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**Soccer Superstar Lionel Messi** Jon M. Fishman 2020-01-01 Offers young readers the best foundations for nonfiction reading and learning

**Messi** Guillem Balague 2013-12-05 UPDATED TO INCLUDE THE 2018 WORLD CUP The story of one of the greatest footballers of all time, Barcelona and Argentina's Lionel Messi. 'I have seen the player who will inherit my place in Argentine football and his name is Messi' Diego Maradona Despite all the fame and adulation, remarkably little is known about Lionel Messi, the modest and intensely private footballing genius. Just how did the boy from Rosario, Argentina, become the world's greatest player? Guillem Balague has had unprecedented access to Messi's inner circle: his coaches, team-mates and family. In addition, Pep Guardiola has provided exclusive analysis of the player. The result is an authoritative and compelling account of the wonderful mystery that is Messi. 'I can tell my grandkids one day that I coached Lionel Messi' Pep Guardiola

**Maradona** Guillem Balague 2022-07-07 MARADONA is the definitive new biography of a true global icon, from world-renowned football writer and journalist Guillem Balagué. Diego Armando Maradona was widely acclaimed as a genius. One of the greatest footballers of all time, he was also one of the most controversial. In an international career with Argentina he earned 91 caps and scored 34 goals and played in four FIFA World Cups. With his unforgettable 'hand of God' goal and unsurpassed second one in the 1986 quarter-final against England, he captained his nation and led them to victory over West Germany in the final in Mexico. His vision, passing, ball control and dribbling skills, and his presence and leadership on the field, often electrified his own team's overall performance. Maradona's club career included dazzling spells in his own country at Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors and Newell's Old Boys, and in Europe with Barcelona, Napoli and Sevilla. Yet his life was one of relentless media attention, including tales of drug abuse and constant health issues. Based on in-depth interviews and first-hand stories, Guillem Balagué's masterly biography represents a psychological and sociological approach to the legend. This journey of exploration takes Guillem to Argentina, Spain, Italy and Dubai. Along the way, he asks what fosters such adulation, and how this adoration engendered a self-destructive personality. Even after his untimely death in 2020, Maradona continues to fascinate: his divine status seemingly preserved for ever.

**Cristiano Ronaldo** Iain Spragg 2016-03-10 Giving insight into the life and career of the 2013 FIFA World Footballer of the Year, Cristiano Ronaldo, this book delves into his childhood on the small island of Madeira; joining Sporting Clube in the Portuguese capital Lisbon; and lighting up the European stage, with starring roles for Manchester United and Real Madrid. A player known for outstanding skill, devastating pace, fantastic ball control, and incredible power shooting with either foot, few

contemporaries can match his talents. Written in a lively, buzzing style and filled with fun features, fantastic photographs, and enlightening quotes, this book celebrates the Portuguese maestro's early life he was named in honor of former President Ronald Reagan and his career on and off the pitch. All in all this is a highly entertaining insight into a pro soccer legend."

**Barca** Guillem Balagué 2018-10 Barça chronicle the rise of today's most dominant soccer team. Along with profiles of the club's legendary players and figures, this official, illustrated book traces Barça's history from its formation in 1899 through the trials and tribulation of growth, the battle to emerge from Madrid's shadow, the blossoming of the club in the 1960s, European glory in the 1980s and '90s, and their ascension to soccer superpower.

**Ronaldo** Luca Caioli 2013 Cristiano Ronaldo is one of football's all-time greats: a FIFA Ballon d'Or winner with pace, trickery and extraordinary goalscoring ability. Driven by an insatiable desire to be the best he possibly can, he has inspired first Manchester United and then Real Madrid to some of the proudest achievements in each club's recent history, and continues to push himself on to greater things each season. Luca Caioli, author of the bestselling *Messi*, tells the inside story of this global superstar both on and off the pitch, featuring insights from those who know him best: coaches, teammates, girlfriends and even the man himself. Ronaldo is a unique behind-the-scenes look at a true great of the game, updated to include the turbulent yet brilliant 2012/13 campaign.

