full autobiography from former footballer and England manager Glenn Hoddle Are you a Spurs fan? Have you followed the team's progress during the 2015/16 season, one of their most successful and exciting of recent times? Maybe, like bestselling quiz book author, Chris Cowlin, you have been lucky enough to attend several of the 2015/16 season's matches? Or, perhaps, you have been glued to the TV watching Spurs magnificent performances from home? However you supported Tottenham during the 2015/2016 season, you are

certain to enjoy reliving all those golden moments with *The 2015/2016 Spurs and Fact Quiz Book*. Containing 100 questions to test your memory on all aspects of the club including the League Season, the Europa League, squad numbers, transfers, the League and FA Cups and manager Mauricio Pochettino as well as 100 fascinating facts on Spurs 2015/2016 season, this is a book no Tottenham fan will want to be without. With a foreword by Barnaby Slater, producer of *SpurredOn*, and details, facts and figures on all the highlights of the 2015/2016 season, this is a must-have book for Spurs fans of all ages. Carlo Ancelotti is one of the greatest managers of all time, with five Champions League titles to his name. Yet his approach could not be further from the aggressive theatricals favoured by many of his rivals. His understated style has earned him the fierce loyalty of players like David Beckham, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Cristiano Ronaldo. In *Quiet Leadership*, Ancelotti reveals the full, riveting story of his managerial career - his methods, mentors, mistakes and triumphs - and takes us inside the dressing room to trace the characters, challenges and decisions that have shaped him. The result is both a scintillating memoir and a rare insight into the business of leadership. Are you a fan of Tottenham Hotspur FC? Have you eagerly followed Spurs' progress during Mauricio Pochettino's first season in charge of the club? Or maybe you have marvelled at the

goalscoring skills of talented Spurs forward Harry Kane? If you have enjoyed Spurs 2014/2015 season, you are certain to want to tackle the 100 questions in this new quiz book. Can you name the two clubs that Mauricio Pochettino managed before moving to White Hart Lane? Who captained Tottenham in the League Cup final in 2015? How many League appearances did Harry Kane make for Spurs during the 2014/2015 season? To find out if you answered correctly, and for more questions, check out *The 2014/2015 Spurs Quiz Book*. If you are sorry to see an end to the season in which Spurs reached the League Cup final, this book is your chance to relive all the highs and lows of the team's performance in 2014/2015. With a foreword by football writer Martin Cloake, this is a book no Spurs fan will want to be without. An unputdownable, must-have sports book for every LeBron James, Cleveland Cavaliers, and NBA fan. June 19, 2016: the greatest moment in Cleveland sports history, when the Cleveland Cavaliers won the NBA Finals and broke the Cleveland Curse. It was the triumph fans had been waiting fifty-two years for, and it wasn't easy to get there—but thanks to LeBron James, an audacious plan to build a winning team, a couple of maverick GMs, and an incredible community of fans, it happened; and 2016 saw the birth of a new Cavaliers dynasty. But how did they get there? It was a roller-coaster ride from tragedy to triumph,

one that Jason Lloyd, a longtime Northeast Ohio resident turned reporter for the Akron Beacon Journal, got to see firsthand. He was witness to the Blueprint, as he calls it, which the Cavs put together to win their star player back from Miami and build a team that could win the ultimate championship. It incorporated several losing seasons, some high-risk draft picks, and an entirely new understanding of how to build a championship team. The best part of the plan is that it worked, culminating in the most exciting Finals series in NBA history. And, most important, the end of the Cleveland Curse. Jason Lloyd, a true insider, tells the story of how the NBA really works, and how everyone—from the front office to the stars on the court to the new generation of coaches—worked together to create an unforgettable winning team. 'A wonderful overview of tactical development in European football' Matthew Syed, *The Times* 'A fascinating assessment of football in 2019' *The Observer* The exclusive behind-the-scenes story of the Mauricio Pochettino revolution at Spurs, told in his own words *The Sunday Times* Bestseller 'An unparalleled insight into one of the most exciting managers currently working in football' *Independent* Since joining the club in 2014, Mauricio Pochettino has transformed Tottenham from underachievers into genuine title contenders. In the process, he has marked himself out as one of the best young managers in the world, more

