

Giggs Classic Football Heroes Collect Them All

From Argentina to Siberia, from Papua New Guinea to London and New York, 'Light Box' explores lives in transition, in a world where boundaries and human relationships are shifting. An astronaut struggles to adapt to life back on earth, a young man discovers he is going blind in a foreign city, and a retired plastic surgeon uncovers old wounds.

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Takes a close look at the complex financial structures in Blair's world. From the many layers of tax liability to the multiple conflicts of interest produced by his increasing web of relationships, this book exposes the private dealings of this very public figure.

Meet David Silva - Ultimate Football Hero. David Silva is Manchester City's greatest ever midfielder. As he played his way from the Spanish coast to the top of the Premier League, his silky skills earned him the nickname 'El Mago' - the magician.

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Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. Diego Maradona is a true footballing legend, and arguably the greatest player ever. The Argentinian playmaker was renowned for his unbelievable skills and agility, as he effortlessly weaved his way up the pitch and through the opposition defence. Nicknamed 'The Golden Boy', Maradona earned ninety-one caps and scored thirty-one goals for his country, including in the 1986 World Cup where he captained his team to victory - scoring the two most famous goals of all time, against England, along the way!

Luka Modric - Ultimate Football Hero. Luka Modric is the boy who overcame his small size to become the world's most creative midfield playmaker. During a childhood playing football in the streets of war-torn Croatia, Luka discovered he didn't need to be big to be the best - he could make a football do anything he wanted, and he could open defences with

passes none of his friends would even have tried. Ever since, his rise to stardom as Real Madrid's Number 10 has been unstoppable. 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

In this special limited edition book, live the journeys of six football heroes as they begin down the road to World Cup glory. Learn how star players Harry Kane, Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar, Manuel Neuer and Paul Pogba, stepped up for their national sides, and brought them through qualification - ready to go head to head for the 2018 World Cup.

Meet Sadio Mané - Ultimate Football Hero Sadio Mané is one of Liverpool FC's 'Fab Four'. Along with Mo Salah, Roberto Firmino and Xherdan Shakiri, Sadio's goals have helped make Liverpool the deadliest attacking team in the Premier League. Since he moved to the Premier League, Sadio has been setting the bar to new heights - from scoring the fastest hat-trick in history to becoming the most expensive African footballer ever. There is no stopping the Fab Four, and the sky is the limit for Sadio Mané. 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Meet Zinedine Zidane, Classic Football Hero. 'In the first minute, Zidane used his strength to hold off two Brazilian midfielders and then backheeled the ball cleverly between them. The France fans loved his tricks.' Zidane is the fantastic story of the boy who started off on the streets of Marseille and went on to win a World Cup with France, score a legendary volley to win the 2002 Champions League Final, and return to Real Madrid as manager. This is how the poor boy with the incredible talent went on to become the greatest player of his generation. Classic 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. Lionel Messi is a legend - Barcelona's star player and the world's best footballer. But when was young, he was so small that his friends called him 'Little Leo' and coaches worried he wasn't big enough. Yet through bravery, talent and hard work, he proved them wrong. Messi tells the magical story of how the tiniest boy in South America grew up to become the greatest player on earth.

Pros and Cons: A Debaters Handbook offers a unique and invaluable guide to the arguments both for and against over 140 current controversies and global issues. Since it was first published in 1896 the handbook has been regularly updated and this nineteenth edition includes new entries on topics such as the right to possess nuclear weapons, the bailing out of failing industries, the protection of indigenous languages and the torture of suspected terrorists. Equal coverage is given to both sides of each debate in a dual column format which allows for easy comparison. Each entry also includes a list of related topics and suggestions for possible motions. The introductory essay describes debating technique, covering the rules, structure and type of debate, and offering tips on how to become a successful speaker. The book is then divided into eight thematic sections, where specific subjects are covered individually.

Star-Spangled Soccer traces the development of soccer in the USA. It is the first book that tells the story of how the sport rose to extreme highs and suffered almost catastrophic lows as it fought to position itself on the American sports landscape, beginning with the

announcement from FIFA in 1988 that America would host the 1994 World Cup.

An anthology of Latin American football fiction *Eleven stories*, one from each country in the South American World Cup qualifying group, plus Mexico (following the precedent set by the *Copa América*). *Idols and Underdogs* includes some of the most prestigious names in Latin American literature. A hymn to the *jogo bonito*, these short stories demonstrate, in stark contrast to its European counterpart, just how connected Latin American football is to its roots in the backstreets, barrios and favelas. Including Juan Villoro (Mexico), Edmundo Paz Soldán (Bolivia), Ricardo Silva Romero (Colombia), Sérgio Sant'Anna (Brazil), Sergio Galarza (Peru), Selva Almada (Argentina), Carlos Abin (Uruguay), Roberto Fuentes (Chile), Miguel Hidalgo Prince (Venezuela), José and Hidalgo Pallares (Ecuador), and Javier Viveros (Paraguay), this is a who's who of Latin American fiction. Also contains author interviews, charting personal views on football and its intersections with politics, literature, and wider culture. *Idols and Underdogs* is an English translation of *Por amor a la pelota: once cracks de la ficción futbolera*. Translated by George Shivers, Shawn Stein and Richard McGehee.