**Ronaldo - 2019 Updated Edition** Luca Caioli 2018-10-04 FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF MESSI AND NEYMAR Strength, speed and dedication: Cristiano Ronaldo is known throughout the world as a colossus of the modern game. But did you know that he underwent laser heart surgery aged just fifteen to enable him to continue playing the game he loved? Or that Nacional, his first professional club, donated twenty balls and two sets of kits to his youth team in order to sign him? Or how he came to be known as *abelhinha* - 'littlebee' - a name he would later pass on to his Yorkshire Terrier? Find out all this and more in Luca Caioli's biography of the global superstar, featuring exclusive insights from those who know him best and even the man himself. Includes all the action from the 2017/18 season and the 2018 World Cup

[Messi \(Ultimate Football Heroes - Limited International Edition\)](#) Matt & Tom Oldfield 2018-05-31 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.

**Messi** Leonardo Faccio 2012-09-04 For soccer enthusiasts and sports fans in general, an in-depth look at the life of the beautiful game's greatest star, Argentine footballer Lionel Messi. Whether you call it soccer, football, fútbol, or the "beautiful game," it is the most popular sport in the world, and Argentine footballer Lionel Messi stands as one of its finest players—not only of his time, but of all time. Admired around the globe for his athleticism, skill, and fierce competitiveness, Messi has, at the age of 24, already shattered records at one of the most storied clubs in the world, FC Barcelona. Now, in this comprehensive biography, Messi fans can learn more about his life and career. Argentine journalist Leonardo Faccio describes how Messi, as a talented youth player in Buenos Aires, left his home for Spain in search of the medical help his family could not afford to treat his rare hormone deficiency. Small of stature, but possessing tremendous natural gifts, Messi developed into a star at Barcelona's

famed Masia soccer school. In this book, Faccio has written not only a biography of an enigmatic celebrity, but a meditation on athletic genius, drawing on interviews with Messi himself, as well as with everyone from his family, teammates, childhood friends—even his favorite butcher. In-depth and intimate, soccer fans who enjoy watching Messi come alive on the field will delight as he comes alive on the page.

**Lionel Messi** Mike Perez 2019-07-16 They say it's possible to attain even one's wildest dreams through hard work and effort, and Lionel Messi is proof positive. Born with a growth hormone deficiency, the undaunted Argentinian soccer star went on to become one of the world's greatest soccer players. He's captained his Argentina and Barcelona teams to victory, winning numerous league titles and an Olympic gold medal. He's also won the prestigious Ballon d'Or multiple times. This compelling account chronicles Messi's soccer journey as he rises through the ranks to become the internationally renowned superstar we know today.

**A Season on the Brink** Guillem Balague 2011-08-25 Biographical Portrait of Liverpool's Spanish football manager Rafael Benitez and an extraordinary season for the club. When Rafael Benitez was appointed manager of under-achieving Liverpool at the start of the 2004-2005 season, the reaction of many fans was 'Who the \*\*\*\* is Rafael Benitez?'. The Liverpool fans had grown used to French manager Gerard Houllier but he had been a fan of the club himself since his days as a teacher on Merseyside. A Spaniard with admittedly a wonderful record at Valencia was going to take over management of Liverpool's famous Boot Room and try and win over a disillusioned Kop. But in one season, Benitez's importation of Spanish players, coaching methods and diet has led to a revolution, even usurping Jose Mourinho's Chelsea, whereby the team has ended the season winning the ultimate trophy for any European club - the European Champions League. No fan will ever forget the comeback from a 3-0 deficit to a 3-3 scoreline, then dramatic success in the penalty shoot-out. This is the story of Rafa's remarkable success.

**Pep Guardiola** Guillem Balague 2012-11-15 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.

## **Messi**

**Messi** Luca Caioli 2012-01-05 El Pibe de Oro. The Golden Boy. Diego Maradona's unwaning shadow looms large over world football. In 2007 the brilliant Argentine chose Lionel Messi as his successor to the famous No. 10 shirt. But you can never be sure that potential will be fulfilled. Three years later, Messi - El Pulga, the Flea - is a European Champion, Olympic Gold Medallist, the most naturally gifted footballer on the planet and a hero to millions of fans across the globe. Champions, reporters and

coaches blunder time and time again in their haste to find superstars. This time they got it right. Aged only 22, he shows a degree of maturity rarely seen on the soccer pitch. Yet underneath the layers of footballing brilliance, he is still the shy boy who describes his Maradona moment with disarming simplicity: 'I saw the gap and I went for it.' Transcending both club and country, he is a sporting god who prefers homemade cookies to brand name perfumes. Author Luca Caioli draws on exceptional testimonies. Messi's parents, Celia and Jorge, his brother Rodrigo and his uncles and aunts; his coaches at Grandoli and Newell's Old Boys; Charly Rexach, Alex García, Frank Rijkaard, Gianluca Zambrotta from Barcelona; Hugo Tocalli, Pancho Ferrero, el Coco Basile, Roberto Perfumo from Argentina. And to conclude, Leo Messi himself sizes up his life so far.

