

Half Time My Autobiography

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How do you tell the real story of someone

misremembered—an icon and idol—alongside your own? Jenn

Shapland's celebrated debut is both question and answer: an

immersive, surprising exploration of one of America's most

beloved writers, alongside a genre-defying examination of

identity, queerness, memory, obsession, and love. Shapland

is a graduate student when she first uncovers letters written

to Carson McCullers by a woman named Annemarie. Though

Shapland recognizes herself in the letters, which are intimate

and unabashed in their feelings, she does not see McCullers

as history has portrayed her. Her curiosity gives way to

fixation, not just with this newly discovered side of

McCullers's life, but with how we tell queer love stories. Why,

Shapland asks, are the stories of women paved over by

others' narratives? What happens when constant revision is

required of queer women trying to navigate and self-actualize

in straight spaces? And what might the tracing of McCullers's

life—her history, her secrets, her legacy—reveal to Shapland

about herself? In smart, illuminating prose, Shapland

interweaves her own story with McCullers's to create a vital

new portrait of one of our nation's greatest literary treasures,

and shows us how the writers we love and the stories we tell

about ourselves make us who we are.

JIMMY CASE is best remembered for a spectacular FA Cup

final goal and a deserved reputation as one of football's

genuine hard men. But that does scant justice to a career that

covered more than 700 appearances for 7 league clubs and

did not end until he retired at the age of 41. Raised on

Merseyside, Jimmy began at his beloved Liverpool, becoming

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a key player in the all-conquering team of the late 1970s alongside stars like Kevin Keegan, John Toshack, Ray Clemence, Phil Thompson, Kenny Dalglish and his two great mates, Tommy Smith and Ray Kennedy. At Anfield, where he was signed by Bill Shankly and guided by Bob Paisley, Jimmy won a boxful of medals: four league titles, three European cups plus a host of other domestic honours which tell the truth about Jimmy Case - that he had much more than a tough tackle and a ferocious shot. As Jimmy himself says, you couldn't get in that Liverpool team if you couldn't play. His ambition was to play his entire career at Liverpool but fate sent him on a different route: to both Brighton and Southampton, where he came up against players like Andy Gray, Graeme Souness, David Speedie, Graeme Sharp and Norman Whiteside, often with painful results. Packed with incident and anecdotes, usually funny - but occasionally sad - this is the story of Jimmy Case, a true football legend.

'JIMMY'S A FUNNY GUY, FULL OF ANECDOTES AND MEMORIES, AND HIS BOOK TELLS YOU HOW HE WENT FROM BEING A NON-LEAGUE SCouser TO A EUROPEAN CHAMPION' - Tommy Smith 'HE IS JUST THE PERSON YOU WOULD WANT WITH YOU IN THE TRENCHES IN A WAR... YOU'D LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT AND SEE JIMMY CASE.' - Kevin Keegan

'I went as hard as I could for as long as I could' When Tomás Ó Sé retired from the Kerry senior panel in 2013, he did so as one of the longest-serving players in intercountry history and one of its most prolific winners. 'Tomás epitomised everything that Kerry football is all about. His commitment, determination and never say die attitude were plainly visible every time he took to the pitch. He was a warrior and the best wing back that I have seen play the game.' Éamonn Fitzmaurice, Kerry senior team manager But his drive and determination weren't forged in a vacuum: they

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came from growing up in a family and place where Gaelic football was all that mattered. For Tomás and his brothers Marc and Darragh, football always came first – each of them inspired by the larger-than-life personality of their uncle Páidí, the talisman of Kerry's fabled team of the early 1980s. In his memoir, an account of his upbringing and time in the Championship cauldron competing alongside and against the sport's modern greats, Tomás writes candidly about life as a member of Ireland's greatest sporting dynasty: the victories and disappointments, the rivals and roguery, the clashes and confrontations ... not to mention the tremendous responsibility that came with donning the green and gold of Kerry. Moving, thrilling and frequently hilarious, *The White Heat* is an exploration of what it means to eat, sleep and bleed Gaelic Games.

