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The Second Half Orion

In his national bestseller, *Soccernomics*, Simon Kuper pioneered a new way of looking at soccer, the world's most popular game, through his witty and meticulous use of data. In *Soccer Men*, Kuper explores the heart and soul of the sport by getting up close and personal with soccer's greatest players and coaches. An inquiry into the genius and hubris of the modern game, *Soccer Men* details the lives of international stars such as Arsène Wenger, Jose Mourinho, Josep Guardiola, Lionel Messi, Wayne Rooney, and David Beckham, describing their upbringings, the soccer cultures they grew up in, the way they play or coach, and the baggage they bring to their relationships at work. In this updated edition, Kuper profiles Hope Solo, Raymond Domenech, Andrea Agnelli, Robin van Persie, Carlo Ancelotti, and more. He also provides a brilliant comparison of two tales of immigrant life: Philip Roth's *Portnoy's Complaint* and the autobiography of Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Mr Liverpool: Ronnie Moran HarperCollins UK

Gerry Blayney has been through highs and lows supporting his beloved Liverpool Football Club. From the glory of watching the reds win countless trophies to the death of relatives and friends, he has seen it all. Here he recounts his exploits following 'the redmen' all over the country and into Europe, with typical Scouse wit. From a young lad watching his heroes battle their way out of the Second Division to the glory of the all-conquering Liverpool team of the 70s and 80s to the improbable glory of Istanbul, Gerry has seen nearly all of it in a Liverpool 'career' stretching back to 1956. He also lost his son in the Hillsborough disaster and his best mate in a car wreck on the way back from an away game. Somehow has soldiered on and as Gerry himself states, he would not have been able to get through it without the help and support of the Liverpool football family.

Fever Pitch Random House

A Daily Mail Book of the Year and Sunday Times bestseller

What happens on the pitch is only half the story. Being a footballer is not just kicking a ball about with twenty-one other people on a big grass rectangle. Sometimes being a footballer is about accidentally becoming best mates with Mickey Rourke, or understanding why spitting is considered football's most heinous crime. In *How to be a Footballer*, Peter Crouch took us into a world of bad tattoos and even worse haircuts, a world where you're on the pitch one minute, spending too much money on a personalised number plate the next. In *I, Robot*, he lifts the lid even further on the beautiful game. We will learn about Gareth Bale's magic beans, the Golden Rhombus of Saturday night

entertainment, and why Crouchy's dad walks his dog wearing an England tracksuit from 2005. Whether you're an armchair expert, or out in the stands every Saturday, crazy for five-a-side or haven't put on a pair of boots since school, this is the real inside story of how to be a footballer.

Red: My Autobiography Headline

From the award-winning team behind the *Totally Football Show*, one of the world's leading independent football podcasts *The Totally Football Yearbook* isn't just a collection of statistics. It's analysis, insight, authority and irreverence. It's the views of some of the biggest names in football writing, the same names that make *The Totally Football Show* one of the world's biggest independent football podcasts. It's the breathless story of the season just passed and an eager look ahead to the season still to come. But yes, there's loads of statistics as well. I mean, we couldn't stop ourselves if we tried. . . We've got the Premier League, Scotland, the Women's Super League, the Football League, France, Spain, Italy and Germany all covered, and so much more besides. Will you ever need anything else to keep you informed on the beautiful game? That's really not for us to say. But no, you won't. With a foreword from Jamie Carragher, an introduction from James Richardson, and contributions from Iain Macintosh, James Horncastle, Duncan Alexander, Nick Miller and many more, *The Totally Football Yearbook* is a must-have for every football fan.

