

Liverpool Academy Coaches

Formed in 1892, Liverpool Football Club boasts a long and colourful history. Some of the greatest players in the game have served the club and the team has also managed by some magnificent men, including Bill Shankly, Joe Fagan and Bob Paisley. During a 30-year period of dominance of the English game, the Reds won 38 trophies: 13 League championships, 5 FA Cup triumphs, 4 League Cup successes, the European Cup 4 times, the UEFA Cup twice, the League Super Cup and European Super Cup once apiece and the FA Charity Shield outright on 8 occasions. Hundreds of players have had the pleasure of wearing the famous red jersey over the years, whether it be for some length of time or even briefly as a substitute. The details of each one of them and their playing record feature here, making WHO'S WHO OF LIVERPOOL a must for all Liverpool supporters old and young, and indeed for soccer historians and statisticians all over the world.

Jürgen Klopp's coaching career began in the German second tier at the unfashionable club of FSV Mainz 05, whom he steered to the Bundesliga for the first time in forty-one years. In 2008, he joined Borussia Dortmund, where he achieved back-to-back league titles and took the club to the UEFA Champions League final. He left Germany for one of the England's most challenging jobs: to manage Liverpool, a once-mighty club that had not managed sustained success since the 1980s. It was not a task for the fainthearted. Anfield, Liverpool's home, is a temple to flamboyant attacking soccer powered by passion. In Klopp, Liverpool finally found a manager who embodied the essence of the club. Klopp is dynamic, expressive, restless, driven—he feels every move and play, every tactical shift, every contact on the field. His eyes betray a wild ecstasy and agony as his team thrives or falls. His game plan demands relentless commitment—the famous gegenpress—and he is one of the great personal motivators in all sport. Raphael Honigstein, author of *Das Reboot* and Bundesliga correspondent for the Guardian, has interviewed Klopp and followed his career since his early years, and better than anyone knows how to "bring the noise" to his subject.

A unique insight into the Liverpool and England legend who skippered his team to European Cup glory.

LEARN TO CLEAR YOUR MIND AND THINK LIKE A WINNER We all have so much going on. A million different projects, to-do lists longer than your arm. We all worry about things – money, deadlines. With all this buzzing around in our heads it's often a nightmare trying to concentrate on one thing. What if someone could show you how to empty your mind of all the noise? If you could be shown how to de-clutter your mind and concentrate on one important thing? Well Jamie Smart, state-of-mind specialist, can do just that – with Clarity he will show you how to get real clarity of thought. You'll learn how to clear your mind and become less stressed and more productive – and as a result, more confident in your abilities. Clarity will help you to:

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- Reduce stress levels and increase productivity
- Grow your confidence and self-belief
- Find innovative solutions to problems and

make progress on goals and dreams • Trust your intuition and improve your decision-making • Build stronger relationships through better communication

Praise for Clarity: “Thought-provoking, entertaining, and potentially life changing – highly recommended!” Michael Neill, Radio Show Host and Author of The Inside-Out Revolution: The only thing you need to know to change your life forever “A powerful, positive book that can help you to achieve more than you ever thought possible, in every area.” Brian Tracy, Author of Goals and Eat That Frog “I highly recommend this book to anyone trying to deal with life stressors and find true wisdom and well-being.” Mark Howard, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, ThreePrinciplesInstitute.org “Take your time reading this profound book. Jamie Smart is about to blow apart every circumstantial excuse you ever came up with. He’s about to put the steering wheel back in your hands.” Garret Kramer, Founder of Inner Sports and Author of Stillpower “The insights you’ll get whilst reading Clarity will resonant in how you manage day to day but, more importantly, provide a framework for refreshing your priorities, goals and drive.” Peter Lake, Group Business Development Director, JS Group “The world of leadership, sales and customer engagement has changed radically over the past ten years. People are more savvy, better informed and sick of the same old story. Jamie Smart cuts through the noise of the marketplace and shows you what really works. Profound, practical and instantly applicable; Clarity is essential reading if you want to make your mark in the 21st century.” Paul Charmatz, Former Managing Director, Camelot “Jamie, you really hit the bullseye with this brilliant book; it’s a must-read for everyone who wants clarity of mind.” Joe Stumpf, Founder of By Referral Only and Author of Willing Warrior “Jamie Smart takes an outdated paradigm of success and turns it on its head. Pull up a chair, get a copy of Clarity and discover how you can experience an exponential increase in clarity and quality of life.” Rich Litvin, co-author of The Prosperous Coach and Founder of The Confident Woman’s Salon “Jamie Smart is brilliant! In his book Clarity, he has unlocked an insight into the real-life matrix. Be ready to have your world turned inside-out because, as Jamie so effortlessly demonstrates, this is how it works.” Richard Enion, Dragon’s Den Winner, BassToneSlap.com and R