Since the age of twenty-one, darts has been my life - and what a life!' John Lowe is one of Britain's greatest ever darts champions. Unruffled on the oche, even in the face of the greatest challenges, 'Old Stoneface', as John is known, became an indomitable force in the darts world. With every major darts accolade under his belt, his name has gone down in the history of the game. It was fate that kick-started John's career in the sport when, one evening, he was asked to take someone's place during a match. Had it not been for this, John would have followed his father down the mine and led quite a different life. In this fascinating book, John speaks candidly of his two marriages, the glamour and the strain brought about by jetting around the world to play in tournaments, as well as tales from all the major matches and what he really thinks about his big-name opponents. A must-read for any sports fan. 'A must-read for darts fans' - Sid Waddell 'Priceless stuff.' - Andrew Baker, Daily Telegraph 'John lifts the lid off darts...something that no other darts player has dared to do thus far.' - Darts World magazine

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This book is about the beginning of Sir Alex's football career, until the year 2000. 1999 was an outstanding year for Alex Ferguson - not only did he lead Manchester United, the most glamorous club in the world, to a unique and outstanding treble triumph, but he was awarded the highest honour for his sporting achievements; a Knighthood from the Queen. Universally respected for his tough, but caring managerial style, Ferguson is an unusually intelligent man with a fascinating life story. Covering his tough Govan upbringing through to his playing days and onto his shift into management, *Managing My Life* is told with the fine balance of biting controversy and human sensitivity which made it such an unprecedented success in hardback. Alex Ferguson is a legend in his lifetime.

The autobiography of one of Wales' favourite radio presenters, Chris Needs. Includes an honest account of his traumatic childhood, his showbiz career and his rise to stardom with 40,000 fans in the 'Garden' on his legendary Radio Wales programme. Reprint; first published in 2007. Football fans will love this insight into the life and mind of Big Sam. With nearly 20 years as a player - plus almost 25 years as a coach and manager - under his belt, Sam Allardyce is one of the most recognisable figures in British football. 'Big Sam' has been a robust defensive general throughout the seventies and eighties, and an imposing touchline presence as a gaffer since 1994. Over the last four decades, Allardyce has seen it all. The game he so loves is radically different to that in which he made his debut back in 1973, and in telling his wonderfully colourful story for the very first time, Allardyce talks intriguingly about the changing face of players and managers. His autobiography positively crackles with characteristic insight, honesty and hard-hitting opinions. Graeme Swann's transformation from international outsider to England's primary match-winner and undisputed best spin

bowler in the world has been remarkably rapid. Within two years of his 2008 Test debut, he had become his country's most reliable bowler, made the shortlist for the ICC's cricketer of the year award and claimed an Ashes-sealing wicket. Yet the script took many twists and turns along the way. Drafted into the squad for the full tour of South Africa in 1999-2000. Swann's meteoric received a jolt. While some liked the cut of his jib, others did not and England coach Duncan Fletcher already had a foot in the latter camp when Swann missed the bus for the first of two times on that tour. Suddenly he was judged on temperament and not talent. Although Swann candidly concedes he was nowhere near good enough for the top level at that stage in his career, his jettisoning back to county cricket for the next seven years, following a solitary one-day international, hinted at a career wasted. A clash with then Northamptonshire coach Kepler Wessels triggered his move to Nottinghamshire in 2005. A County Championship winner in his debut season, he was back in the England fold at the end of his third. Forever a flamboyant showman, he made up for lost time with two wickets in his first over against India - his habit of striking in his opening over a spell has become a party piece. You cannot keep the spotlight off him for long. Since moving into the top 10 of the world rankings for bowlers on the back of eight wickets in the Ashes-defining Oval Test of 2009, he has not dropped outside it, and has been widely tipped to be the decisive factor in the defence of the urn in Australia.

For the Anfield faithful, Jamie Carragher represents everything that is great about Liverpool Football Club, prompting the Kop to sing 'we all dream of a team of Carraghers'. The club's vice-captain, longest-serving player and one of a select band of players to have made more than 500 appearances for the Reds, Carra never

gives less than 100 per cent for the cause. He is the embodiment of old-fashioned football values - a rarity in the modern game - honest and uncompromising. In *Carra: My Autobiography*, the Liverpool defender takes us deep into the heart of Anfield, into the club's past glories and its uncertain future. In his typically down-to-earth style, Carra reveals what made him discard his blue Evertonian roots to become a fully fledged Red, how he mended his wild ways to become a true professional and a multiple trophy-winner, and the truth about a succession of managers - Evans, Houllier, Benítez - in the hottest seat in football. A Scouser through and through, Carra also has some forthright views on the England team, and tells why he rejected calls to return to the international fold. Full of sensational stories and controversial opinions, of glory and heartbreak on and off the pitch, *Carra: My Autobiography* is a football book unlike any other. The authentic voice of Anfield, Carra is one of the Bootroom Boys in true Liverpool tradition, and is as committed on the page as in every game he has played.