FC Barcelona FC Barcelona 2019 We are more than a team of great stars, we are more than a stadium full of dreams, we are more than the goals we've scored and more than the trophies that we've won throughout our history. At Barça we are "MORE THAN A CLUB" because: we have MORE THAN 144,000 MEMBERS that make the big decisions democratically; because when we play we want to win, but without neglecting our OWN, UNIQUE STYLE; because we invest in 5 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS and promote WOMEN'S SPORT; because we are a SCHOOL FOR LIFE that educates people through sport; because we feel that such VALUES as humility, effort, teamwork, ambition and respect are just as important part of the way we play as winning; because we are firmly committed to SOCIAL CHANGE and the Barça Foundation provides support to the most vulnerable children and youth through sports and values; because without forgetting our roots in BARCELONA and our Catalan identity and culture, we have always been open to the world. That's why FC Barcelona is Més que un club (More than a club). This book details the complete history of the famous football club. Through its pages and images, the reader is able to delve into the victories harvested by the most emblematic players and trainers of the organization, and discover the evolution and social impact of a club that has managed to transcend the sporting field and convert into a global phenomenon. Rich of great visual content the volume portrays like no other the complete history of FC Barcelona, from its origins to the present day, passing through the milestones of the club. The volume chronologically covers FC Barcelona's long trajectory, focusing on both its sporting success and history. It stands out for its great variety of photographs and historical pictures of the main football icons that have left their mark on the history of Barça.

Neymar: My Story Neymar 2014-06-05 This is the official autobiography of Brazil and Barcelona superstar Neymar. Neymar da Silva Santos Junior is one of the most iconic players in football, a superstar for Barcelona FC and the greatest name in modern-day Brazilian sport. His journey to the peak of world football has been extraordinary: from a childhood spent on the verge of poverty he was plucked from obscurity as an eleven year old by Santos FC, the club where Pelé made his name, and soon after making his first-team debut as a seventeen year old he rocketed to fame to become one of the brightest stars in world football. But Neymar would not have become the player that he has without his father, Neymar Sr, who has been a steady and influential guide in his life and career. And only with an understanding of his father's past, and of the challenges that the Neymar family have faced and overcome, is it possible to truly understand the making of this extraordinary footballer. The role and the influence that father and son have each had on the other's life, and how they have achieved such a successful balance between work and family life, is a beautiful and touching story. Neymar's talent has always been astonishing. But it could have been lost had it not been carefully nurtured, developed and managed. This book reveals the making of one of the greatest and most iconic players on the planet as told by father and son, with exclusive insights into Neymar's life and career, his achievements and his aspirations as he prepares to spearhead Brazil's World Cup challenge in the summer of 2014.

**Messi** Guillem Balague 2013 The story of one of the greatest footballers of all time, Barcelona and Argentina's Lionel Messi. 'I have seen the player who will inherit my place in Argentine football and his name is Messi' Diego Maradona Despite all the fame and adulation, remarkably little is known about Lionel Messi, the modest and intensely private footballing genius. Just how did the boy from Rosario, Argentina, become the world's greatest player? Guillem Balague has had unprecedented access to Messi's inner circle: his coaches, team-mates and family. In addition, Pep Guardiola has provided exclusive analysis of the player. The result is an authoritative and compelling account of the wonderful mystery that is Messi. 'I can tell my grandkids one day that I coached Lionel Messi' Pep Guardiola

Messi (Edició en català) Guillem Balagué 2014-03-25 Un retrat convincent que va al cor del misteri i del geni, Leo Messi. La carrera de Leo Messi ha estat d'ascens estel·lar i no mostra signes de desacceleració. Nascut a Rosario, l'Argentina, el 1987 va començar jugar a futbol de molt jove. Els seus registres són excepcionals i és sense cap mena de dubte un dels millors jugadors de tots els temps. Però quin és el camí que l'ha portat fins aquí? Esforç, sacrificis, llàgrimes, renunciïes i la força d'una mare que sempre va creure en ell. Un anàlisi emocional 100% del fenomen Messi.