The Weekend Warrior

Midfielder

Insights and Wisdom from the Game's Greatest Coaches

The Liverpool Encyclopedia

Youth Development in Football

The Secrets of European Football Success

At the End of the Storm

In this huge landmark book, authors Arnie Baldursson and Gudmundur Magnusson have chronicled the individuals and incidents that made Liverpool Football Club one of the most famous institutions in world football. With full biographical entries on every man to put on a Liverpool shirt, including some 420,000 words, hundreds of full colour photographs and utilising new and original research, the Liverpool Encyclopedia crosses new boundaries in the study of the Anfield giants. Beautifully laid out and lavishly illustrated, this will be an heirloom passed down between generations of Reds' fans. Coming just two years after

success of Liverpool: The Complete Record, Baldursson and Magnusson have created another indispensable addition to every Liverpool supporters' library. The Liverpool Encyclopedia includes: Full profiles, biographical and career information of EVERY Liverpool player to make a competitive appearance since the club's creation in 1892. More than 1100 photographs, including many rare and some previously unseen pictures. In-depth profiles of every man to manage Liverpool. Articles on significant figures and moments in Anfield history. Facts, figures and statistics from the renowned LFChistory.net website as a benchmark in Reds' historical accuracy. Printed in full colour, expertly written and extravagantly illustrated throughout its 656 full colour pages, this is the essential reference work for every Liverpool supporter and student of English football. The authors' previous book, Liverpool: The Complete Record, was published to critical acclaim by deCoubertin Books in 2011.

In Stillness and Speed, one of football's most enigmatic stars finally opens up about his life and career, revealing the things that motivate and inspire him. Viewed by many as one of the most influential figures in Premier League history, and scorer of the goal that Arsenal voted the best in the club's history, Dennis Bergkamp is a true giant of the game. As a youngster, Bergkamp learned from the Dutch master Johan Cruyff. By the time he was ready to graduate from Ajax and move abroad, he was ready to spread the word, but in London he found few willing listeners. It was only when he moved to Arsenal and linked up with Arsene Wenger that he met someone else who shared his vision for football's possibilities. Bergkamp became central to everything the club did: now he had become the teacher, the creative genius, and the one who inspired some of the wayward old guard to new heights, helping them to seven major trophies. Few footballers' books make you think anew, but Stillness and Speed Bergkamp presents a new vision for the game and how it might be played. He was a player like no other; his story is told like no other. It is a book that will inspire football fans everywhere, whatever their allegiance.