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Jason Robinson began playing full-time rugby at the age of 16 with Wigan Warriors, the most successful club in Rugby League at the time. He made the transition to Rugby Union with Sale Sharks in 2000 and was fast-tracked to the England squad. His speed, unpredictability and charisma has ensured that he is now widely acknowledged as one of the most exciting players in the world. His extraordinary turnaround from hard-drinking, deeply troubled teenager to born again Christian and dedicated family man makes his story all the more intriguing. Fully updated with all the drama and excitement of the 2003 Rugby World Cup, in which Jason was a crucial and inspiring team member, this edition includes a player's account of England's triumphant victory in the final against Australia.

Bryan Robson is widely remembered as a fearless and inspirational player and captain, both for club and country, whose presence lifted team-mates and intimidated opponents. At his peak, he was acknowledged as the most complete midfield player in the country, and played at the highest level despite a series of devastating injuries. He began his playing career at West Bromwich Albion, then moved to Manchester United in 1981 for a then record British

transfer fee of £1.5 million. He soon became captain, and enjoyed regular Cup success, eventually winning the Championship. He also won 90 caps for England, 65 of them as captain. His autobiography reveals a fascinating insight into his days with the England and United camps and characters such as Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker, Roy Keane and Alex Ferguson. He puts the record straight on the 'drink culture' that Ferguson sought to stamp out at United, and describes his pain when he discovered he was surplus to the manager's requirements. He candidly reflects on the highs and lows of his football life, and discusses incidents on the pitch as well as some of the clashes that have happened behind the scenes.

Hanner Amser a gyhoeddwyd yn 2008 mae Nigel Owens yn wyneb cyfarwydd ar lwyfannau 'Noson Lawen' fel diddanwr, ar raglenni teledu fel 'Jonathan', ac ar feysydd rygbi fel un o ddyfarnwyr gorau'r byd. Ond cyn cyrraedd uchelfannau'r byd rygbi bu trwy argyfwng personol dirdynnol.

Alex MacDonald's compelling memoirs cover his formative years as a player with St Johnstone, his rise to fame with Rangers, his transfer to Hearts where he became player-manager, and his time in charge at Airdrie. But Doddie is quintessentially a Rangers man, having grown up in Glasgow supporting them and then going on to play a key role in the club's 1972 Cup Winners' Cup triumph. Doddie won 12 medals in a glittering career, including a highly-prized European one during his time with Rangers, yet as he reveals, a chance meeting with Celtic manager Jock Stein might

have resulted in him signing for the Old Firm's other half. Etched indelibly in his memory, too, is the dejection he suffered when Hearts lost the League Championship and Scottish Cup within the space of a week in the mid-1980s and his subsequent delight at leading Airdrie into Europe. Doddie is a fascinating story, both for his lifelong love affair with football and his more personal story of growing up in Glasgow, his love of animals and his midlife crisis when he put the car in the garage and headed out on the highway on a brand new Harley Davidson. It has been a life full of adventures and characters and the highs and lows of his life and career are entertainingly and engagingly told.

****WINNER British Sports Book Awards SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR**** ****Shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award**** Gareth Thomas had it all. He was a national hero, a sporting icon. He was a leader of men, captain of Wales and the British Lions. To him, rugby was an expression of cultural identity, a sacred code. It was no mere ball game. It gave him everything, except the freedom to be himself. This is the story of a man with a secret that was slowly killing him. Something that might devastate not only his own life but the lives of his wife, family, friends and teammates. The only place where he could find any refuge from the pain and guilt of the lie he was living was on the pitch, playing the sport he loved. But all his success didn't make the strain of hiding who he really was go away. His fear that telling the truth about his sexuality would lose him everything he loved almost sent him over the edge. The deceit ended when Gareth became the world's most prominent

athlete to come out as a gay man. His gesture has strengthened strangers, and given him a fresh perspective. Gareth's inspiring and moving story transcends the world of sport to tell a universal truth about feeling like an outsider, and facing up to who you really are.

