

SOCCER KICK OFF

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Book Selector

With the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup kick off only a few months away and South Africa the first African country to host this massive sporting event, we thought it time to publish a soccer-oriented booklist. We have a number of soccer books in stock and have been buying quite heavily during the last few months. The processing of the new books has been fast-tracked to get them out to the public libraries as soon as possible. There are not many adult novels with a football theme, but quite a number of juvenile and teenage books, many of them in series. We have a mixture of non-fiction titles, both adult and juvenile: practical 'how-to' guides, coaching manuals, rules and histories, books about teams and clubs, biographies and autobiographies - of players, officials and others involved in 'the beautiful game'.

To kick off, I've compiled a list of non-fiction books. It's not comprehensive, but I've tried to show the variety of books we have in stock, and, in selecting titles, I have concentrated to some extent on the newer additions to our stock.

South African soccer

Abrahams, Farouk. **Surviving African football.**- Peter du Toit, [2003?]
Self-published autobiography of the Cape Town soccer player.

Alegi, Peter. **Laduma!: soccer, politics and society in South Africa.**-
Univ. of KwaZulu-Natal P., c2004.

More scholarly than popular; this history of black soccer in South Africa was written by an Italian-born American professor of history who got the idea for the book while coaching a primary school soccer team in Khayelitsha in the early 90s.

De Sa, Roger. **Man of action** / [with Ernest Landheer].- Spearhead, 2002.

Roger de Sa, local soccer player turned coach, came to SA from Mozambique when he was a boy. He played for Kwikot Benoni, Moroka Swallows, Mamelodi Sundowns and Wits (where he later

coached). This entertaining behind-the-scenes look at the local soccer scene should be enjoyed by football fans.

Development and dreams: the urban legacy of the 2010 football world cup / edited by Udesch Pillay, Richard Tomlinson and Orli Bass.- HSRC, 2009.

A local book of essays which 'considers the effects of South Africa's hosting the 2010 FIFA World Cup ... the contributors ... both academics and practitioners, provide an interdisciplinary perspective on the probable consequences of the World Cup for the economy of South Africa and its cities, on infrastructure development, and on the projection of African culture and identity. Attention is given to a range of topics including the management, costs and benefits associated with the 2010 World Cup, the uncertain economic and employment benefits, venue selection, and investment in infrastructure, tourism and fan parks. The contributors then explore the less tangible hopes, dreams and aspirations associated with the 2010 World Cup and ... what it means to talk about an African Cup, African culture and identity.'

Friedman, Graeme. **Madiba's boys: the story of Lucas Radebe and Mark Fish.**- New Africa Bks., 2001.

Written by a psychotherapist, this is a biography of two local soccer stars, providing details of their childhoods and family backgrounds and following their rise as promising young footballers to their selection for the national team. 'The role of the team in the context of a changing political background is followed. The story of the team and its games before and after entry into the international arena is traced, with stories of what went on behind the public façade. Illustrated with a few colour photographs and some Zapiro cartoons lampooning the two players.'

Korr; Chuck and Close, Marvin. **More than just a game: soccer v apartheid.**- Collins, 2008.

This book is the result of what professor Korr found in 70 cardboard boxes marked 'Sports' in a corner of the Robben Island archives: 'The utterly compelling history of the prisoners' successful struggle to form the Makana Football Association, whose league

was conducted under strict FIFA rules and grew to encompass over 1,000 players in a wealth of teams, competing in three divisions. Far more than mere recreation, "football gave a group of prisoners sanity and, in a way, gave us the resolve to carry on the struggle", in the words of one inmate, while also helping to hone organisational skills. And it seemed to work; one of the more extraordinary facts Korr reveals is that there was not one recorded suicide among the prisoners, though a number of warders killed themselves.' (www.independent.co.uk)

Lediga, Sello. **Ndzani Bafana Bafana: the story of South Africa's senior national football team, 1992-2003.**- S. Lediga, c2003.

A 100-page booklet telling the story of Bafana Bafana from 1992 to 2003. Illustrated with some colour photographs.

Raath, Peter. **Soccer through the years, 1862-2002.**- P. Raath, c2002. An illustrated history of soccer in South Africa, concentrating on white football.