'What a book: Ryan Baldi has the reader living the blood, sweat, tears, triumph and despair of chasing the ultimate dream of making it' – Jamie Jackson, The Guardian 'A forensic insight into how our football academies operate. Every angle covered by a splendid author' – Daniel Taylor, The Athletic 'An in-depth look at the youth game, in conversation with the people who know it best. Baldi has gone deeper than anyone before to understand what goes on inside academies' – Adam Bate, Sky Sports 'The Dream Factory goes beyond the glamour and gives a real insight into how football works. There are very few fairy tales, an important book for anyone who cares about the game and a must-read for any parent whose child dreams of being a star' – Tony Evans, The Independent 'an engrossing, gripping look into the underworld of academies. This book should be read by every coach, player, parent, and anyone who loves football and cares about the exploitation and capitalism rampant in these institutions. The next generation deserves better' – Mirin Fader, The Guardian 'This is one of the most holistic books on academy football I've ever read. It is all here, the scenery, emotion and triumphs of our youth game, delivered in the craftsman fashion' – Ryan Baldi is now rightly known for' – Daniel Fieldsend, author of The European Game 'Tells a story never told before in quite such forensic detail, full of glory and heartache' – Exhaustive, comprehensive and detailed' – John Nicholson, author of Can We Have Our Football Back? With unparalleled behind-the-scenes access to academies at all levels, The Dream Factory takes a journey deep into the heart of youth football, revealing in gripping detail how home-grown Premier League stars such as Marcus Rashford and Trent Alexander-Arnold

Arnold are created, and at what cost. Ryan Baldi introduces a rich array of characters talent production lines at several Premier League clubs, including Manchester United, Liverpool and Manchester City, zooming in on the stories of Alexander-Arnold's unique development, how Rashford's sense of social responsibility was nurtured, and how Phil Foden has become a beacon to City's young hopefuls. The harsh realities of life away from the glamorous, big-budget academies are also examined. Learn how the methods that shaped Lionel Messi inform a third-tier club's approach. Discover the ambitious non-league side aiming to become a local football and educational hub. Wander through Bury's crumbling facilities in the final months before the club's collapse and learn of the passion staff poured into their efforts to develop the best young people, not just footballers, on any means. The Dream Factory provides the most intricate, intimate and all-encompassing yet into the machine that manufactures these stars, and everything it spits out in the process. This book provides a tactical analysis of Jürgen Klopp Liverpool's 4-3-3 Attacking Tactics (with Tactical Examples) + 15 Training Sessions (72 Practices) for you the coach to learn from some of the best coaches in the world.

Inside Pochettino's Spurs

Lessons from the world's best academies

Stillness and Speed

Mr Liverpool: Ronnie Moran

History of the Commerce and Town of Liverpool

Intruding into a Man's World

The practices are designed to inspire and motivate the players in real game situations that give them freedom of choice and movement both in and out of possession. The basic techniques of passing, dribbling, shooting, tackling and heading will all be used but with use to solve a match problem rather than constant repetition. The sessions have goals and objectives for both the attacking and defending players in order to aid the tempo, competition and enjoyment of the practice.

Following the success of Simon Hughes' Red Machine and Men in White Suits, books which depicted Liverpool FC's domination during the 1980s and its subsequent fall in the 1990s, Ring of Fire focuses on the 2000s and the primary characters who propelled Liverpool to the forefront of European football once again. With a foreword by Steven Gerrard, this is the third edition in a bestselling series based on revealing interviews with former players, coaches and managers. For Liverpool FC, entry into the 21st century began with modernisation and trophies under manager Gérard Houllier and development was then underpinned by improbable Champions League glory under Rafael Benítez. Yet that is only half of the story. The decade ended with the club being

on the verge of administration after the shambolic reign of American owners, Tom Hicks and George Gillett. In *Ring of Fire*, Hughes' interviewees - including Jamie Carragher, Xabi Alonso and Michael Owen - take you through Melwood's training ground gates and into the inner sanctum, the Liverpool dressing room. Each person delivers fascinating insights into the minds of the players, coaches and boardroom members as they talk frankly about exhilarating highs and excruciating lows, from winning cups in Cardiff and Istanbul to the political infighting that undermined a succession of managerial reigns. *Ring of Fire* tells the real stories: those never told before by the key players who lived through it all.