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'Wright's characteristic honesty means his book is far more engrossing than most bland football memoirs' Sunday Times Ian Wright, Arsenal legend, England striker and TV pundit extraordinaire, is one of the most interesting and relevant figures in modern football. His journey from a South London council estate to national treasure is everybody's dream. From Sunday morning football directly to Crystal Palace; from 'boring, boring Arsenal' to inside the Wenger Revolution; from Saturday afternoons on the pitch to Saturday evenings on primetime television; from a week in prison to inspiring youth offenders, Ian will reveal all about his extraordinary life and career. Ian will also frankly discuss how retirement affects footballers, why George Graham deserves a statue, social media, why music matters, breaking Arsenal's goal-scoring record, racism, the unadulterated joy of playing alongside Dennis Bergkamp and, of course, what he thinks of Tottenham. Not a standard footballer's autobiography, Ian Wright's memoir is a thoughtful and gripping insight into a Highbury Hero and one of the greatest sports stars of recent years.

The fully updated autobiography of Tony 'A.P.' McCoy, Grand National and BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR winner and unquestionably the greatest jump

jockey ever. Tony 'A.P.' McCoy is without doubt the greatest and most successful jump jockey of all time. He has collected a record 16 consecutive jump-jockey titles to date, since 1992 he has ridden more than 3,000 winners, saying 'I never stop dreaming of the day I'll reach 4,000', and in 2002 he beat Sir Gordon Richards's record of 269 winners in a season by riding 289. In April 2010, A.P. achieved his lifelong ambition when he won the Grand National at Aintree on Don't Push It. It was his 15th attempt to win the race, a victory that captured the public's imagination and further enhanced a glittering career in which he had seemingly won all there was to win. It was the missing piece in the racing jigsaw for a champion jockey who had already had famous victories in the King George VI Chase, Champion Hurdle, Champion Chase and Cheltenham Gold Cup. This powerfully honest autobiography looks at life at the very top in National Hunt racing, and includes the highs and lows of A.P. winning his second Gold Cup, in 2012 on Synchronised, fifteen years after his first, only to see the horse put down after a fall in that year's Grand National. These are the memoirs of a true champion, an icon of sport, whose astonishing achievements are unlikely to be surpassed. It is a great story of courage and modesty, pain and professional setbacks, strong family values and sporting triumphs, the good guy coming first - and staying there.

Peter Schmeichel is an undisputed giant of the global game -- and *One: My Autobiography* is his story. As a serial winner and larger-than-life character with Manchester United and Denmark, he rivalled Gordon

Banks and Lev Yashin as the world's greatest goalkeeper. Sir Alex Ferguson, having paid just £505,000 to sign him in 1991, hailed him as 'the bargain of the century'. Schmeichel would become a key figure in United's successes during the ensuing decade, starting with a first domestic league title in more than a quarter of a century. His silverware spree culminated when he captained Ferguson's side in the incredible, last-gasp Treble-clinching win over Bayern Munich in the 1999 Champions League final. In *One: My Autobiography* he delivers the inside track on that crazy, breathless night in Barcelona and on Old Trafford's galaxy of stars, including Eric Cantona and David Beckham, not to mention United's visionary manager. However, Schmeichel's story is no mere litany of triumphs and household names. He tells how he nearly died aged 15, and recalls a turbulent relationship with his father, an alcoholic Polish musician. His life after football, seldom straightforward, is explored with astonishing candour. Peter's own son Kasper emulated him by winning the Premier League with Leicester and taking over in Denmark's goal. It is a proud legacy, ensuring that *One: My Autobiography* is actually the story of two great goalkeeping Schmeichels.

Michael Vaughan tells the full, compelling story of a remarkable career - from his early days at Yorkshire, to his emergence as a world-class batsman; from the successful partnership with Duncan Fletcher that culminated in the raising of the urn at The Oval in 2005, to the recurring injuries that ultimately forced his retirement. With the insight that helped him bring the

best out of personalities as different as Freddie Flintoff, Kevin Pietersen and Steve Harmison, the winner of a record 26 Tests as England captain shares his views on the state of cricket today and gives a frank assessment of fellow players, coaches and administrators. He concludes with praise for the achievements of the 2009 Ashes-winning England team. Entertaining, forthright and surprisingly candid, *Time to Declare* is essential reading for all cricket lovers - the definitive account of the career of one of the modern game's most influential characters. He also describes his enduring friendship with the 'kid from across Dublin's Tolka Park', Eamon Dunphy, and his career on RTÉ's football panel, where Giles' intelligent and insightful analysis have made him an even more well-loved and respected national figure.