You'll Never Walk Random House

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I, Robot Kings Road Publishing

In April 1981, Howard Gayle was summoned from the substitutes' bench and sent on to play for Liverpool in the second leg of a European Cup semi-final at German champions Bayern Munich. The previous October, by filling the same role at Manchester City, he became the first black footballer in Liverpool's 89-year history

to play at first team level. Gayle's Liverpool career proved to be short. He would pull on the red shirt only five times in total, scoring once. Yet he is remembered as a trailblazer. In *61 Minutes* in Munich, Gayle takes you inside his life: bringing the shutters down on a childhood spent between Toxteth and Norris Green, two contrasting areas of Liverpool. He details life on the streets, the racism, the other forms of abuse, of which he has only told a handful of people before, and his ascent from teenage football hooligan to a player with Europe's leading club. Gayle explains what it was like to be a black man with a profound sense of insecurity inside a Liverpool dressing room at the most successful point in the club's history, a place where only the strongest survived. In Munich, Gayle ran Bayern's defenders ragged and is credited by many as the catalyst for Liverpool's progression to the final. And yet, by being substituted after 61 minutes on the pitch, he reveals his dismay at never being trusted to keep his cool in the most tense of environments. Gayle takes you to Newcastle, to Birmingham City, to Sunderland and Blackburn Rovers. He takes you back his modest home in the south end of Liverpool where it all began. Part social-history, part-autobiography, *61 Minutes* in Munich is an exposition of life in the city of Liverpool during one of the most turbulent periods in its history. Above all it examines how a pioneer like Gayle has been up against it from the moment he was born.

Dominic Matteo Empire Publications (UK)

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 humour, 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 league 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 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 of Liverpool and England's greatest triumphs and disasters in the company of a player who never fails to be intelligent, controversial or just downright hilarious.

The Greatest Games Great Northern

Many know her as the reclusive Chicago nanny who wandered the city for decades, constantly snapping photographs, which were

unseen until they were discovered in a seemingly abandoned storage locker. When the news broke that Maier had recently died and had no surviving relatives, Maier shot to stardom almost overnight. Bannos contrasts Maier's life has been created, mostly by the men who have profited from her work. Maier was extremely conscientious about how her work was developed, printed, and cropped, even though she also made a clear choice never to display it.

[In My Blood](#) Penguin UK

Steven Gerrard is a genuine Liverpool legend. Captain at the age of 23. Two FA Cups. Three League Cups. One UEFA Cup. And that Champions League win. Gerrard embodies the spirit and passion of Liverpool football club like no other in the modern era. From the raw but talented youngster who made the jump from the Melwood training ground and took to the famous Anfield turf at 18, to the talismanic skipper who has led his beloved club through thick and thin, this stunningly illustrated book, complete with exclusive new photographs, is the story of his fifteen momentous seasons at Liverpool FC. Along with a foreword from Kenny Dalglish, this is Steven Gerrard's Liverpool story in his own words.

[Robbed](#) Random House

Packed with incident and anecdotes, usually funny - but occasionally sad - this is the true story of Jimmy Case, a true football legend.

[Jimmy Case](#) Bantam Press

He has spent 101 days in a brutal Singapore jail after being accused of match-fixing, survived after his heart stopped for three minutes during a match, had his shoes nailed to the floor by the Crazy Gang and stolen a penguin and kept it in his bath while playing in New Zealand - he is German goalkeeper Lutz Pfannenstiel and this is his incredible story. Described by Four Four Two magazine as the "craziest man in football", Pfannenstiel is the only man to play pro football in all six FIFA confederations. Having turned down Bayern Munich at the age of 19 he embarked on a globetrotting football adventure that took him from Malaysia to New Zealand - via Wimbledon, Nottingham Forest and Bradford Park Avenue - and from Albania to Brazil. But the stats - 400 games for more than 25 clubs on six continents - don't begin to tell the extraordinary story. He has been a techno DJ in Kuala Lumpur, he has lived in an igloo to raise awareness for global warming, he has been goalkeeper coach for both Cuba and Namibia (whose 'keeper was deaf) and persuaded Maradona to play a charity match in Antarctica!

[Carra Waterstones](#) University of Chicago Press

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[Unstoppable Keeper](#) Human Kinetics Publishers

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[Steven Gerrard: My Liverpool Story](#) Headline Soccer.

[Ask A Footballer](#) National Geographic Books

An Epic Swindle is the inside story of how Liverpool FC came within hours of being re-possessed by the banks after the shambolic 44-month reign of American owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett. It is the tale of 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. Manager, 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, who trampled Liverpool's cherished traditions 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 buck at Liverpool. No-one has had as much access to the truth, or tells it with as much passion, wit and insight as Brian Reade. An Epic Swindle is the riveting story of how close one of the great football clubs came to financial implosion.