The Sunday Times Bestseller The exclusive behind-the-scenes story of the Mauricio Pochettino revolution at Spurs, told in his own words 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 managers in the world. 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 was therefore 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.

The identification and development of talented young players has become a central concern of football clubs at all levels of the professional game, as well as for national and international governing bodies. This is the first book to offer a comprehensive survey and assessment of youth development programmes in football around the world, to

highlight best practice, and to offer clear recommendations for improvement. The book draws on original, in-depth research at eight elite professional football clubs, including Barcelona, Ajax and Bayern Munich, as well as the French national football academy at Clairefontaine. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach, including psychology, coaching and management studies, and covers every key topic from organisational structures, talent recruitment and performance analysis to player education and welfare. Written by two authors with extensive experience in English professional football, including five Premiership clubs, this book is important reading for any student, researcher, coach, administrator or academy director with an interest in football, youth sport, sports development, sports coaching or sport management.

Creating the Environment to Develop Young Players

My Fifty Years with Liverpool FC

Bring the Noise

Stories from Liverpool's Historic Title Win

Detail

Unstoppable

Gold Dust: How to Become a More Effective Coach, Quickly

Pronounced as the greatest goalscoring talent since Jimmy Greaves, seventeen-year old Robbie Fowler was immediately catapulted to fame. This is an insight into the game of football, and also an account of an incredible career. This is the story of one of the game's icons, and the story of the modern game itself.

In 1959, Liverpool Football Club were in the Second Division. Liverpool Football Club had never won the FA Cup. Fifteen seasons later, Liverpool Football Club had won three League titles, two FA Cups and the UEFA Cup. Liverpool Football Club had become the most consistently successful team in England. And the most passionately supported club. Their manager was revered as a god. Destined for immortality. Their manager was Bill Shankly. His job was his life. His life was football. His football a form of socialism. Bill Shankly inspired people. Bill Shankly transformed people. The players and the supporters. His legacy would reverberate through the ages. In 1974, Liverpool Football Club and Bill Shankly stood on the verge of even greater success. In England and in Europe. But in 1974, Bill Shankly shocked Liverpool and football. Bill Shankly resigned. Bill Shankly retired. Red or Dead is the story of the rise of Liverpool Football Club and Bill Shankly. And the story of the retirement of Bill Shankly. Of one man and his work. And of the man after that work. A man in two halves. Home and away. Red or dead.

"This delightfully written, lesson-laden book deserves a place of its own in the Baseball Hall of Fame." —Forbes Moneyball is a quest for the secret of success in baseball. In a narrative full of fabulous characters and brilliant excursions into the

unexpected, Michael Lewis follows the low-budget Oakland A's, visionary general manager Billy Beane, and the strange brotherhood of amateur baseball theorists. They are all in search of new baseball knowledge—insights that will give the little guy who is willing to discard old wisdom the edge over big money.

People talk about sports from a technical and tactical standpoint, but it's only a tiny part of coaching. The best sports coaches get their success because of their ability to connect and relate to their athletes. The experiences athletes have generally come from the environment created by the coach. As a coach, you can help optimise this environment by the way you connect with your athletes, and how you communicate to them. 'Gold Dust: How To Become A More Effective Coach, Quickly' delves deeper into the importance of building connections in sporting environments, and how you can do it. The foundations, skills, techniques and behaviours within the book will enable you to create an environment that makes for a better experience for you and your athletes. This book has got stories and experiences from coaches at the top of their game across different sports, including First Team Managers, Head Coaches, Academy Managers and Elite Youth Coaches. You will learn techniques around: -How you can optimise your athletes learning-How you can optimise your athletes performance-How you can optimise the environment you coach in-How you can make your athletes feel better about what it is they do. Just imagine if you could become a more highly effective coach through the use of connection and communication. This book is dedicated to Dick Bate. The footballing circle lost a pioneer, a maverick and one of the finest coach educators the World has seen when Dick passed away in April 2018. The thousands of coaches that had the pleasure to observe his captivating sessions were in the presence of greatness. His sessions were constantly filled with unparalleled technical detail that always ignited the imagination of those present. In dedication to Dick, 10% of profits from this book will be donated to The Giles' Trust, the brain tumour fund within the University Hospital Birmingham Charity.