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All Michael Parkinson really wanted to do was play cricket for Yorkshire and England. However, he soon realised that to be paid to watch films, football and cricket would be the best way to spend life, and he became a journalist. Television beckoned and for three decades Parkinson interviewed the movers and shakers of the late twentieth century, making his television programme the must-see event of the week. In singing with Bing Crosby, dancing with Billy Connolly, flirting with Miss Piggy and sparring with Muhammad Ali, Parkinson proved himself one of the most engaging and durable hosts in both Britain and Australia. In *Parky* he recalls a full life with honesty, insight and humour.

David Weir's career is a tale of triumph on the pitch but also of victory over the assumption all top-level

footballers are finished in their mid-30s. Weir, who turned 41 in May 2011, is the oldest outfield player to represent Rangers since 1945, passing the mark set by their famous full-back, Jock 'Tiger' Shaw. In this revealing autobiography, Weir gives an insight into the high of playing in the 1998 World Cup finals for his country to the low of the chaotic 2-2 draw in the Faroes four years later which led to his decision to stop playing for Scotland. For the first time, he gives his side of the story. How he felt Berti Vogts, Scotland's boss, used him as a scapegoat. Many felt Weir's international career would end on that sour note and that his club career was approaching its conclusion, too. He was 32 and David Moyes, his manager at Everton, made no secret he was on the lookout for new, younger defenders. Like thousands of footballers before him, Weir could just have accepted his time was up. He had a young family and a father who was suffering from Alzheimer's to help care for and self-doubt gnawed at him. Could he cut it any more? Instead, he moved to Rangers in January 2007, making his debut for his childhood favourites at a mere 36 years and 236 days and has helped them to eight trophies since and a European final in 2008. Weir's is a story of battling against the odds to keep playing at the top level and proving he could, despite the doubts of others and indeed himself.

Big, blond and a goal-scoring machine, Kerry Dixon delighted Chelsea and England fans during the 1980s. Yet his fall from grace, from the pinnacle of a playing career that had few equals, has been, by his own admission, spectacular. Kerry's life in recent years has

been bedevilled with problems with gambling, drugs and, worst of all, a prison sentence in 2015 after he was convicted of grievous bodily harm following a fight in a pub. At that point, one of football's golden boys finally hit rock bottom. This book is the honest, unflinching account of his rise and fall, and of the new life he is now slowly and patiently building. His memories of playing in a more robust era of the game, before the days of multi-million-pound salaries and all the rest of the modern football circus, will appeal to plenty of nostalgic football fans, as well as to all those who remember him as one of the game's all-time greats. Equally, his unflinching recollections of his darkest days, culminating in his time in prison, are about as far from the Beautiful Game as anyone can imagine, and as fascinating as they are sometimes uncomfortable. In the end, however, his stunningly successful career at Chelsea has ensured that he remains loved by fans, despite his troubles. The world is all too familiar with tales of once-famous sportsmen and women falling from grace. Kerry Dixon's story, however, is unique at once for its flashes of humour in adversity, its clear-eyed reflections on a different age of football, when leading players could all too easily be treated as disposable, and for its humility. For Kerry Dixon, as this often moving autobiography shows, the only way is up. with a foreword by Frank Lampard and contributions from Harry Redknapp and Pat Nevin

Charles William Callow was born in San Francisco, California on October 5, 1921. He grew up in Berkeley with his sister, Jean, and his brother,

Merrill. He served in World War II, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1947, and went on to work as an electrical engineer for 39 years. He continues to enjoy his retirement in Walnut Creek, chasing golf balls and jitterbugging to the Big Band music that he loves.

