

## Pep Confidential Inside Guardiola's First Season At Bayern Munich

Football Manager stole my life reveals the cult behind a computer game that, since its debut in 1992, has sold 20m copies and become a part of football culture.

**Record Breakers: The Tactics Behind Liverpool and Manchester City's Title Triumphs and Record Points Totals** lifts the lid on Juergen Klopp and Pep Guardiola's tactical systems and strategies. Written by a Premier League analyst, the book focuses on the seasons when these two footballing giants registered the highest points totals in Premier League history. It compares their styles and principles of play both with and without the ball, analyses the differences in the positions of their players and outlines their specific movement patterns, all in the context of how opposition teams attempted to defend against them. Learn how Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling were used very differently from Mo Salah and Sadio Mane, how City's system got the best out of Kevin De Bruyne, and how Trent Alexander-Arnold became a unique playmaker from full-back. From 'inverted full-backs' to 'false 9s' via 'free 8s', discover how City and Liverpool's tactics reflect modern football's evolution.

From the post room to the board room, everyone thinks it will be the manager. But how do you manage outrageous talent? What do you do to inspire loyalty from your players? How do you turn around a team in crisis? What's the best way to build long-term success? How can you lead calmly under pressure? The issues are the same whether you're managing a Premier League football team or a FTSE 100 company. Here, for the first time, some 30 of the biggest names in football management reveal just what it takes. With their every decision, remark, skill, and success or failure under constant scrutiny from the media and the fans, these managers need to be the most adroit of leaders. In *The Manager* they explain their methods, give examples of lessons they've learned along the way, and describe the decisions they make and the leadership they provide. Each chapter tackles a key leadership issue for managers in any walk of life and, in their own words, shows how the experts deal with the challenges they face in an abnormally high-pressure environment. Offering valuable lessons for business leaders and fascinating behind-the-scenes insights for football fans, *The Manager* is an honest, accessible and unprecedented look at the day-to-day work of these high-profile characters and the world of top-level football management. Contents: A Piece of the Action (Roy Hodgson); The Art of One-on-One (Carlo Ancelotti); Behind the Scenes (Arsène Wenger); Building High-performing Teams (Sam Allardyce); The Field of Play (Roberto Mancini); Handling Outrageous Talent (José Mourinho); Pursuing a Career Under Pressure (Brendan Rodgers); Seeing the Bigger Picture (Harry Redknapp); Creating Sustained Success (Sir Alex Ferguson); Crisis Response and Turnaround (Walter Smith); Triumph and Despair (Mick McCarthy). Also featuring: Gerard Houllier, Tony Pulis, Martin O'Neill, Neil Warnock, Howard Wilkinson, Kevin Keegan, Dario Gradi, Andriy Shevchenko, David Moyes, Alex McLeish, Hope Powell, Martin Jol, Glenn Hoddle, Chris Hugheson, David Platt, Paul Ince, and George Graham.

FC Barcelona are the greatest football team in the world, the greatest for a generation and possibly the greatest of all time. This is the inside story of how the team came to redefine how the game is played, told by the journalist closer to it than any other. This edition contains a new epilogue reflecting on the departure of Pep Guardiola and Spain's victory at Euro 2012.

Edge

Beyond the Goal

Laurel Canyon

Mourinho

The Manager

The Firm

The Unique Treble

*Long before he became 'Hardcore Holly,' Robert Howard was a fighter. From humble beginnings to fame as an internationally known superstar, The Hardcore Truth tells the story of Bob's life including his 16 years working for Vince McMahon. In this rollercoaster tale of success and frustration, replete with missed opportunities, broken promises and a broken neck, Bob shares his uncompromising views on the present wrestling landscape with fascinating insights into the world leader in sports entertainment.*

*Standing Alone is a carefully curated collection of the best coverage of Manchester City's extraordinary 2020/21 Premier League-winning campaign and Champions League tilt from the writers at The Athletic.*

*The Olympic gold medal-winning soccer player details her path to success, from her childhood in California to her time on the United States' National team.*

*'MASTERFUL' Raphael Honigstein The story of superclub Bayern Munich by the critically acclaimed author of Tor! Bayern Munich is a team of extremes. They are the most passionately supported club in Germany and the most hated. There is no doubt that they are the most successful winners of twenty-four domestic titles since the late 1960s, they have stood at the pinnacle of European football for almost their entire existence. Through interviews with the key protagonists, Uli Hesse tells the story of this unique club. From early run-ins with the Nazis to being dubbed FC Hollywood for their egocentric stars in the 1990s up to the sensational undercover appointment of the best coach in the world, Pep Guardiola, Hesse opens the doors on Bavaria's superpower and takes you inside Bayern Munich.*