The Soccer Academy

How to Become a Better Communicator

The Jürgen Klopp Story

The Dream Factory

A Comprehensive Guide for Coaching 8 to 10 Year Olds

Brave New World

Focused for Soccer

Originally published: London: Century, 2013.

This volume draws upon social science and historical approaches to provide insights into the world of women's football and female fans. It gives an in-depth analysis of the development of the women's game in different European countries and examines the experiences of female fans. An overview about women's football in Europe shows the rise and development of the game and the increasing inclusion of girls and women in football and fan communities. To date, there has been a lack of research on female participation in football, but drawing

on research studies from various European countries, the volume explores a range of issues, including how girls and women become football fans and players, how women combine football with their everyday lives, and how they may encounter stereotypes and barriers when they challenge male dominance by entering this traditionally male sport. This collection will be of interest to students and scholars in a range of fields, including sports sociology, sport sciences, gender studies, leisure studies, women's studies as well as fandom and cultural studies.

The Real Giants of Soccer Coaching is a collection of the curated thoughts of nearly 30 top soccer coaches from around the globe. In this book, you will gain access to the depth and breadth of experience from some of the best coaches across all areas of the beautiful game: from grassroots to premier leagues and everything in between. You will learn theoretical details about tactical periodization, positional play, and the science of motor learning. You will also learn from Youth National Team coaches, NCAA National Championship winning coaches, and First Division coaches from top European clubs. This book is a resource that can direct your coaching education over and around the perilous pitfalls that often consume most coaches. After reading this book, you will have gained the experience, knowledge, and wisdom of some of the best coaches across all areas of the game. You don't have to go your coaching path alone. Take this book and bring the wisdom of these top coaches with you to help navigate every corner, turn, and hazard along your way to becoming a great coach.

'George Sephton is part of the brickwork of Liverpool Football Club and was witness to so many iconic moments. He has lived through a huge chunk of our history, from when Liverpool were in the Second Division, when he used to come to Anfield with his father, all the way to being crowned World Club and Premier League champions. It's been a rollercoaster ride, and George has been there for all the ups and downs - but mainly the ups.' Sir Kenny Dalglish 'The voice of George Sephton has been heard at Anfield for so long that you could be forgiven for imagining him poised with a wind-up gramophone and a 78-rpm record of Gerry with his ukulele and a single Pacemaker, on a comb and tissue paper, piping Alan A'Court and Alf Arrowsmith onto the field.' Elvis Costello George Sephton's relationship with Liverpool Football Club began in 1971 when he wrote to the club secretary applying to be the stadium announcer. His first match also marked the debut of Kevin Keegan. For the past fifty years, Sephton has been at Anfield for all but a handful of home fixtures, as well as travelling with the team to major finals. From the highs of winning numerous league titles and European Cups, to the lows of Heysel and Hillsborough, Sephton has been with Liverpool through it all. From encounters with great managers and legendary players - from Bill Shankly to Kenny Dalglish, John Barnes to Jurgen Klopp, he tells his unique and entertaining story of the greatest club in the world.

Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen and Me

Coaching the 4-2-3-1
The European Model
Modern Soccer Coach
For Club and Country
The Official Life Story
Steven Gerrard

The popularity of youth soccer in the United States has increased dramatically in recent years. The number of players and spectators has risen and soccer now rivals the more traditional American sports of baseball, basketball, and football. This is a study of current youth soccer training methods at professional clubs in Europe--where soccer is an extremely competitive sport--and a guide to applying those methods to young people in the United States. The author draws much of his information from personal observation of the FC Barcelona, Newcastle United, Glasgow Celtic, Munich 1860, and Slavia Prague professional teams in Europe, and provides an overview of the state of youth soccer in the United States. Chapters cover such topics as facilities, equipment, organization, and environment, player evaluation, training timetables and components, coaching, and philosophies of youth soccer. Also included are approximately 100 diagrams of soccer training exercises for youth coaches.