Ronan O'Gara is one of the greatest sportsmen Ireland has ever produced. A brilliant kicker both from the hand and at penalty goals, a sublime orchestrator of play from the out-half position he has made his own, and a cool head in the pressure-cooker of club and international rugby, the list of the Cork man's achievements goes on and on. The leading points scorer in Irish rugby history, the Six Nations and the Heineken Cup. The architect of two amazing Munster triumphs in Europe. The man whose last minute drop-goal sensationally won the Grand Slam in 2009, Ireland's first for 61 years. In his candid, illuminating autobiography, O'Gara tells the story of those many on-field successes and, with brutal honesty, the darker days as well, most notably at the 2007 World Cup. He tells the inside story of Ireland's disappointments in France, and responds to the allegations about his personal life that made front-page news that autumn. Ronan O'Gara: My Autobiography is the unforgettable story of a rugby player at the top of his game, of a life lived to the full, and of a passionate and proud representative of the people of Cork and Ireland.

STEPHEN HENDRY became the youngest professional snooker player in 1985 aged 16 and, in 1990, he was the youngest ever snooker World Champion, at the age of 21. Widely regarded by fans and pundits alike as one of the greatest players of all time in the sport, over a 27-year career, Hendry went on to win the World Championship seven times, and was snooker's world number one for eight consecutive seasons between 1990 and 1998. Hendry retired in 2012 with a record-breaking seven World Champion titles under his belt, a record that remains to this day. He's now ready to tell his life story for the first time - from a childhood spent climbing the ranks of the sport, through the highs of the '90s and lows of the 2000s, to his life now as a sports pundit and commentator. With an insight into the world of the man behind the cue, and what made him such a top-class player, this is the definitive autobiography of the legend that is Stephen Hendry. Described by the late, great Bill Shankly as 'the final piece in the jigsaw' of his now famous Liverpool side of the 1970s, Peter Cormack is one of the most successful footballers of his generation, winning both domestic and European honours at club level and playing for his country nine times. Regarded as a legend by fans of both Hibernian and Liverpool, Peter's playing career also included spells with Nottingham Forest and Bristol City before he moved into football management. From the Cowshed to the

Kop is a compelling account of a career spanning almost forty years. As soon as he joined Hibernian as a teenager, his quality shone through, and amongst his 99-goal tally was Hibs' first in a glamour-friendly against a world-class Real Madrid side, which included Hungarian talisman Ferenc Puskás. He also starred in the famous Napoli game where Hibs beat the Italian giants 5-0 at Easter Road to overturn a seemingly impossible 4-1 deficit. After a two-year spell in the English First Division with Nottingham Forest, Bill Shankly made his move and signed Cormack for Liverpool for a club record equaling fee of 110,000. He soon established himself as a key part of one of the greatest footballing sides of all time and won two League Championships, an FA Cup medal and two UEFA Cup medals before injury forced him out of the team. These were the glory days at the start of Liverpool's dominance of domestic and European football, and Peter Cormack played his part in that incredible success story. Having played with and against some of the greatest names in football, Peter Cormack's remarkable story is told with honesty and humour, and provides a unique and fascinating insight into one of football's golden eras.

Irish national hero, a Celtic great and their most-capped player, Patrick 'Packie' Bonner is a goalkeeping legend. He was Jock Stein's last signing for the club when he left his native Donegal for the

city of Glasgow in 1978, where Packie evolved from being a shy, homesick teenager into a confident, world-class talent and first-choice goalkeeper. Billy McNeill handed him a debut on St Patrick's Day in 1979, and Packie went on to provide the last line of defence a record 641 times for the club. A seasoned Irish internationalist, Packie was a vital component in the most-celebrated Irish national squad ever, playing in a golden era under the tutelage of the inimitable Jack Charlton. In *The Last Line*, Packie shares stories from his incredible career, including his greatest moment in front of a global audience during the Italia '90 World Cup tournament when he became the penalty shoot-out hero of the nation by saving a spot-kick that took the Irish to the quarter-finals stage in their very first World Cup adventure. It was an iconic moment that would change his life forever not least because, whilst in Italy, he, along with his teammates, had an audience with another goalkeeper, Pope John Paul II. Throughout his 80 cap international career, he competed against the very best in the world. Men such as Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten, Gheorghe Hagi, Roberto Baggio and Gary Lineker came to know the name Packie Bonner. Equally, in his glittering Celtic career that included the winning of four Scottish League titles, three Scottish Cups and one Scottish League Cup, Packie Bonner played alongside some great Celtic names like Tommy Burns, Paul McStay, and Murdo

Macleod. Along the way, Packie had to endure a career-threatening back injury, as well as the devastation of a routine save going wrong and costing a goal on the world stage against Holland in 1994, ultimately leading to elimination from the World Cup in America. More than just the telling of trophies, titles and triumphs, this is the story of a Celtic legend and a true great of Irish International football.