than holding his own against the Premier League's established heavyweights. He has done so by promoting an attacking, pressing style of football and by nurturing home-grown talent, fully endearing himself to the Spurs faithful along the way. Guillem Balagué was granted unprecedented access to Pochettino and his backroom staff for the duration of the 2016-17 season, and he has therefore been able to draw on extensive interview material with Pochettino, his family, his closest assistants, players such as Dele Alli and Harry Kane, and even a very rare conversation with Daniel Levy to tell the manager's story in his own words. From Pochettino's early years as a player and coach to his transformation of Tottenham into one of the best teams in England, the book uniquely reveals the inner workings of the man and of his footballing philosophy. It also lays bare what it takes to run a modern-day football team competing at the highest level over the course of a single campaign. The result is the most comprehensive and compelling portrait of a manager and of a club in the Premier League era. The tale of Tottenham Hotspur's extraordinary run to the 2019 Champions League Final in Madrid. Authors Alex Fynn and Martin Cloake examine how Spurs confounded all predictions to enjoy their most successful ever CL campaign - and what it means for the future. They explain why a certain style of football and competing in Europe are central to the club's identity,

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reports are factual, objective, critical and sometimes humorous and emotional, conveying the true feeling of an ordinary fan following his team up and down the country, and across Europe. This fully updated edition of the international bestseller includes Pep Guardiola's Bayern years and his decision to join Manchester City. Pep Guardiola is the most successful and sought after football coach in the world. After being appointed first-team manager in 2008, he transformed Barcelona into arguably the greatest club side of all time, winning an unprecedented thirteen trophies in four years. Following a shock sabbatical from the game, he replaced Jupp Heynckes at the helm of Bayern Munich at the start of the 2013-14 season, twice winning the Double in his three years in charge. He then announced that he would be joining Manchester City for the 2016-17 season, thereby beginning what could prove to be his greatest challenge yet: turning them into a team that consistently wins in the most difficult of leagues and a regular challenger in the Champions League . . . and doing it the Guardiola way. Guillem Balagué has followed Pep's career from the outset and has had direct access to the man and his inner circle. This then is the definitive portrait of Pep Guardiola and his relentless pursuit of footballing perfection. The story of the two football players, Lionel Andrés Messis (b. 1987) and Cristiano

Ronaldo (b. 1985). Their differences seem to tap into something fundamental about football and indeed life. Discover the secrets of the game model developed by Pep Guardiola that sets Manchester City apart from the rest. When Guardiola joined Manchester City in 2016 there were doubts that he could replicate his successful model in the English game. But after a single season of acclimatization we saw those doubts shattered as City won the Premier League in 2017/18 with a record 100 points. Beyond the trophies and the records, however, lies a yet more intriguing story--of how Guardiola adapted and perfected the tactical principles that had made him so successful at Barcelona and Bayern Munich, who played the key roles on the field, enabling Manchester City's successes of 2017-19, and why the other Premier League sides were unable to stop the City juggernaut sweeping aside all in its path. My Seventy Years of Spurs is veteran sportswriter Norman Giller's unique story of Tottenham Hotspur over the seven decades he has followed the Lilywhites. Norman saw the legendary 'push and run' side lift the league title in 1950/51, then as a press-box reporter he chronicled Tottenham's historic league and FA Cup double in 1960/61. He has been an eyewitness to all their triumphs and tribulations right up to the surreal 2020/21 season. Join him on a trip down White Hart memory lane in the company of each of the 30 managers who have been in charge during his 70 years as a supporter and

