

Heroes Of The Orient Players And Dms Companion

What is Squadron UK? Squadron UK is THE British Superhero Role-Playing Game. Although a completely new game - this is a classic, old-school system honed to perfection by a player, referee and writer with decades of Superhero Gaming experience. What's so special about it? * Addictive character generation - the perfect blend of random rolling and design. * Fast and furious combat - that makes you feel like you're IN the comic. * Innovative campaign rules - this is a full role-playing game, not just a combat game. What's in this book? * The complete Basic game system - with simplified character creation and an example adventure to get you up and running within minutes. * Advanced rules to allow experienced players to customise the game to their tastes. * A complete example campaign "Squadron: Birmingham" - months of adventure.

With annual gross sales surpassing 100 billion U.S. dollars each of the last two years, the digital games industry may one day challenge theatrical-release movies as the highest-grossing entertainment media in the world. In their examination of the tremendous cultural influence of digital games, Daniel Reardon and David Wright analyze three companies that have shaped the industry: Bethesda, located in Rockville, Maryland; BioWare in Edmonton, Alberta, and CD Projekt Red in Warsaw, Poland. Each company has used social media and technical content in the games to promote players' belief that players control the companies' game narratives. The result has been at times explosive, as empowered players often attempted to co-op the creative processes of games through discussion board forum demands, fund-raising campaigns to persuade companies to change or add game content, and modifications ("modding") of the games through fan-created downloads. The result has changed the way we understand the interactive nature of digital games and the power of fan culture to shape those games.

On the court and on the field they are the world's winners, exhibiting a natural grace and prowess their adoring fans can only dream about. Yet so often, off the field our sports heroes lose their perspective, their balance, and ultimately their place. In a work as timely as the latest fracas on the basketball court or the most recent drug-induced scandal in the dugout, Stanley H. Teitelbaum looks into the circumstances behind many star athletes' precipitous fall from grace. ø In his psychotherapy practice, Teitelbaum has worked extensively with professional athletes and sports agents' work he draws on here for insight into the psyche of sports figures and the off-the-field challenges they face. Considering both historical and current cases, he shows how, in many instances, the very factors that elevate athletes to superstardom contribute to their downfall. An evenhanded and honest look at athletes who have faltered, Teitelbaum's work helps us see past our sports stars' exalted images into what those images'and their frailty'say about our society and ourselves.

East End Heroes, Stateside Kings - The Amazing True Story of Three Footballer Players Who Changed the WorldKings Road Publishing

Millions of users have taken up residence in virtual worlds, and in those worlds they find opportunities to revisit and rewrite their religious lives. Robert M. Geraci argues that virtual worlds and video games have become a locus for the satisfaction of religious needs, providing many users with devoted communities, opportunities for ethical reflection, a meaningful experience of history and human activity, and a sense of transcendence. Using interviews, surveys, and his own first-hand experience within the virtual worlds, Geraci shows how World of Warcraft and Second Life provide participants with the opportunity to rethink what it means to be religious in the contemporary world. Not all participants use virtual worlds for religious purposes, but many online residents use them to rearrange or replace religious practice as designers and users collaborate in the production of a new spiritual marketplace. Using World of Warcraft and Second Life as case studies, this book shows that many residents now use virtual worlds to re-imagine their traditions and work to restore them to "authentic" sanctity, or else replace religious institutions with virtual communities that provide meaning and purpose to human life. For some online residents, virtual worlds are even keys to a post-human future where technology can help us transcend mortal life. Geraci argues that World of Warcraft and Second Life are "virtually sacred" because they do religious work. They often do such work without regard for-and frequently in conflict with-traditional religious institutions and practices; ultimately they participate in our sacred landscape as outsiders, competitors, and collaborators.

Asian American resistance to Orientalism -- the Western tradition dealing with the subject and subjugation of the East -- is usually assumed. And yet, as this provocative work demonstrates, in order to refute racist stereotypes they must first be evoked, and in the process the two often become entangled. Sheng-mei Ma shows how the distinguished careers of post-1960s Asian American writers such as Maxine Hong Kingston, Amy Tan, Frank Chin, and David Henry Hwang reveal that while Asian American identity is constructed in reaction to Orientalism, the two cultural forces are not necessarily at odds. The vigor with which these Asian Americans revolt against Orientalism in fact tacitly acknowledges the family lineage of the two.