The rainbow game: a random history of South African soccer / compiled and edited by Jack Blades with Susan Smuts-Steyn.- Bailey's African History Archives, c1998.

A random history rather than a chronology, **The rainbow game** draws on articles, reports, interviews and other material from a variety of sources. The illustrations are mainly photographs but include some cartoons too. An interesting browse.

Rashava, Nelson. **Doctor Khumalo.**- Viva Bks., 1999.

Many Afrikaans copies are still in stock of this literacy reader, but not many of the Xhosa translation.

Thirty years of South African soccer / managing editor; Thami Mazwai; contributing authors, S'Busiso Mseleku ... [et al.]- Mafube, 2003.

An illustrated history of soccer in South Africa - this one from the early years up to the 2010 World Cup bid. The readable and accessible text is complemented by many photographs: colour, black-and-white and sepia.

Van Wyk, Chris. **Orlando Pirates.**- Sached, 1997.

A literacy reader in the *Sached adult reading series*. It provides a readable history of the Orlando Pirates soccer club from its early days in the 1930s to its winning the African Champions Cup in 1995. It is based on Richard Maguire's honours thesis entitled **The people's club: a social and institutional history of Orlando Pirates Football Club, 1937-1973.**

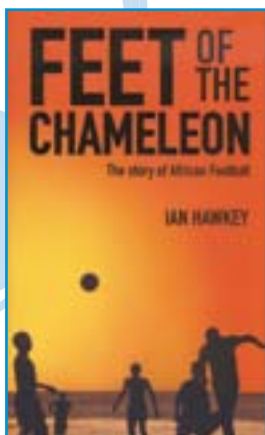
Soccer in Africa

Broere, Marc and Van der Drift, Roy. **Football Africa!**- D. Philip, c1997.

An account of the development of football in Africa and a look at various African stars who have been successful overseas.

Hawkey, Ian. **Feet of the chameleon: the story of African football.**- Wild Dog, 2009.

This title deals with 'a number of issues, including the Maghreb players who gravitated to France during the days of the French empire, a comparison of Liberia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR) and the



great players that have emerged from the continent: George Weah, Didier Drogba and Michael Essien ... [It's] not exclusively a look at African football history, but also about how social and economic factors have had an effect on [the] development of the game, and how the sport has attempted to overcome corruption and fight for a fairer share of the FIFA pie - culminating in the forthcoming South African World Cup ... Packed with interviews and written by a journalist who obviously has a real passion for the continent ... Fascinating, funny, beautifully written, and packed with dozens of little sketches and vignettes of famous players, clubs and games - this is highly recommended ...' (www.ESPNSoccernet.com)

Biographies / Autobiographies

Auclair, Philippe. **Cantona: the rebel who would be king.**- Macmillan, 2009.

Biography of retired French footballer, Eric Cantona - 'legend, maverick, troubled artist'.

Barclay, Patrick. **Mourinho: anatomy of a winner.**- Orion, 2006.

A sports journalist's biography of the famous Portuguese soccer coach/manager José Mourinho, who had such success with Porto and then, more recently, with Chelsea. The book is readable and interesting (with input from people like Desmond Morris of **Naked ape** fame) and Mourinho himself is an attractive and colourful figure.

Beckham, David. **David Beckham: my side** / with Tom Watt.- CollinsWillow, 2003.

Beckham, Ted. **David Beckham, my son** / with Tim Allan.- Pan, 2006.

Caioli, Luca. **Torres: an intimate portrait of the kid who became king.**- Corinthian Bks., 2009.

A biography of the talented footballer, Torres ('El Nino' as he is known), a popular figure with players, officials and fans. 'Rather than rewriting stories related to him by those who know Torres, Caioli allows interviewees to tell the tale of the Liverpool No 9 and Spanish superstriker in their own words.' (*Sunday Times*, 13/12/09 p.8.)

Gascoigne, Paul. **Being Gazza: tackling my demons.**- Headline, 2007.

An English soccer player's second autobiography. This one includes a number of appendices on the various conditions mentioned in his story: alcohol, food disorders, OCD, co-dependency, gambling, the addictive personality, and so on. His first book, **Gazza: my story**, was written with Hunter Davies.