reporter - from Arthur Rowe in the 1950s to the current master of the new Lane, Jose Mourinho. The book is introduced by Steve Perryman, captain of back-to-back FA Cup-winning Tottenham teams, who holds the club appearances record. My Seventy Years of Spurs provides an intimate and informative insight into the club from a renowned sportswriter who truly knows his Spurs. An explosive and shocking biography of Jose Mourinho - revealing the dark side of 'the special one'. A Financial Times Sports Book of the Year. Cristiano and Leo is the fascinating account of the lives and rivalry between two of the best footballers to ever play the game, Ronaldo and Messi, by Jimmy Burns the bestselling author of Maradona: The Hand of God. The rivalry between Ronaldo and Messi has defined football to a generation of fans - everyone has an opinion on who is the greatest. Do you prefer Ronaldo whose work ethic and physique have been honed for one purpose - scoring goals. Or Messi, whose superhuman natural talent means he can do the seemingly impossible with a football. Between them they have scored over 1300 goals, won the Ballon d'Or ten times, and taken the beautiful game to even greater heights. But statistics alone cannot do justice to their skill, athleticism and dedication to stay at the top for so long of one of the most competitive sports in the world. Cristiano and Leo tells their definitive story, from

children kicking a ball halfway around the world from each other to facing each other in the epic clash El Clásico, between Real Madrid and Barcelona. This is the essential book to understand one the most compelling rivalries in sporting history. Two veteran sports writers and editors take readers inside the history of the most-watched sports league on earth -- England's Premier League. Learn to "Coach Transition Play" - from Defence to Attack and from Attack to Defence with 83 Practices based on 20 Transition Game Situations from the Tactics of: Mauricio Pochettino, Maurizio Sarri, Leonardo Jardim and Jorge Sampaoli After the hugely popular Coaching Transition Play book, volume 2 provides more new ideas to help coaches improve their training sessions in the most important phases of the modern game - the transition phases. Some of the best performing coaches and teams during the transition phases in recent years (Pochettino's Tottenham, Sarri's Napoli, Jardim's Monaco & Sampaoli's Sevilla) have been studied so you the coach, can learn to input their tactics into your training sessions. This book provides tactical analysis of Mauricio Pochettino, Maurizio Sarri, Leonardo Jardim and Jorge Sampaoli's tactics. Michail Tsokaktsidis is a UEFA 'A' Licence coach and has used this analysis to produce 20 full sessions (83 practices) including: Transition Games Fast Break Attacks Counter Attacking Small Sided Games Pressing to Win the Ball /

Defensive Reactions to Recover the Ball Team Shape and Organisation You can use these ready-made sessions to practice these top coaches' tactics and find solutions for every tactical situation: Transition from Defence to Attack in the Low, Middle and High Zones. Transition from Attack to Defence in the Low, Middle and High Zones. 20 Transition Play Tactical Analysis Topics including: Sampaoli: Counter Attack with a Forward Pass, Lay-Off and Supporting Runs Pochettino: High Intensity Pressing and Fast Break Attack from the Middle Zone Sarri: Tracking Back and Forcing Opponents Wide to Protect the Goal Jardim: Condensing the Space After Losing Possession in the Low Zone 83 Practices (20 Full Sessions) including: Direct Counter Attacks with Driving Support Runs in a Position Specific 2 Zone Game High Press to Win the Ball ] Fast Attack in a 2 Zone Small Sided Game Quickly Returning into Defensive Shape After an Attack in a Dynamic 11 v 6 Practice Switching the Point of Defence to Recover the Ball as Quickly as Possible in a Dynamic Game Winner of The Times British Sports Book Award 2014. A fascinating insight into the enclosed world of football scouts in the UK A teenaged boy plays football in a suburban park. His name is Raheem Sterling. The call is made: "Get down here quick. This is something special". Another boy is 8, going on 28. His name is Jack Wilshere. The referee, an Arsenal scout, spirits him away from Luton

Town. A young goalkeeper struggles on loan at Cheltenham Town in League Two. His name is Jack Butland. Within months he will be playing for England. Welcome to football's hidden tribe. Scouts are everywhere yet nowhere, faceless and nameless, despite making the informed decisions worth millions. Award-winning sportswriter Michael Calvin opens up their hidden world, examining their disconnected lifestyles, petty betrayals and unconsidered professionalism of men who spend long, lonely hours on the road. The 2018 World Cup edition of the international bestseller and "the most intelligent book ever written about soccer" (San Francisco Chronicle) is updated throughout and features new chapters on the FIFA scandal, why Iceland wins, and women's soccer. Named one of the Best Books of the Year by the Guardian, Slate, Financial Times, Independent (UK), and Bloomberg News Written with an economist's brain and a soccer writer's skill, Socceronomics applies high-powered analytical tools to everyday soccer topics, looking at data and revealing counterintuitive truths about the world's most beloved game. It all adds up to a revolutionary new approach that has helped change the way the game is played. This World Cup edition features ample new material, including fresh insights into FIFA's corruption, the surge in domestic violence during World Cups, and Western Europe's unprecedented dominance of global soccer. Sir Alex