Originally published in 1981 and long out of print, this dual autobiography covers five unforgettable decades of the New York sporting life from 1915 to 1965. Told initially from the point of view of Frank Graham, premier sportswriter for The New York Sun, A Farewell to Heroes also includes the chronicles of Frank, Jr., who picks up the narrative as he becomes a sports journalist in his own right. Frank Graham, Sr., was a self-taught writer known for his uncanny ability to capture the high drama of a game-winning play or the color of a fight mob's conversation in spare, straightforward prose. As a reporter, he covered the rough-and-tumble Giants of John McGraw's day and continued through boxing's greatest era, spanning the reigns of Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. As the younger Frank tells more of the story, we watch Lou Gehrig take Babe Ruth's place as the Yankees' star and then trace his glorious career to its tragic conclusion. We see firsthand the legendary Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson and boxing's brief but golden age on television in the 1950s. Aided by sixteen photographs and preserving the most masterful of his father's writing while adding to it the best of his own, Frank Graham, Jr., has given the sports fan A Farewell to Heroes, perhaps the ultimate sports reminiscence of a time when the romance of sport gave life a golden hue, when heroes still roamed the earth. -In what he calls this 'kind of dual

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autobiography, ' he is his father's son, having learned to look and listen as his father did and still go his own way, - says W. C. Heinz, longtime sportswriter for The New York Sun, in his new foreword to this paperback edition.

On 1 April 1972 West Ham United made sporting history by becoming the first club from the highest echelon of English football to field three black players in League competition. What seems commonplace now was unheard of at the time. Their manager, Ron Greenwood, picked: Clive Charles (born in Canning Town, just a few miles from the Hammers' Upton Park home); Ade Coker (from Nigeria); and Clyde Best, who had made his way to London's Docklands from Bermuda. Together, these three players smashed a social barrier playing for this most romantic and enigmatic of clubs. East End Heroes, Stateside Kings tells of the origins of these players, that fateful day in '72 and their lives over the following 30 years as they became pioneering figures in the success of the North American Soccer League. After being named by Pele in the all-time greatest NASL team, Charles managed the leading College side Portland Timbers, guided the American Women to World Cup glory and achieved historic results in Olympic competition with the US Under-23s. Coker was another leading light in the modern American game and represented the USA at international level, overcoming devastating injury problems. Best grew to be a legend in the NASL and, along with Charles, was one of only four former West Ham players to manage at international level when he took over the Bermudian national side. He has recently been awarded an MBE. Painstakingly researched and including a foreword and interview with Kenny Lynch, one of Britain's best-loved entertainers and lifelong West Ham fan, this book tells the story of three young black men who genuinely broke the mould.

Ian Wright is one of the English game's great football heroes. He is an England international and the leading marksman and trophy-winner for Arsenal. Yet he also regularly collects yellow cards, and is rarely out of the headlines. From humble beginnings to the heights of international stardom, this is the story of the rise of a boy from South London who has as many enemies as he has friends; of a role model who never forgot his roots; of a superstar, hungry for success, but almost denied the chance to play professional football by blatant discrimination and his own hot-headedness.

Tim Quelch has spent 50 years following various struggling football teams. Some experienced only temporary hardships, such as Chelsea and Manchester City. Some became more longstanding victims of changing economics, such as Burnley and Preston. Some punched briefly, yet triumphantly, well above their weight, such as Northampton and Leyton Orient. Others remained well below the radar, such as Hastings United. It is a tale of improbable successes and abject failures; of inspired leadership and dogged hope; wrapped around with descriptions of the changing times - in English football and in life outside.

Following the success of his autobiography, everyone's favourite cult football icon Perry Groves is back, pen in hand, to deliver his latest opus. "Perry Groves' Football Heroes" is his collection of the twenty players he has idolised in front of the television, marvelled at from the stands, tussled with on the pitch and drank with in the bar. Pele's in there, so is Bobby Moore...and what all-time player list would be complete without Terry Hurlock? More than just a collection of great players, Perry explains in his own inimitable way exactly why these players made the cut. So, while Pele would make everyone's list for his amazing goal-scoring feats, Perry can't help but admire the Brazilian's drug of choice - Viagra - to guarantee he still keeps scoring despite pushing 70! From Cryuff's turn and 20-a-day habit to Brazilian maestro Ronaldinho, who still manages to be the best player in the world despite being a fixture on the Barcelona party circuit; and from the flamboyant skills, poetry and kung-fu fighting of Eric Cantona to the va-va-voom of Thierry Henry, Perry has a host of great players from the history of the game - from the 1960s up to the present day - and from all corners of the globe. Packed full of facts and uproarious stories from the man himself, "Perry Groves' Football Heroes" is guaranteed to have you believing, just for a little while, that We All Live in a Perry Groves World. This is an engaging and hilarious collection of football heroes by a true football hero.