Meet Kylian Mbappe - Ultimate Football Hero. Kylian Mbappe has the world at his feet. The young French striker's goals, skills and fearless attacking spirit earned him a £166 million transfer to French champions Paris Saint-Germain, to take on the best teams in Europe with new teammate Neymar. And at the 2018 World Cup, Kylian was the star player, his goals firing France to victory in the final. Now as a world champion, he has just one goal left - to become the best player ever. *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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Jamie Johnson can't believe his luck. He's playing for Kingfield School in the Cup semi-final, and scouts from his favourite club, Hawkstone United, are coming to watch! This is Jamie's big chance. He's determined to shoot to win! But there are some people who don't want Jamie to achieve glory. As the biggest game of his life approaches, Jamie is horrified to find himself taken off the team. Just when he has everything to play for, is he going to miss his chance to score?

Complete your collection with these limited *Ultimate Football Heroes International* editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. In 2002, during the final moments of injury time, David Beckham scored an incredible free-kick, securing England a place in the World Cup. It was this moment that ensured that Beckham would become one of the most loved English footballers, as well as a Manchester United and Real Madrid hero. During a career which spanned twenty years, Beckham won an impressive nineteen major trophies. This is the story of a true sportsman, who earned respect and loyalty from his fans around the world.

Meet Wayne Rooney, *Classic Football Hero*. 'You were born to play on this stage, Wayne... the fans want to see something special, so give them a show to remember.' Rooney tells the action-packed story of one boy's journey from the streets of Croxteth to one of the biggest stages in world football. This heartwarming book tracks Wayne Rooney's fairytale rise from child superstar to Everton hero to Manchester United legend. *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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

From the Playground to the Pitch, meet Lewandowski - *Ultimate Football Hero* Robert Lewandowski is one of the best strikers in the world. Loved for his smart gameplay and relentless goalscoring, Lewandowski gathered a great following at Lech Poznan and Borussia Dortmund. Then, his career reached new heights when he moved to Bayern Munich in 2014, leading to the team winning the Bundesliga six years in a

row and becoming Champions League winners in 2020. Follow his incredible journey from a young boy aspiring to emulate his sporting parents, to the man who conquered the pitches of Munich and Europe! 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.

Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. Jurgen Klinsmann: deadly goal-poacher, Tottenham Hotspur hero, world champion. After helping to beat England in the 1990 World Cup, the German striker came to play for Tottenham Hotspur - but it took a long time for Spurs fans to grow to love him. Yet with his competitive spirit, humour and his amazing talent for conjuring a goal from thin air, he quickly became a North London legend. This is his exciting story.

Meet Harry Kane - Ultimate Football Hero. When Harry Kane was released by Arsenal at nine years old for being too small, he had to use all his self-belief to prove that he could make it as a footballer. Now a superstar striker for Tottenham Hotspur and England, his hard work and determination have paid off. Kane is the amazing story of how the boy from North London became the Premier League's most lethal goalscorer. 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. Pogba tells the exciting story of how French wonder-kid Paul Pogba became Europe's best young player, and finally fulfilled his dream of returning to his boyhood club Manchester United in a world-record transfer. The sky is the limit for United's new star.

Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. This is the rollercoaster story of how Ronaldo grew up to become a superstar striker for Brazil, Barcelona and Real Madrid. Struck down by illness on the day of the 1998 World Cup final, he showed world-class skill and determination to come back four years later and single-handedly destroy Germany in the 2002 final to prove, once and for all, that he was one of the greatest strikers ever.

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Giggs' extraordinary talent on the pitch was unmissable from a very early age. On his 14th birthday, Sir Alex Ferguson turned up at his front door to sign him to Manchester United's Academy and Reserves squad. Ryan's loyalty was fierce, as he remained at Manchester United for his entire career, taking the squad from strength to strength. Through teamwork and his own remarkable skill, Giggs became one of the most decorated players in the club's remarkable history. His talent was not only recognized within the football community; in 2007 he was awarded an OBE in the Queen's birthday honors list.

SHORTLISTED FOR THE BRITISH SPORTS BOOK AWARDS Sir Alex Ferguson is the most controversial and compelling figure in football. For many he ranks as the greatest manager of all time. He is certainly the most successful.

It's been more than ten years since Ferguson's Manchester United triumphed over Bayern Munich in the dying seconds of the Champions League final. Since then he has presided over the rise and fall and rise again of José Mourinho; the arrival and departure of the world's best player, Ronaldo; the removal of one English talisman - Beckham - and the irresistible instalment of another - Rooney. Ferguson has been instrumental in making the Premier League the most successful competition in football, and he has endured while the mountains of cash have turned to valleys of debt. Throughout, award-winning journalist Patrick Barclay has been pitch-side and spoken to all those who know Ferguson best - fellow managers, former players, colleagues and commentators. The result is Football - Bloody Hell!: the definitive work on the game's greatest living legend.