Ferguson's compelling story is always honest and revealing he reflects on his managerial career that embraced unprecedented European success for Aberdeen and 26 triumphant seasons with Manchester United. Sir Alex Ferguson's best-selling autobiography has now been updated to offer reflections on events at Manchester United since his retirement as well as his teachings at the Harvard Business School, a night at the Oscars and a boat tour round the Hebrides, where he passed unrecognised. The extra material adds fresh insights and detail on his final years as United's manager. Both the psychology of management and the detail of football strategy at the top level can be complex matters but no-one has explained them in a more interesting and accessible way for the general reader than Sir Alex does here. MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY is revealing, endlessly entertaining and above all inspirational. From Cruyff's "Total Football" to the epic rivalry between Guardiola and Mourinho, a gripping chronicle of the rise and fall of Barcelona's dominance in world soccer. Barcelona's style of play--pressing and possessing--is the single biggest influence on modern soccer. In The Barcelona Inheritance, Jonathan Wilson reveals how and why this came to pass, offering a deep analysis of the evolution of soccer tactics and style. In the late 1990s, Johan Cruyff's Dream Team was disintegrating and the revolutionary manager had

departed, but his style gave birth to a new generation of thinkers, including Pep Guardiola and José Mourinho. Today, their teams are first and second in the Premier League, marking the latest installment in a rivalry that can be traced back twenty-five years. The Barcelona Inheritance is a book about the tactics, the personalities, the friendships, and, in one case, an apocalyptic falling-out that continue to shape the game today. How do you defy your destiny when others start from an advantage? How can we break through the upper limit of our maximum performance? How can we face life when excellence is not enough? The answer is not in your head, but in your heart: listening to what we want, not just to what we think. Our head analyses, but our heart holds onto our deepest desires, and this is what really makes us act. Although talent is necessary, as it allows us to overcome major challenges, once we have been able to rise above the failures, it is the heart. Xesco Espar is clear that in order to reach excellence you must train for it, but to go further than this, you have to transform yourself: face each problem as a challenge, a way to grow, a test. Using examples from his experience as a professional handball coach, and his particular way of understanding the world, Espar shows us how life harshly punishes those who simply talk, pretend or put on a front. Whereas those who take action, who transform themselves and grow, are showered with

rewards... in other words, those who play with their hearts. UPDATED TO INCLUDE MESSI'S FIRST SEASON AT PSG The story of the 2022 World Cup Champion and one of the greatest footballers of all time, Argentina's Lionel Messi. 'I have seen the player who will inherit my place in Argentine football and his name is Messi' Diego Maradona On 10 August 2021, Lionel Messi's beautiful Barcelona fairy tale came to an end as he completed a dramatic move to Paris Saint-Germain. Despite flourishing in the blue and white of the national side, delivering Argentina their first silverware in twenty-eight years - beating Brazil on their home soil to win the Copa América - Messi endured a difficult first season in Paris. Guillem Balagué has had unprecedented access to Messi's inner circle including the player himself: his coaches, team-mates and family. From tracing the origins of Messi's precocious talent in Rosario, Argentina, to chronicling his peerless seventeen-season career at Barcelona, and his tumultuous Parisian adventure, Guillem presents an authoritative and compelling account of an enigmatic footballing genius. 'I can tell my grandkids one day that I coached Lionel Messi' Pep Guardiola Tottenham Hotspur FC was founded in 1882, by a group of grammar-school boys from All Hallows Church. At first, the club was simply named Hotspur; in order to avoid confusion with an older club named Hotspur FC, the name was soon changed to Tottenham Hotspur. Shortly