**Suarez, Messi, Neymar** Luca Caioli 2014-12-04 Barcelona has long been regarded as a home of beautiful football. In July 2014, already boasting Lionel Messi and Neymar, Barça added Luis Suárez to complete a forward line that was undeniably special, even by their own high standards. They had taken greatly differing paths from South America to the starting line-up at the Nou Camp. Messi joined Barcelona aged just thirteen, Neymar served a spectacular apprenticeship in Brazil and Suárez enjoyed spells with Ajax and Liverpool – three prestigious educations with an emphasis on attractive play. Through exclusive testimonies from friends, families, managers and teammates, acclaimed football writer Luca Caioli documents their individual journeys and examines the phenomenal success of Barça's 'MSN' years to date, including the 2015/16 league and cup double.

**Cristiano Ronaldo - The Rise of a Winner** Sole Books 2014-03-27 Cristiano Ronaldo - The Rise of a Winner is the gripping life story of a boy who rose from the streets of Madeira to become one of the greatest soccer players ever. A heartfelt, startling tale of his journey to glory and what made him the man he is.

*Messi Vs. Ronaldo - 2017 Updated Edition* Luca Caioli 2016-12-08 Lionel Messi, Neymar and Cristiano Ronaldo have risen from humble beginnings in Argentina, Brazil and Portugal to rank among the most exciting talents soccer has ever seen. Now Luca Caioli, author of biographies Messi, Ronaldo and Neymar, asks: Who is the greatest of them all? Comparing their contrasting styles, stories, records and awards, he gives you everything you need to decide who comes out on top. With exclusive insights from their friends, families, teammates and managers including interviews with managers Luiz Felipe Scolari and Vicente del Bosque Caioli presents a unique insight into what makes a modern player not just successful, but truly great."

**Maradona** Jimmy Burns 2021-05-27 'Love or hate the man, his is one of football's greatest stories and so this is the best football book in ages' Goal Anyone doubting that Diego Maradona was more than just a football player had only to witness the outpourings after his death on November 25th 2020. During his tempestuous life and career, he played for top clubs in South America and Europe, notably Napoli where he became an adored hero and adopted son, and grew to be a legend in his homeland of Argentina after leading them to victory in the 1986 World Cup. Having gained access to his inner circle, Jimmy Burns traces Maradona's life from the slums of Buenos Aires, where he was born, through his great years of triumph, to the United States from where, in 1994, he was ignobly expelled after

undergoing a positive drugs test. He also tells of his failed attempt to bring further glory to Argentina as coach in the 2010 World Cup, and ultimately, his tragic decline and recent death. Widely regarded as the best and most revealing account of the highs, lows, genius and flaws of arguably the greatest footballer of all time, this biography inspired Asif Kapadia's award-winning 2019 film *Diego Maradona*.

My Turn Johan Cruyff 2016-10-25

Messi Luca Caioli 2020-12-03 FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF RONALDO AND NEYMAR. Prolific, cool-headed and unerringly consistent, Lionel Messi is one of the most revered footballers in history. But did you know that his transfer to Barcelona was first agreed on a paper napkin? Or that an x-ray of his hand was to thank for identifying his growth hormone deficiency? And do you know why he refused to collect his first ever Champions League winner's medal? Find out all this and more in Luca Caioli's classic portrait of a footballing icon, featuring exclusive interviews with those who know him best and even Messi himself.

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**Messi (Edición revisada y actualizada)** Editorial Planeta S.A.U. 2018-06-12 Leo Messi es el jugador de fútbol más conocido del planeta, pero también un enigma como persona, por su hermetismo. Esta biografía, que fue publicada por primera vez en 2014, se presenta de nuevo en una edición más breve, reducida y actualizada con la información más relevante desde su anterior publicación. Esta es la historia de un futbolista singular, quizá el mejor de la historia, pero también una visión de su país, del club que lo acogió y de la mentalidad que se requiere para ser jugador de élite. En esta nueva edición el autor repasa lo más destacado desde aquel fatídico Mundial de Brasil hasta el final de la temporada 2017/18, justo antes de disputarse el Mundial de Rusia.

*Pele: The Autobiography* Pelé 2008-09-04 Even people who don't know football know Pelé. The best of a generation of Brazilian players universally acknowledged as the most accomplished and attractive group of footballers ever to play the game, he won the World Cup three times and is Brazil's all-time record goalscorer. But how did this man -- a sportsman, a mere footballer, like many others -- become a global icon? Was it just by being the best at what he did, or do people respond to some other quality? The world's greatest footballer now gives us the full story of his incredible life and career. Told with his characteristic grace and modesty, but covering all aspects of his playing days and his subsequent careers as politician, international sporting ambassador and cultural icon, PELE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY is an essential volume for all sports fans, and anyone who admires true rarity of spirit.