[Steven Gerrard: My Liverpool Story](#) Penguin Global

Never before have so many Anfield legends opened up so freely about their personal lives in print. In Liverpool Captains, R. Lund Ansnes meets many of the club's greatest figures; taking you beyond the walls of the training ground and into their homes, uncovering the human impact of leadership. The themes of identity, motivation, teamwork and loyalty are consistent but Ansnes analyses how the role of the captain has changed over the last 55 years since the appointment of Ron Yeats by Bill Shankly. Yeats, indeed, is one of her 16 interviewees and like Tommy Smith after him, Ansnes details the devastating effect of Alzheimer's Disease upon their lives. We meet Steven Gerrard, Jamie Carragher and other former captains such as Paul Ince whose story involves an improbable rise from abandoned child to captain of club and country. An author of two Liverpool books, Ansnes spent three years travelling across Europe getting to know the legends. The outcome is a revealing portrait of life at An eld, showing sides of players you have never seen before.

[Gerrard](#) Penguin UK

A famous account of growing up to be a fanatical football supporter. Told through a series of match reports, FEVER PITCH has enjoyed enormous critical and commercial success since it was first published in 1992. It has helped to create a new kind of sports writing, and established Hornby as one of the finest writers of his generation.

[Taking Le Tiss](#) deCoubertin Books

'Very funny on almost every page, wonderfully self-deprecating and very sharp on the ludicrous behaviour of the modern player' - Sunday Times 'The funniest man in British sport' - Metro **A Sunday Times Sports Book of the Year** **Shortlisted for the National Book Awards** **Longlisted for the Telegraph Sports Book Awards Autobiography of the Year** You become a footballer because you love football. And then you are a footballer, and you're suddenly in the strangest, most baffling world of all. A world where one team-mate comes to training in a bright red suit with matching top-hat, cane and glasses, without any actual glass in them, and another has so many sports cars they forget they have left a Porsche at the train station. Even when their surname is incorporated in the registration plate. So walk with me into the dressing-room, to find out which players refuse to touch a football before a game, to discover why a load of millionaires never have any shower-gel, and to hear what Cristiano Ronaldo says when he looks at himself in the mirror. We will go into post-match interviews, make fools of ourselves on social media and try to ensure that we never again pay £250 for a haircut that should have cost a tenner. We'll be coached and cajoled by Harry Redknapp, upset Rafa Benitez and be soothed by the sound of an accordion played by Sven-Goran Eriksson's assistant Tord Grip. There will be some very bad music and some very bad decisions. I am Peter Crouch. This is How To Be A Footballer. Shall we?

[Robbie Fowler: My Life In Football](#) Headline

A publishing phenomenon in hardback, Roy Keane's autobiography was the biggest selling sports book of the year. The book will include a new chapter covering events that followed the books publication: Keane's vindication by the FAI report; the punishment meted out by the FA and Mick McCarthy's resignation. Brilliantly reviewed, Roy Keane's riveting, brutally honest autobiography has the potential to be one of the year's biggest paperback bestsellers.

[How to Be a Footballer](#) Hachette UK

Kenny Dalglish's relationship with Liverpool Football Club is one of the great love stories of sport. 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, for the goals and the glory, and most especially for the three European Cups. The Kop's adoration of King Kenny has never ebbed. Every game, they still sing his name. Liverpool 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. Both disasters are explored at length and in emotional detail by Dalglish in My Liverpool Home. Eventually, for the sake of his health and his family, Dalglish resigned and Liverpool have not won the title since. Although Dalglish walked alone, away from Anfield, in his heart he never really left and has now finally returned, playing a pivotal role in this turbulent period in the club's history. My Liverpool Home is the story of Dalglish's epic love affair with Liverpool, tracing the highs and lows, the characters, the laughter, the triumphs and the many tears. For football fans, this revealing book about one of the game's greatest players is a must. For those fascinated by how a very private man suffered after very publicly supporting his community, Dalglish's emotional story makes compelling reading.