after being admitted to the Southern League in 1895, Tottenham started attracting large crowds to their home games; this surge in popularity played a big part in the club becoming a trophy contender. They acquired their first piece of silverware in 1901 by defeating Sheffield United in the FA Cup final, thus becoming the only non-football League side to win the FA Cup. FAST-FORWARD TO OCTOBER 2021 Nuno is out. Tottenham Hotspur has cut ties with head coach Nuno Espirito Santo after just four months in charge. Tottenham Chairman Daniel Levy and Managing Director of Football Fabio Paratici made the decision after a humiliating 3-0 home loss to Manchester United on Saturday, a match that was dogged by a toxic in-stadium attitude and a near-revolt by Spurs fans in attendance. Nuno was not Tottenham's first choice or even its fifth - his appointment on July 1 came after a long and embarrassingly public process that saw Spurs rejected by high profile managers such as Julian Nagelsmann, Antonio Conte, and Mauricio Pochettino, an equally embarrassing withdrawal of an offer to Paulo Fonseca, and an aborted flirtation with Gennaro Gattuso that was abandoned after supporter uproar. Nuno was hired after initially being passed over by Levy, but even after his appointment faced an uphill battle to win the hearts and minds of supporters. He was initially embraced due almost purely to being emphatically Not Jose

Mourinho, but his overly defensive tactics were similar to the man he replaced in charge. From the beginning of Nuno's tenure, Spurs looked tactically inept, without a clear plan on how to progress the ball through the midfield and relying on a double pivot of Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg and Oliver Skipp as defensive anchors. That, plus a misfiring Son Heung-Min and Harry Kane, meant Spurs have scored only nine goals in ten league matches while conceding 16. It's not clear what happens now. Spurs will carry on in the short term with an interim manager, but the sting of the botched summer managerial appointment process still sticks in the craw, while Levy and Paratici face the daunting challenge of finding Spurs' next manager mid-season and without very many good options. BUY NOW A People's History of Tottenham Hotspur is the story of how fans helped create the identity of a world-famous club and tells a story from a perspective rarely acknowledged. Drawing on social history, contemporary press reports and first-hand interviews with the fans themselves, authors Martin Cloake and Alan Fisher trace the club's development from being the team of the suburbs and the rising south, through the glory years and the arrival of mass, popular culture, and into the modern era of the game. It is not a tale of trophies won and lost, of players bought and sold. Instead, it is the story of how one of the game's oldest and most famous teams was formed

and established by its fans and how its identity was created by them. It evaluates how the fans' relationship with the club has evolved, as the game has changed: from those bygone days, when a club was at the heart of a local community, to the modern era, where the world's leading football clubs have to compete as multinational 'brands', appealing to fans on a global scale, stretching much further and wider than the north London footprint than the club's founders would have ever imagined. Be In That Number is a year-long memoir of Tottenham Hotspur's 2018/19 season, told through the eyes and voices of their supporters' clubs around the world, as a growing global fanbase share their own devotion to a football club hundreds or even thousands of miles away. 2018/19 was supposed to mark Tottenham's long-awaited return home to N17 and the dawn of a bright new era under one of football's most coveted managers. What followed was an extended stay at Wembley, a wholly unexpected run to the Champions League Final and - eventually - the departure of the man many expected to remain at the helm for years to come. Derbyshire-born comedian and author Carl Jones recounts his own experience as a matchgoing Tottenham fan of 25 years as he meets the chairman of LA Spurs who would catch up on Spurs results by waiting for a newspaper to hit the stands in the early hours of the morning, the Lebanese student who

smashes plates to deal with his emotions while watching matches and the Icelandic fan who plans to walk down the aisle to When The Spurs Go Marching In. He speaks to a Malaysian fan who met his best friend in a public bathroom after spotting a Tottenham pin badge on his lapel, the Chairman of OzSpurs who moved 'down under' for love and finally felt at home when meeting Tottenham fans in his adopted nation and the founder of Punjabi Spurs who formed his supporters' club to bring unity through football - despite being brought up in a houseful of Manchester United fans! On the pitch, Tottenham thrill and disappoint in equal measure as they eventually return home, before an incredible night at the Etihad, an unforgettable comeback in Amsterdam and a bittersweet night in Madrid cap off an unforgettable season and the beginning of the end for Pochettino. Critical praise for Be In That Number "Carl Jones reveals the huge extended Spurs family around the world and shows us what's it like to support the famous Lilywhites. Informative, hilarious and moving it's a rip roaring page turner for all Spurs fans." - Mike Leigh, The Spurs Show Football isn't about winning trophies, it's about the unforgettable moments that create the stories handed down through generations. Never has that been truer than at Tottenham in 1994/95. In The Team That Dared To Do, manager Gerry Francis reveals, for the first time, the diary entries he made in the months after being forced out of QPR