**The Barcelona Inheritance** Jonathan Wilson 2018-11-06 From Cruyff's "Total Football" to the epic rivalry between Guardiola and Mourinho, a gripping chronicle of the rise and fall of Barcelona's dominance in world soccer. Barcelona's style of play--pressing and possessing--is the single biggest influence on modern soccer. In *The Barcelona Inheritance*, Jonathan Wilson reveals how and why this came to pass, offering a deep analysis of the evolution of soccer tactics and style. In the late 1990s, Johan Cruyff's Dream Team was disintegrating and the revolutionary manager had departed, but his style gave birth to a new generation of thinkers, including Pep Guardiola and José Mourinho. Today, their teams are first and second in the Premier League, marking the latest installment in a rivalry that can be traced back twenty-five years. *The Barcelona Inheritance* is a book about the tactics, the personalities, the friendships, and, in one case, an apocalyptic falling-out that continue to shape the

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game today.

Lionel Messi and the Art of Living Andy West 2019-10-16 Lionel Messi and the Art of Living is a bold, insightful and unique examination of a world famous sporting hero from an entirely new perspective, providing a context extending far beyond the football field. Although the details of Messi's story are already well known, this book studies afresh and anew his glorious triumphs and his desperate failures, his ongoing evolution and his endless struggle to succeed. It encourages us to analyze and think about his career from a different viewpoint, revealing how his journey can be related to our own lives on a meaningful and impactful level. Containing extensive and illuminating exclusive interviews with deep thinkers and high achievers from a number of fields, this book delivers a vibrant and inspiring approach to a global icon. You will never look at Lionel Messi—or life—in the same way again. ANDY WEST has been writing professionally about soccer for 20 years, working in a number of different roles for the likes of Reading FC, Manchester City and the Football Association. Since 2012 he has been covering Spanish football for a variety of international media outlets, such as BBC Sport. "Leo is a generous and humble guy." PABLO ZABALETA "He's the greatest player in the history of the game." BRENDAN RODGERS

Lionel Messi Bill Redban 2015-03-13 Discover The Inspirational Story of Football Superstar Lionel Messi! Read on your PC, Mac, smart phone, tablet or Kindle device! You're about to discover the incredibly inspirational story of football superstar Lionel Messi. If you're reading this then you must be a fan of Lionel, like so many others. As a fan, you must wonder how this man is so talented and want to know more about him. Lionel is considered to be one of the greatest football players ever and it's been an honor to be able to watch him compete throughout his career. This book will reveal to you much about Lionel's story and the many accomplishments throughout his career. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... Youth and Family Life Amateur Career Professional Career and Personal Life Legacy, Charitable Acts and much more! If you want to learn more about Lionel Messi, then this book is for you. It will reveal to you many things that you did not know about this incredible football star! About the Author: Inspirational Stories is a series aimed at highlighting the great athletes of our society. Our mission is to present the stories of athletes who are not only impactful in their sport, but also great people outside of it. The athletes we write about have gone above and beyond to become impactful in their community and great role models for the youth, all while showing excellence in their profession. We publish concise, easily consumable books that portray the turning points in the lives of these great athletes, while also giving the context in which they occurred. Our books are especially great for children who look up to sports figures. Hopefully these athletes can serve as a source of inspiration and their stories can provide life lessons that are practical for fans of any demographic.

Messi - 2017 Updated Edition Luca Caioli 2016-08-04 Lionel Messi is the greatest footballer of our time: a magician with uncanny ability to beat defenders, find space and score goals. 2016 saw him win the Ballon d'Or for a record fifth time, further emphasising his status as the greatest footballer in the world today, and possibly ever. Messi is Luca Caioli's classic portrait of modern football's undisputed superstar, now fully updated to include all the action from 2015/16. Featuring exclusive testimony from those who know him best, including coaches, teammates and even Messi himself, it offers an unrivalled behind-the-scenes look at the life of a football superstar.