Detail offers a unique insight into the many levels of depth and perspective that currently exist for coaches of the beautiful game. With almost 2 million listens to the Modern Soccer Coach Podcast, Gary has spent four years talking to some of the biggest and brightest names in the sport. At the same time, he's been working at the professional level and pursuing his own coaching journey. This book takes the life of a coach and goes deeper to question certain facets and separate theory from practice. From development to results and family to career advice, this book has everything for a coach who wants to explore coaching much deeper than sessions and games. In a tough profession, Gary delivers coaches with perspective that can help them navigate through the tough times and enjoy the good times. In May 2014, I decided to quit the job that had run through my veins for so long and I loved so much. Up until a few months before, I still woke up every day thankful I had landed the role I wanted more than anything. I had worked my way up from grassroots level and knew the ins and outs of the job. This was necessary if I was to be successful. I felt I had to be effective not just for myself, but also for the divisional manager, who had believed in me and given me my chance. My work ethic had been instilled in me from a little girl, coming from a family of six girls, four of which were older than me. They

along with our parents had shown me what you can achieve from working hard, but my hunger to succeed started at an early age. From as far back as I can remember, I didn't take losing very well, so more often than not, I studied and practiced every game we played, giving me that edge all the time, ensuring I won most of the time, and this still continues today.

Scoreboard Soccer develops players through play and praise. The Scoreboard Soccer concept derives from the belief that the environment created for players will influence the behaviors they will practice and refine over time. This book presents the fun, inclusive, and nurturing environments which can be used to develop young players' skills. When participating in a Scoreboard Soccer game, players will work in an environment that creates realistic game situations. The constantly changing scenarios support technique development, decision making, and problem solving. In these scenarios, the players have the opportunity to work on skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting, and tackling—all those skills coaches wish to develop in young players. What sets the Scoreboard Soccer concept apart from traditional training methods is the added incentive for players to demonstrate these positive behaviors: the scoreboard. The scoreboard is a fun challenge that can be used to encourage and reward player effort and involvement within the game. This book details the Scoreboard Soccer concept, coaching, and content. Also provided is a complete Scoreboard Soccer curriculum which can be used as a longer-term development plan. All coaches of young players need Scoreboard Soccer on their shelves!

The Nowhere Men

Liverpool into the 21st century: The Players' Stories

Female Football Players and Fans

The Voice of Anfield

Red or Dead

Clarity

Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game

This book is a comprehensive overview of the 4-2-3-1 system of play. This is the formation of choice for several top clubs around the world, including World Cup Champions Spain. Coach Harrison, who utilizes the 4-2-3-1 with his teams at top Asian professional club Al Ain, covers every aspect of this popular system. Includes tactical discussion as well as small sided situational games to teach and develop players.

Steven Gerrard is a genuine Liverpool legend. Captain at the age of 23. Two FA Cups. Three League Cups. One UEFA Cup. And that Champions League win. Gerrard embodies the spirit and passion of Liverpool football club like no other in the modern era. From the raw but talented youngster who made the jump from the Melwood training ground and took to the famous Anfield

turf at 18, to the talismanic skipper who has led his beloved club through thick and thin, this stunningly illustrated book, complete with exclusive new photographs, is the story of his fifteen momentous seasons at Liverpool FC. Along with a foreword from Kenny Dalglish, this is Steven Gerrard's Liverpool story in his own words.