and taking on one of the toughest jobs in English football at White Hart Lane. With outspoken chairman Alan Sugar fighting a points deduction and FA Cup ban in the courts, Francis replaced the sacked Ossie Ardiles. In a series of exclusive interviews conducted by BBC sports journalist Chris Slegg, we hear from former players, including Jürgen Klinsmann, Teddy Sheringham, Darren Anderton, and Sol Campbell, about what life was like in the dressing room and on the training ground. From the magic of Klinsmania and Ardiles' audacious attempt to make a success of his "Famous Five" forward line, to some magnificent performances under Francis, it was a season that had it all. When the first edition of *The Glory Game* was published in 1972, it was instantly hailed as the most insightful book about the life of a football club ever published. Hunter Davies was, and still is, the only author ever to be allowed into the inner sanctum of a top-level football team (Tottenham Hotspur) and his pen spared nothing and no one. 'His accuracy is sufficiently uncanny to be embarrassing,' wrote Bob Wilson in the *New Statesman*. 'Brilliant, vicious, unmerciful,' wrote *The Sun*. Davies spent a whole season with the team, training with them, visiting the players' homes and witnessing the dressing-room confrontations. In the modern era of painstaking media management and tight security, no sportswriter will ever again be granted such

unprecedented access. While some features of the game have changed beyond all recognition - notably the all-consuming role that money now plays - inside every club the dramas and tensions revealed by Davies remain, making the book a timeless classic and securing its position as one of the best books about football ever written. *Glory, Glory Lane* is the life-affirming history - including a momentous last season - of a world-famous football stadium, home to Tottenham Hotspur for 118 years. A Victorian structure turned wraparound 21st-century all-seater, it became a theatre of dreams for supporters all attracted by teams which played the 'Spurs way' to achieve glory. The Lane gave a stage to a conveyor belt of legends from Cameron to Alli via Nicholson, Blanchflower, Greaves, Huddle and Klinsmann. It provided unforgettable memories in unforgettable atmospheres - heart-lifting, heart-breaking, nerve-racking. Its story veers from founders obsessed by Harry Hotspur to Harry Kane via Harry Redknapp; through matches, personalities, ground developments and threatened closure, all with first-hand accounts. It's hard to imagine how a new £750m stadium can ever replace the edifice which shut its gates for the last time after Spurs played Manchester United in May 2017, having created a daunting legacy. *MARADONA* is the definitive new biography of a true global icon, from world-renowned football writer and journalist Guillem Balagué. Diego

Armando Maradona was widely acclaimed as a genius. One of the greatest footballers of all time, he was also one of the most controversial. In an international career with Argentina he earned 91 caps and scored 34 goals and played in four FIFA World Cups. With his unforgettable 'hand of God' goal and unsurpassed second one in the 1986 quarter-final against England, he captained his nation and led them to victory over West Germany in the final in Mexico. His vision, passing, ball control and dribbling skills, and his presence and leadership on the field, often electrified his own team's overall performance. Maradona's club career included dazzling spells in his own country at Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors and Newell's Old Boys, and in Europe with Barcelona, Napoli and Sevilla. Yet his life was one of relentless media attention, including tales of drug abuse and constant health issues. Based on in-depth interviews and first-hand stories, Guillem Balagué's masterly biography represents a psychological and sociological approach to the legend. This journey of exploration takes Guillem to Argentina, Spain, Italy and Dubai. Along the way, he asks what fosters such adulation, and how this adoration engendered a self-destructive personality. Even after his untimely death in 2020, Maradona continues to fascinate: his divine status seemingly preserved for ever. *Biographical Portrait of Liverpool's Spanish football manager Rafael Benitez and an*