**Sean Wants to Be Messi** Tanya Preminger 2016-05-09 Sean, a whimsical class two kid, wants to be the great Leo Messi, and he's willing to work hard for his cause. Join Sean as he battles fears, bullies, nagging parents, and tiresome teachers in pursuit of his dream to become the best football player in the world. A children's book about football, math, practise and persistence. Not necessarily in this

order.Illustrations: Elettra Cudignotto

**The Barcelona Complex** Simon Kuper 2022-08-16 With rare and unrivaled access, bestselling coauthor of *Soccernomics* and longtime Financial Times journalist Simon Kuper tells the story of how FC Barcelona became the most successful club in the world—and how that era is now ending FC Barcelona is not just the world's highest grossing sports club, it is simply one of the most influential organizations on the planet. At last count, it had approximately 214 million social media followers, more than any other sports club except Real Madrid CF—and by one earlier measure, more than all thirty-two NFL teams combined. It has more in common with multinational megacompanies like Netflix or small nation-states than it does with most soccer teams. No wonder its motto is "More than a club." But it was not always so. In the past three decades, Barcelona went from a regional team to a global powerhouse, becoming a model of sustained excellence and beautiful soccer, and a consistent winner of championships. Simon Kuper unravels exactly how this transformation took place, paying special attention to the club's two biggest stars, Johan Cruyff and Lionel Messi, who is arguably the greatest soccer player of all time. Messi joined Barça at age thirteen and, more than anyone, has been the engine and standard-bearer of Barcelona's glory. But his era is coming to an end—and with it, a once-in-a-lifetime golden run. This book charts Barça's rise and fall. Like many world-beating organizations, FC Barcelona closely guards its secrets, granting few outsiders access to the Camp Nou, its legendary home stadium. But after decades of writing about the sport and the club, Kuper was given access to the inner sanctum and the people behind the scenes who strive daily to keep Barcelona at the top. Erudite, personal, and capturing all the latest upheavals, his portrait of this incredible institution goes beyond soccer to understand FC Barcelona as a unique social, cultural, and political phenomenon.

**The Flea - the Amazing Story of Leo Messi** Sole Books 2013-04-24 The captivating story of soccer legend Lionel Messi, from his first touch at age five in the streets of Rosario, Argentina, to his first goal on the Camp Nou pitch in Barcelona, Spain. The Flea tells the amazing story of a boy who was born to play the beautiful game and destined to become the world's greatest soccer player.

**Brave New World** Guillem Balague 2017-10-26 The exclusive behind-the-scenes story of the Mauricio Pochettino revolution at Spurs, told in his own words The Sunday Times Bestseller 'An unparalleled insight into one of the most exciting managers currently working in football' Independent Since joining the club in 2014, Mauricio Pochettino has transformed Tottenham from underachievers into genuine title contenders. In the process, he has marked himself out as one of the best young managers in the world, more than holding his own against the Premier League's established heavyweights. He has done so by promoting an attacking, pressing style of football and by nurturing home-grown talent, fully endearing himself to the Spurs faithful along the way. Guillem Balagué was granted unprecedented access to Pochettino and his backroom staff for the duration of the 2016-17 season, and he has therefore been able to draw on extensive interview material with Pochettino, his family, his closest assistants, players such as Dele Alli and Harry Kane, and even a very rare conversation with Daniel Levy to tell the manager's story in his own words. From Pochettino's early years as a player and coach to his transformation of Tottenham into one of the best teams in England, the book uniquely reveals the inner workings of the man and of his footballing philosophy. It also lays bare what it takes to run a modern-day football team competing at the highest level over the course of a single campaign. The result is the most comprehensive and compelling portrait of a manager and of a club in the Premier League era.

**Ronaldo** Roy Brandon 2016-04-11 "I'm living a dream I never want to wake up from." - Cristiano Ronaldo Cristiano Ronaldo is the modern-day icon. On an almost daily basis we see hear his name on

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the news, see his face on any number of TV commercials, and marvel at the magic show he puts on every weekend when he takes to the field. He is a celebrity whose image and influence affect our popular culture and a soccer star that has been compared with some of the world's best athletes. But Cristiano was not always the popular, mega-celebrity, soccer superstar that he is today. The success that he enjoys has come from years of hard work and sacrifice that have helped him overcome many obstacles and difficulties in his path. In this book, we're going to take a look at the life of Cristiano, beginning at the time he was rising star whose career was threatened by a strange heart condition, right up until his third Ballon D'or recognition. We will also follow Cristiano off of the field to see his impact on popular culture and his life beyond soccer.

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