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

collection of career memories from an ex-pro. It is probably the most explicit book ever written by a former footballer. Throughout his career, and long after he left the game, Pat Van den Hauwe courted danger. In fact, he nearly paid the ultimate price for living life to the extreme.

Stephen Miller is one of Britain's most successful athletes. His inspirational autobiography tells of his struggles and triumphs, and is told with refreshing honesty and infectious humour.

One of Celtic's greatest ever strikers, Stevie Chalmers epitomised the exciting attacking football with which Celtic took Europe by storm during the 1960s. It was Stevie who scored the golden goal in the 1967 European Cup final that clinched the great trophy for Celtic and that saw him and his teammates immortalised as the Lisbon Lions. Stevie was the Glasgow club's leading scorer in that amazing 1966-67 season, when they became the first British club to reign as champions of Europe and in which they scooped up every trophy at home. He was also the club's most prolific striker during the 1960s, becoming leading goalscorer for Celtic four times during that decade. It was appropriate, then, that it should be Stevie Chalmers who should nip in ahead of everyone five minutes from time in Lisbon to finish off, with finesse, the challenge of Internazionale of Milan, the richest and most successful club in the world. It was the most magical moment in Celtic's

history and Stevie describes here, in fascinating detail, just how he came to be in the right place at the right time to write himself into history. Here for the first time Stevie relates key inside details of Celtic's path to glory, his own enormous personal battle to overcome a near-fatal illness to become a footballer and his sometimes uneasy relationship with Jock Stein, the Celtic manager. It all underlines the momentousness of his being there to accomplish that match-winning feat on Celtic's greatest-ever day.

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.

'Anyone wanting an example of never being beaten should look at the incredible Francis Benali.' Alan Shearer 'Honest, revealing story of a strong man who pushed his body to its limits and beyond on and off the pitch. Incredible read.' Henry Winter, The Times 'The iron man with a will of steel and a heart of gold. Truly fantastic!' Jeff Stelling, Soccer Saturday Francis Benali is a Southampton Football Club legend and a celebrated charity endurance athlete, and he's ready to tell his story. Francis 'Franny' Benali played football for 20 years for Southampton FC in nearly 400 games, almost his entire career. His utter dedication to the club caused him to be a hero to Saints fans around the world. Written with the acclaimed Daily Mail sportswriter Matt Barlow, this book details Benali's humble beginnings and has countless tales involving players, managers, and matches detailing Benali's illustrious football career. But his story is much more than that. The intense commitment he had as a player found a new outlet in the world of endurance sport. Through Ironman triathlons and marathons, he has raised more than £1 million for Cancer Research UK. Benali's story shows us what can be achieved through dedication and commitment on and off the pitch. Through football and charity, he has made a positive difference in

countless people's lives. His is truly an inspirational story.

Jonny Wilkinson's career has crossed three decades and four World Cups. He has accumulated phenomenal achievements, world points records, an impressive list of broken body parts, and a drop goal that will be remembered for ever. But the peculiar calmness with which he played the game masked a very different reality. In *JONNY*, he reveals the extraordinary psychology that he had to tame in order to be able to dominate his sport. For most of his life, he was driven by a quest for perfection and an obsession to be the best player in the world; here he shows how these two facets of his competitive mind took such a hold of him that they sent him to the top of the world, then swept him up and dragged him down into a spiral of despair. Jonny's career has spanned the far reaches: amazing highs and iconic moments, then a fight against injury that culminated in a battle with depression. Here he tells of the physical toll he knew his body was taking from rugby, even from his youth; he tells of how he never wanted to be a kicking fly-half but learned to adapt his natural game to play the style that Clive Woodward believed necessary to win a World Cup, and how he nearly walked out on Martin Johnson's England team 13 years later.

An English and updated version of *Hanner Amser*, published in 2008. Nigel Owens is a familiar figure on stage and television, and is considered one of the best rugby referees in the world. But before reaching his current status in the world of professional rugby, he went

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