The first major Russian novel, A Hero of Our Time was both lauded and reviled upon publication. Its dissipated hero, twenty-five-year-old Pechorin, is a beautiful and magnetic but nihilistic young army officer, bored by life and indifferent to his many sexual conquests. Chronicling his unforgettable adventures in the Caucasus involving brigands, smugglers, soldiers, rivals, and lovers, this classic tale of alienation influenced Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, and Chekhov in Lermontov's own century, and finds its modern-day counterparts in Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange, the novels of Chuck Palahniuk, and the films and plays of Neil LaBute.

This original book examines 1930s football in England in its social, economic and political context by focusing on 10 of the top players of the era. It sheds light on the decade that saw players taking on a public persona as 'terrace heroes,'

Leading international scholars provide a coherent framework for analyzing body movement and talk in the production of meaning.

From gaming consoles to smartphones, video games are everywhere today, including those set in historical times and particularly in the ancient world. This volume explores the varied depictions of the ancient world in video games and demonstrates the potential challenges of games for scholars as well as the applications of game engines for educational and academic purposes. With successful series such as "Assassin's Creed" or "Civilization" selling millions of copies, video games rival even television and cinema in their role in shaping younger audiences' perceptions of the past. Yet classical scholarship, though embracing other popular media as areas of research, has so far largely ignored video games as a vehicle of classical reception. This collection of essays fills this gap with a dedicated study of receptions, remediations and representations of Classical Antiquity across all electronic gaming platforms and genres. It presents cutting-edge research in classics and classical receptions, game studies and archaeogaming, adopting different perspectives and combining papers from scholars, gamers, game developers and historical consultants. In doing so, it delivers the first state-of-the-art account of both the wide array of 'ancient' video games, as well as the challenges and rewards of this new and exciting field.

This book explores the history of Manchester City players over the past 125 years.

The son of a Filipino immigrant and a mother who traced her ancestry to the earliest known leaders of the Sin Aikst--now absorbed into the Colville Confederated Tribes of eastern Washington--paints a vivid picture of his early life in the Indian village of Inchelium, destroyed by the building of the Grand Coulee Dam.

In two years, Wales went from Home International wooden spoon holders four times running to 1976 European Football Championship quarter-finalists. The book provides the background to qualification, accounts of all matches, examination of the fallout from the campaign's controversial ending, and a 'Where are they now?' section.

In nearly 25 years as a sports journalist for the Independent, Daily Telegraph, and The Sunday Times, Martin Johnson has covered sporting events all over the world, including cricket and tennis in Australia, golf in America, Formula One in Kuala Lumpur, boxing in Cairo, petanque in Gran Canaria, beach volleyball in Brazil, Olympics in Sydney, football in China, and rugby in

South Africa. Sounds like a nice job? You must be joking. Get the true story from sports journalism's equivalent of Victor Meldrew. Ever tried to get a phone call out of Nagpur? Make contact with the office from Norfolk Island? Trudged several miles up a Japanese mountain to watch Britain's No 1 woman skier plough straight through the first gate? Attempted to write a semi-coherent report after a night out with Ian Botham? Nearly frozen to death at a cricket match in New Zealand? Been hi-jacked in Moscow by a drunken Russian? It's hell out there, says Martin, who makes out his case for a life of hardship, deprivation, and a breathless dedication to duty in the face of overwhelming odds. Frankly, however, we still think it reads more like the Life of Riley.

The last decade has witnessed the rise of big data in game development as the increasing proliferation of Internet-enabled gaming devices has made it easier than ever before to collect large amounts of player-related data. At the same time, the emergence of new business models and the diversification of the player base have exposed a broader potential audience, which attaches great importance to being able to tailor game experiences to a wide range of preferences and skill levels. This, in turn, has led to a growing interest in data mining techniques, as they offer new opportunities for deriving actionable insights to inform game design, to ensure customer satisfaction, to maximize revenues, and to drive technical innovation. By now, data mining and analytics have become vital components of game development. The amount of work being done in this area nowadays makes this an ideal time to put together a book on this subject. Data Analytics Applications in Gaming and Entertainment seeks to provide a cross section of current data analytics applications in game production. It is intended as a companion for practitioners, academic researchers, and students seeking knowledge on the latest practices in game data mining. The chapters have been chosen in such a way as to cover a wide range of topics and to provide readers with a glimpse at the variety of applications of data mining in gaming. A total of 25 authors from industry and academia have contributed 12 chapters covering topics such as player profiling, approaches for analyzing player communities and their social structures, matchmaking, churn prediction and customer lifetime value estimation, communication of analytical results, and visual approaches to game analytics. This book's perspectives and concepts will spark heightened interest in game analytics and foment innovative ideas that will advance the exciting field of online gaming and entertainment.