From the very first book publication in 1920 to the film release of Death on the Nile in December 2020, this investigation into Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot celebrates a century of probably the world's favourite fictional detective.

Meet N'Golo Kanté - Ultimate Football Hero N'Golo Kanté is widely regarded as one of the best defensive midfielders in the world, but life hasn't always been easy for the Chelsea superstar. Growing up in the Paris suburbs, N'Golo had to work hard to overcome other people's doubts about his small stature and prove himself on the pitch. This is the story of the small boy from the streets of Paris who grew to be an essential member of any team he plays on. 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.

Meet Steven Gerrard, Ultimate Football Hero. 'Liverpool Champions of Europe. Stevie was on top of the world.' Gerrard tells of how a young boy from Merseyside would go on to captain his club for over a decade, inspiring their legendary Champions League and FA Cup wins along the way. This is the story of Steven Gerrard, Liverpool's greatest ever player. 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Complete your collection with these limited Ultimate Football Heroes International editions – now with a bonus World Cup chapter. Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior is the boy with the big smile who carries the hopes of Brazil on his shoulders. Neymar now stands alongside Pelé and Ronaldinho as a Brazilian footballing hero. Bidding a fond farewell to his home in São Paulo, Neymar's dreams finally came true when he joined Barcelona. Now, alongside Messi and Suarez, he is part of the most feared attacking trident in the game. This is the heart-warming true story of Neymar's road to glory.

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Julia O'Faolain is one of the most important Irish writers of the past half-century. Under the Rose is a selection of short stories taken from her many celebrated collections. These are stories about families and relationships, religion and politics, new life and mortality, and their settings range from Ireland and the USA to Italy and France. O'Faolain exposes the delusions of sexual desire, explores the failings of the Church and unpicks the casual brutalities of a patriarchal society. In an afterword, she considers the art of the short story and the influences that continue to shape her work. Powerful, profound and unflinching in their reflections on human experience, the stories in Under the Rose are masterpieces of the form. Praise for Julia O'Faolain: 'The assurance, range and diversity of her stories . . . proclaim a writer of daunting gifts.' Guardian 'Entertaining and rich in comedy . . . gripping and moving.' William Trevor 'A wonderful stylist and an exciting writer . . . Her work is joyous, urbane and intensely Irish.' Independent on Sunday

Meet Jamie Carragher. Classic Football Hero. 'He puts his body on the line for the good of the team. His passion stood him out from the rest.' Carragher tells the story of the Liverpool hero who stood firm to make Liverpool's breath-taking victory at the UEFA Champions League Final in 2005 possible, coming back against AC Milan, despite the Italian team's enormous lead. This is a story about true loyalty and dedication to one of the world's greatest teams. Classic 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

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.

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF MESSI AND RONALDO. Tipped for greatness from an early age, it's easy to think that every moment of Neymar's life has been played out under the glare of a spotlight. But did you know that Real Madrid were just €60,000 away from signing him in 2006? Or that a phone call from Pelé stopped Neymar leaving Santos for Chelsea in 2010? Or that his move to Paris Saint-Germain in 2017 caused tension with his new teammates? Find out about all this and more in Luca Caioli's tirelessly researched biography,

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featuring exclusive interviews with those who know him best, including friends, family, coaches and teammates. Includes all the action from the 2018/19 season.

Meet Marcus Rashford - Ultimate Football Hero This is the story of Marcus Rashford - one of the brightest young stars on the Manchester United books and future England goalscoring legend. From tough beginnings in Manchester, Rashford has proven to be one of the Premier League's shining stars, scoring twice on his senior debut, scoring in his first Premier League match and scoring on his England debut in 2016. The future can only get better! 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.

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Meet Cristiano Ronaldo, Ultimate Football Hero. 'As he walked up to take his spot-kick, Cristiano knew that Real would win the trophy if he scored. He had the chance to be the hero yet again.' Escaping the hot streets of Madeira, Cristiano Ronaldo first proved himself as a wonder-kid at Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson, before becoming a legend for Real Madrid and Portugal. This is the story of how the gifted boy became a man, a team-player and a legend. 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 super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

Football is the world's most popular sport. It is a cultural phenomenon and a global media spectacle. For its billions of fans, it serves as a common language. But where does its enduring popularity come from? Featuring essays from prominent experts in the field, scholars and journalists, this Companion covers ground seldom attempted in a single volume about football. It examines the game's oft-disputed roots and traces its development through Europe, South America and Africa, analysing whether resistance to the game is finally beginning to erode in China, India and the United States. It dissects the cult of the manager and how David Beckham redefined sporting celebrity. It investigates the game's followers, reporters and writers, as well as its most zealous money makers and powerful administrators. A valuable resource for students, scholars and general readers, The Cambridge Companion to Football is a true and faithful companion for anyone fascinated by the people's game.

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