A collection of articles from the writers of The Athletic detailing Liverpool F.C.'s 2019-2020 championship season. As Liverpool ended their thirty-year wait to be crowned champions of England, they were followed by their equivalent from the world of sports writing: a team of elite talents, assembled to leave all competition trailing in their wake. This is the story of Liverpool's title win in the longest season, as told by the writers of The Athletic, with their blend of inside access and expert analysis; great ideas and beautiful writing. Articles include profiles of each of Liverpool's title winners by their former youth team coaches; Oliver Kay watches Sadio Mane score against Manchester City in the company of the striker's family, in his hometown in Senegal; James Pearce spends 90 minutes analysing Virgil van Dijk; plus there are exclusive interviews with Jurgen Klopp, and the club's US owners. Read the stories behind a unique and historical season from a team of writers every bit as good as the footballers they were following.

Alongside biographies of famous international players at each of these positions, Football Files looks at fitness, techniques, and nutrition. This high interest recreational read will engage readers by looking at the history and skills of some of their favourite players, whilst giving them great tips on how to play like their heroes.

Jürgen Klopp Liverpool Attacking Tactics - Tactical Analysis and Sessions to Practice Klopp's 4-3-3

Fowler

No Hunger In Paradise

Ring of Fire

The Real Giants of Soccer Coaching

Coaching Youth Soccer

And of the Rise of the Manufacturing Industry in the Adjoining Counties

Fourteen-year-old twins, Roxy and Kaine, have only one thing in common. They HATE each other. Kaine is loud, brash and brilliant at football. Roxy is heading for tennis superstardom. When tragedy strikes, their worlds are ripped apart. Can they come together before it's too late?

The European GameThe Secrets of European Football SuccessBirlinn Ltd

"I have always been interested in the mental side of the game, and Focused for Soccer was the first book that helped me understand the power of attitude and how to get the best out of myself." Jamie Carragher Defender, Premier League, Liverpool FC --

The European Game is an adventure. Over three months Daniel Fieldsend travelled the continent discovering the methods for success used at some of the biggest clubs in Europe - from Ajax, Juventus and Benfica to Bayern Munich, A.C Milan, Lyon, Athletic Bilbao and many more. At

every stop on his journey, Fieldsend delved to the very heart of what made each club tick, speaking to members of staff all the way up the hierarchical ladder, from scouts and academy coaches to first team managers, analysts and board members, pulling back the curtain to reveal their day-to-day workings. Insightful, ambitious and compelling, *The European Game* is about society, about identity and attachment. It comprises leadership, tactics, coaching and scouting as well as politics, finance, fandom and culture. It is a broad investigation into Europe's relationship with football and what nations can learn from one another, celebrating the uniqueness of football clubs around the continent and the culture of their nations, and exploring whether or not the methods they implement with success can be instilled in other domestic leagues.

The Unknown Story of Football's True Talent Spotters

Scoreboard Soccer

Myths of Sport Coaching

Steven Gerrard: My Liverpool Story

Inside the Make-or-Break World of Football's Academies

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Shortlisted for the British Sports Book Awards 2018 "What's your dream, son?" A six year-old boy, head bowed, mumbles the eternal answer: "Be a footballer...." Steadman Scott, football's most unlikely talent scout, smiles indulgently, and takes him in from the street. He knows the odds. Only 180 of the 1.5 million boys who play organised youth football in England will become a Premier League pro. That's a success rate of 0.012 per cent. How and why do the favoured few make it? What separates the good from the great? Who should they trust - the coach, the agent or their parents? Michael Calvin provides the answers on a journey from non-league grounds to hermetically sealed Premier League palaces, via gang-controlled sink estates and the England team's inner sanctum. He interviews decision makers, behavioural specialists, football agents and leading coaches. He shares the hopes and fears of players and their parents. He exposes bullying and a black economy in which children are commodities, but remains true to the dream.

Opening Doors

Who's Who of Liverpool

The Players. The Journey. The Dream

Coaching Soccer Tactics

140 Overload Games and Finishing Practices

An Essential Resource for Coaches, Teachers, Players and Spectators

Clear Mind, Better Performance, Bigger Results