Maradona, Diego. **El Diego: [the autobiography of the world's greatest footballer]** / Diego Armando Maradona with Daniel Arcucci and Ernesto Cherquis Bialo; translated [from the Spanish] by Marcela Mora Y Araujo.- Yellow Jersey, 2004.

Pele. **Pele: the autobiography** / with Orlando Duarte and Alex Bellos; translated from the Portuguese by Daniel Hahn.- Simon, 2006.

Reedie, Euan. **Michael Ballack: the biography.**- J. Blake, 2008.

Another soccer biography - this one of the Chelsea mid-fielder and German captain, written by a sports journalist and football reporter.

General

100 years of football: the FIFA centennial book / Pierre Lanfranchi ... [et al.]- Weidenfeld, 2004.

Bellos, Alex. **Futebol: the Brazilian way of life.**- Bloomsbury, 2002.

An 'eclectic journey through the past, present and future of Brazilian soccer ... a collection of fascinating stories; a procession of oddballs, fanatics, great players who died early, violence, music and, above all,

the obsession of a nation with one game ... full of insights and information concerning Brazilian history, politics and culture. Without ever labouring the point, or straying too far from his central theme, Bellos manages to weave in tales of masculinity, dictatorship and democracy, game-fixing and crowd violence.' (*Times Literary Supplement*, 31/5/02 p.36.)

Betts, Graham. **Legends of football.**- Green Umbrella, 2007.

A large, illustrated book about some of the world's greatest soccer players. Betts picks out 50 footballers, some still playing today but others from years gone past. Two to four pages are devoted to each man and include both colour and black-and-white photographs. Some of the players included are:Thierry Henry, Wayne Rooney, Michael Owen, Beckham, Zidane, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Pele, George Best, Maradona, Kevin Keegan, Figo, Jurgen Klinsmann, and many others. A lovely browse for the football fan, young or old.

Brammer, Ralph. **Football skills: one-to-one teaching for the young soccer player.**- Right Way, 2008.

Carr, Tony. **How to coach a soccer team: professional advice on building a winning team.**- Hamlyn, 2005.

Chelsea Football Club: the official history in pictures / Rick Glanvill.- Headline, 2007.

A pictorial history of Chelsea aimed primarily at the fan.

Cook, Malcolm. **101 youth soccer drills: age 12 to 16.**- A & C Black, 2004.

A training manual for soccer coaches for high school or club youth teams. It is very practical and easy to use with the various drills set out clearly with diagrams and simple instructions. Drills include warm-up, controlling the ball, kicking, heading the ball, dribbling, goal-keeping, and warm-down. The author is a teacher and experienced coach who has been involved with football clubs in England since the 1970s. He has worked as a scout for various clubs including Manchester United (he was involved with the signing of Beckham and Paul Scholes, amongst others) and was technical director (Youth) at Liverpool Football Club for three years.

Dumitru, Ted. **Maximal training.**- Tafelberg, 2005.

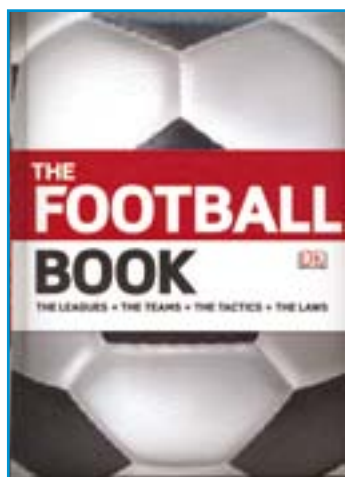
A local coaching book in which a former Kaizer Chiefs coach 'provides an innovative series of practical alternatives to traditional football training methods'.

Evans, Robert. **The art of refereeing: techniques and advice for every soccer referee** / Edward Bellion.- Black, 2005.

Frank, Gerhard. **Soccer training programmes.**- Meyer & Meyer Sport, 2009.

Goldblatt, David. **The ball is round: a global history of football.**- Penguin, 2007.