In 'Japanese Women and Sport', Robin Kietlinski sets out to problematize the hegemonic image of the delicate Japanese woman, highlighting an overlooked area in the history of modern Japan. Previous studies of gender in the Japanese context do not explore the history of female participation in sport, and recent academic studies of women and sport tend to focus on Western countries. Kietlinski locates the discussion of Japanese women in sport within a larger East Asian context and considers the socio-economic position and history of modern Japan. Reaching from the early 20th century to the present day, Kietlinski traces the progression of Japanese women's participation in sport from the first female school for physical education and the foundations of competitive sport through to their growing presence in the Olympics and international sport.

Various types of pirates have existed throughout history, reflecting the social circumstances of their times. The product of international politics among maritime powers, they were more than merely outlaws who disturbed maritime trade, threatened the safety of shipping and committed brutal crimes. They have occasionally served as a proxy of state power or as resistance to oppressive state authority and exploitative social structures. Pirates were also an outcry for freedom against oppressive authority and brutal violence in the maritime world. Despite their social and historical context, however, the nature of pirates has remained unchanged: They are brutal and heinous criminals who plunder ships and inflict terrifying violence at sea.

Manchester City Cult Heroes recounts the careers of 20 of the club's greatest icons, men who entertained, week in, week out and regularly set fans' pulses racing. Each individual biography analyses each player's career, and examines exactly each player was idolised and how they achieved cult status. Featuring Billy Meredith, Frank Swift, Peter Doherty, Bert Trautmann, Bobby Johnstone, Roy Paul, Mike Summerbee, Rodney Marsh, Dennis Tueart, Joe Corrigan, Gerry Gow, Paul Lake, Ian Bishop, Andy Morrison, Niall Quinn, Giorgi Kinkladze, Uwe Rosler, Shaun Goater, Paul Dickov and Shaun Wright-Phillips. Key features- Part of the popular and successful Cult Heroes series which features a number of football clubs- Features 20 of Manchester City's most iconic players of all time- Details their careers, their impact on the club and the reasons why they were such cult figures- Includes contemporary and historic images of those legendary figures featured- Written by respected football historian and journalist David Clayton, author of more than 50 sports books, including the best-selling Ollie: The Autobiography of Ian Holloway and the acclaimed Feed the Goat - The Shaun Goater Story

This sourcebook provides everything needed to add Asian-style characters to any D&D campaign or to run a fantasy Asian campaign. It includes classes such as Samurai, Shugenja, and Ninja, as well as unique monsters, combat rules, and magic systems. Maps.

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH takes the sayings of the great and the good – not to mention the lovers and the loathers – of the beautiful game as starting points for an informal, freewheeling and entertainingly opinionated history of football. Exploring themes as diverse as the language of football, the role of the media, the role of money, and the careers of gilded geniuses from Pele to Ronaldo and maverick managers from Clough to Mourinho, and generously sprinkled with anecdotes and fantastic photographs, A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH is the perfect present for anyone with a passion for football.

THE MLJ COMPANION documents the complete history of Archie Comics' super-hero characters known as the "Mighty Crusaders"—The Shield, Black Hood, Steel Sterling, Hangman, Mr. Justice, The Fly, and many others. It features in-depth examinations of each era of the characters' extensive history: The Golden Age (beginning with the Shield, the first patriotic super-hero, who pre-dated Captain America by a full year), the Silver Age (spotlighting those offbeat, campy Mighty Comics issues, and The Fly and Jaguar), the Bronze Age (with the Red Circle line, and the Impact imprint published by DC Comics), up to the Modern Age, with its Dark Circle imprint (featuring such fan-favorites series as "The Fox" by Mark Waid and Dean Haspiel). Plus: Learn what "MLJ" stands for! Uncover such rarities as the Mighty Crusaders board game, and the Shadow's short-lived career as a spandex-clad superhero! Discover the ill-fated Spectrum line of comics, that was abruptly halted due to its violent content! See where the super-heroes crossed over into Archie, Betty, and Veronica's world! And read interviews with Irv Novick, Dick Ayers, Rich Buckler, Bill DuBay, Steve Englehart, Jim Valentino, Jimmy Palmiotti, Kelly Jones, Michael Uslan, and others who chronicled the Mighty Crusaders' exploits from the 1940s to today! By Rik Offenberger, Paul Castiglia, and Jon B. Cooke, with a cover by Rich Buckler and Joe Rubinstein. INCLUDES 60 FULL-COLOR PAGES OF KEY MLJ STORIES!

Deliberately selected to represent as many parts of the globe as possible, and with a commitment to recognizing both the similarities and differences in children and young people's lives - from China to Denmark, from Canada to India, from Japan to Iceland, from - the authors offer a rich contextualization of children's engagement with their particular media and communication environment, while also pursuing cross-cutting themes in terms of comparative and global trends.

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