extraordinary season for the club. When Rafael Benitez was appointed manager of under-achieving Liverpool at the start of the 2004-2005 season, the reaction of many fans was 'Who the \*\*\*\* is Rafael Benitez?'. The Liverpool fans had grown used to French manager Gerard Houllier but he had been a fan of the club himself since his days as a teacher on Merseyside. A Spaniard with admittedly a wonderful record at Valencia was going to take over management of Liverpool's famous Boot Room and try and win over a disillusioned Kop. But in one season, Benitez's importation of Spanish players, coaching methods and diet has led to a revolution, even usurping Jose Mourinho's Chelsea, whereby the team has ended the season winning the ultimate trophy for any European club - the European Champions League. No fan will ever forget the comeback from a 3-0 deficit to a 3-3 scoreline, then dramatic success in the penalty shoot-out. This is the story of Rafa's remarkable success. The Sunday Times no.1 bestselling memoir from Harry Redknapp 'From kicking a ball as a kid under the street lamps of Poplar and standing on Highbury's North Bank with my dad, to my first game at West Ham, I was born head over heels in love with football. It saved me, and 50 years on that hasn't changed one bit - I'd be lost without it...' Harry is the manager who has seen it all - from a dismal 70s Portakabin at Oxford City and training pitches with trees in the middle to the unbeatable highs of the

Premiership, lifting the FA Cup and taking on Real Madrid in the Champions League. With his much loved, no-nonsense delivery, Harry brings us a story filled with passion and humour that takes you right inside every drama of his career. Harry finally tells the full story of all the controversial ups and downs - the pain and heartache of his court case, the England job, his love for Bobby Moore, his adventures at Portsmouth with Milan Mandaric, the Southampton debacle, Tottenham and Daniel Levy, and not forgetting his years at West Ham or the challenges at his current club QPR. It's the epic journey of one of the great managers and, along the way, the story of the British game itself over the last five decades. In an era now dominated by foreign coaches Harry is the last of an old-fashioned breed of English football man - one who has managed to move with the times and always come out fighting. Explains how Billy Beene, the general manager of the Oakland Athletics, is using a new kind of thinking to build a successful and winning baseball team without spending enormous sums of money. WINNER OF THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR WINNER OF THE BRITISH SPORTS BOOK AWARDS FOOTBALL BOOK OF THE YEAR Why does an international footballer with the world at his feet decide to take his own life? On 10 November 2009 the German national goalkeeper, Robert Enke, stepped in front of a passing train. He was thirty-

two years old and a devoted husband and father. Enke had played for a string of Europe's top clubs, including Barcelona and Jose Mourinho's Benfica and was destined to become his country's first choice in goal for years to come. But beneath the veneer of success, Enke battled with crippling depression. Award-winning writer Ronald Reng pieces together the puzzle of his friend's life, shedding valuable light on the crushing pressures endured by professional sportsmen and on life at the top clubs. At its heart, Enke's tragedy is a universal story of a man struggling against his demons. 'It should be on every British football fan's reading list' Metro First published in 2004 and updated in 2006 to include his first full season with Real Madrid. The definitive biography of Cristiano Ronaldo, named Football Book of the Year at the Cross Sports Book Awards 2016 Fully updated to include the 2017-18 season and Ronaldo's transfer to Juventus Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the greatest footballers of all time, a dream he pursued from the age of just twelve when he left his humble origins on Madeira behind. It wasn't long before he had the biggest clubs in Europe knocking on his door, but it was Manchester United who won the race for his signature. Under the tutelage of Sir Alex Ferguson, Ronaldo developed into the complete footballer and athlete, winning three league titles and a Champions League along the way. He then became the biggest galáctico of them all when he transferred to Real Madrid for a record-

breaking fee. Unprecedented success in the Champions League and a record-equalling five Ballons d'Or followed,

before his sensational move to Juventus in the summer of 2018. Guillem Balagué, respected football journalist

and expert on the Spanish game, provides the definitive account of a twenty-first-century footballing icon.