This is wide-ranging, authoritative, very readable, and comes highly recommended. 'Don't let its size put you off, as this scholarly and detailed, yet highly readable account of football's development really is essential.' (*Bookseller*, 18/5/07 p.37.) 'An authoritative and compelling account of football's rise ... It covers nearly



two centuries of world history, linking international and local trends to the success or otherwise of football in different countries ... [He] writes with authority, humour and passion ... until now no one has managed to put together a truly global history ... there is no doubting the worth of Goldblatt's extraordinary book.' (*Times Literary Supplement*, 19/1/07 p.32.) Other reviewers have described it as; 'stunning'; 'enlightening and entertaining'; 'Astonishing ... A scholarly work but a highly readable one.'

Goldblatt, David. **The football book: the leagues, the teams, the tactics, the laws** / Johnny Acton, Conor Kilgallon.- Dorling Kindersley, 2009.

A popular-level, well-illustrated, 400-page book about soccer: 'Learn to bend it like Beckham and dribble like Ronaldinho with this ultimate visual guide to planet football. Open up the tactile padded cover and experience the excitement, the passion and the glory of ... football.'

Heatley, Michael. **A history of football.**- Sutton, 2004.
Popular-level history of football.

Macdonald, Tom. **The greatest football players of all time.**- Southwater, 2003.

Schreiner, Peter. **Coaching youth soccer.**- Reedsdain, 2002.

Schreiner, Peter. **Soccer - perfect ball control.**- Meyer & Meyer Sport, 2009.

The soccer coaching bible / National Soccer Coaches Association of America.- Human Kinetics, 2004.

Soccer skills and techniques.- Abbeydale P, 2007.

Featuring ideas demonstrated at the Bobby Charlton Soccer School, this manual is aimed at players and coaches alike.

Tibbals, Geoff. **Great football heroes: a history of soccer legends of yesteryear.**- O'Mara Bks., 2003.

Illustrated mini-biographies of the author's choice of the top 50 soccer players of all time.

Ward, Adam. **Junior soccer** / Trevor Lewin.- Hamlyn, 2002.

A coaching guide produced in association with West Ham United.

Watt, Tom. **A beautiful game: football through the eyes of the world's greatest players.**- Wild Dog P, 2009.

An attractive, locally published, colour-illustrated coffee-table book about soccer. The text is made up of little pieces by a number of international stars (including Beckham and Benni McCarthy) - nothing really new or particularly interesting, but it is the pictures which are the real focus of this book. They are wonderful. 'They depict all the player-contributors and, far more interestingly, a world of anonymous footballing children and fans. The images trace the bloodstream of the global game, from Soweto to Rio to London to LA. The subjects are young and old, poor and rich, lean and chubby, ugly and beautiful - but every last one is entranced by the flight of a pigskin. The best shot is of five Soweto kids queuing to head a football during a coaching session ...' (*Sunday Times Lifestyle*, 7/6/09 p.18.)



Wilson, Jonathan. **Inverting the pyramid: the history of football tactics.**- Orion, 2008. 'A gloriously readable, eccentric and informative trawl through the changing tactical mindsets and formations that have helped shape the beautiful game.' (Metro).

Juvenile non-fiction

African soccer stars & legends.- Cambridge U.P., 2010.

A new twenty-book series about African football players. Each title focuses on a different soccer-playing country and includes a brief summary of the rules of the game. The authors are Manyo Bernard Besong, Fon Echekiye and Walang Michael Abang.

Beckham, David. **David Beckham making it real: my soccer skills book.**- HarperSport, 2006.

David Beckham gives advice, practical tips, et cetera, on soccer: Illustrated with colour photographs of Beckham and children at the David Beckham Academy demonstrating the moves and techniques he writes about. This will be popular:

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Young Pele: soccer's first star.**- Schwartz, 2007.

Illustrated with paintings by James E Ransome.

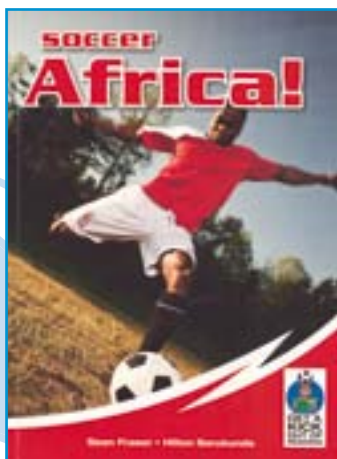
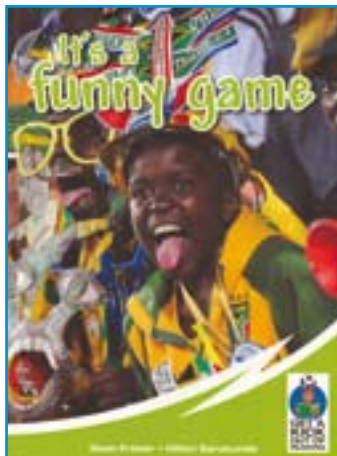
Drewett, Jim. **Presteer beter in sokker.**- Jacklin, c2007.

Chris Pelsers se vertaling van 'n Britse boek. 'Die basiese tegnieke en reëls van die spel, opwarming en strekoefeninge, dieet, geesteshouding en 'n ietsie oor die beroendes in die bedryf, is aspekte wat bespreek word. Visuele instruksies word stap-vir-stap voorsien om die leser te help om beter in hierdie sportsoort te presteer ... 'n Aantreklike aanbieding.'

Fantastic football poems.- Oxford U.P., 2007.

A collection of poems and rhymes about soccer, selected and arranged by John Foster and delightfully illustrated by children's book illustrator, Korky Paul.

Football - the ultimate guide / written by Martin Cloake ... [et al.]- Dorling Kindersley, 2008. Our reviewer was very impressed with this: 'A book for fans of the beautiful game. It is a children's book, but has the feel of a book for adults. The



fact that the front cover ... is dressed in a red football jersey will only add to the attraction ... It is not about playing the sport, it is about being a fan of the game and so wanting to know a lot about it, have statistics at your fingertips and also look at colour photos of your favourite players.

The approach is international, and so there is something here for everyone ...'

Fraser, Sean and Sarukunda, Hilton. *Get a kick out of reading series.*- Pearson, 2009.

This is a new local series of five non-fiction readers with a soccer theme. These books are likely to be popular: they are visually appealing with lots of colour photographs, and quite substantial but with a text that is very readable and accessible. A glossary is included in each book. **Soccer Africa!** looks at African football.

Super soccer skills contains practical tips for improving your game - dribbling, kicking and passing, heading and goal-scoring techniques. **It's a funny game** tells about the interesting and funny things that have happened in soccer over the years. Short biographies of some great players - past and present - are given in **Our heroes**, while **Three of the best** covers only three players, but in more depth. They are Lucas Radebe, Cristiano Ronaldo and Didier Drogba.

Gerrard, Steven. **My story.**- Red Fox, 2007.

This is his book, **My autobiography**, re-packaged for the youth market. Gerrard is a well-known figure in English and international soccer - a midfielder for Liverpool when they took the treble a few years ago, he is now Liverpool captain, and has played for England for many years. Written in a relaxed, chatty style, this makes easy reading and is sure to be popular with young soccer fans.

Gifford, Clive. **The business of football.**- Wayland, 2009.

Part of the *Football focus* series.

Gogerly, Liz. **Footballers.**- Wayland, 2007.

A title in the *21st century lives* series, concentrating on nine recent, popular football stars.

Knight, David. **Becks: the unofficial and unauthorised biography of David Beckham.**- Kandour, 2004.

Sandham, Tim. **Sokker: alles wat jy wil weet maar te skaam is om te vra.**- Lapa, 2009.

A welcome new local soccer book in Afrikaans.

Saunders, Catherine. **Play football.**- Dorling Kindersley, 2006.

A soccer book in the attractive, well-illustrated Dorling Kindersley style - this one is a 'how-to'.

World soccer books series.- Rosen, 2010.

This is a new 5-volume set of library-bound hardback books.

The titles are:

Bailey, Diane. **Great moments in World Cup history.**

Velazquez de Leon, Mauricio. **20 soccer superstars.**

Velazquez de Leon, Mauricio. **20 soccer legends.**

Velazquez de Leon, Mauricio. **Top soccer tournaments around the world.**

Sommers, Annie Leah. **Great national soccer teams.**