*The Quality of Madness*

*Manchester City and the Chase for Glory*

*Standing Alone*

*The History of African Players in English Football*

*What Businesses Can Learn from Football*ÀÀÀ(tm)s Talent Hothouse

*Pep Guardiola - 85 Passing, Rondos, Possession Games & Technical Circuits Direct from Pep's Training Sessions*

*The Barcelona Way*

The 2018/19 Premier League season was a historic one for African players in English football. More than 130 years after Arthur Wharton became the first, Sadio Mané and Mohamed Salah shared the Golden Boot with Arsenal's Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in a record-breaking campaign that saw Liverpool pipped for the title by a point by Manchester City.A statue of Wharton now stands at the Football Association's headquarters at St George's Park - a testament to his status as an important pioneer of the game. But the story of how it got there, just like many of the African players who followed in his path such as Steve Mokone, Albert Johansson, Peter Ndlovu, Christopher Wreh, Lucas Radebe and Didier Drogba, is far from straightforward. Ed Aarons describes how they confronted racism to help change the face of English football forever, enabling the modern generation of superstars like Mané and Salah to flourish.Detailing their remarkable journeys to Anfield from Senegal and Egypt, Made in Africa also features an exclusive interview with Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp - who broke the transfer record for an African player for the third time in the space of 14 months when he signed Naby Keita for almost £53m in August 2017. He explains how the club's African contingent played an integral role in the thrilling climax to the season that ended with them becoming European champions for the sixth time.

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.

Invincible by Amy Lawrence: A gripping insider's account of how Bergkamp, Henry, Vieira and Pires became the first team in 100 years to go the entire season undefeated 2014 *Writer of the Year. Football Supporters' Federation* This book is so full of exclusive interviews you'll soon feel like part of the squad. A worthy tribute to one of English football's best ever teams, it makes you long for one more game at Highbury! *Shortlist 'Unbeatable insight' Henry Winter, Daily Telegraph in 2003-04, a team that played with lightning speed and lustrous skill fulfilled Wenger's lifelong dream - to go a whole season unbeaten. They pushed and inspired each other, bringing the best out of strong characters like Jens Lehmann, a self-styled 'Mad German', Sol Campbell, an intense competitor, Robert Pires, an instant friend if you give him a football, Patrick Vieira, a soft-spoken, battle-hardened captain, Gilberto, a thoughtful Brazilian, Thierry Henry, a supremely gifted and obsessed scorer and creator, and Dennis Bergkamp, the perfectionist conductor. Based on exclusive player interviews, and with a foreword and afterword by Arsene Wenger, this definitive book allows the Invincibles to tell their own story. Football writer Amy Lawrence weaves together the team's recollections, and the testimonies of other key players and protagonists around the club, to relive the pivotal games and moments. From the battle of Old Trafford to jubilation at White Hart Lane, from training ground sparks to dressing room revelations, readers will go behind closed doors, onto the pitch, and into the players' minds to understand the teamwork and the psychology to go unbeaten. Published in time for the 10-year anniversary, this is a must-have read for any Arsenal fan. It will be enjoyed by readers of memoirs by Dennis Bergkamp and Tony Adams, and will also appeal to football fans everywhere who enjoy classic sports books such as The Damned United. Amy Lawrence has watched football avidly since her first trip to Highbury at the age of six, and has written about it, mostly for the Guardian and the Observer, for twenty years. She lives in London.*

The European Game

Winning Hearts, Minds and Matches

The Inside Story of Rock-and-Roll's Legendary Neighborhood

The Evolution

Made in Africa

The Philosophy that Changed the Game

Pep Guardiola

Carlo Ancelotti is one of the greatest managers of all time, with five Champions League titles to his name. Yet his approach could not be further from the aggressive theatricals favoured by many of his rivals. His understated style has earned him the fierce loyalty of players like David Beckham, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Cristiano Ronaldo. In *Quiet Leadership*, Ancelotti reveals the full, riveting story of his managerial career - his methods, mentors, mistakes and triumphs - and takes us inside the dressing room to trace the scintillating memoir and a rare insight into the business of leadership. Mourinho is a beautiful illustrated book which is both a sumptuous celebration of The Special One's managerial career so far, and an enigmatic insight into his unique brand of football wisdom and philosophy. In the legendary manager's very first book, and in his own images and captions, Jose Mourinho charts the peaks and troughs of the opening fifteen years of what has been a stellar rise to the summit of the global game. Through more than 120 personally selected images (some of which are exclusive to the book) appreciate this giant of the sport.

"An outstanding work ... the [soccer] book of the decade." —Sunday Business Post Inverting the Pyramid is a pioneering soccer book that chronicles the evolution of soccer tactics and the lives of the itinerant coaching geniuses who have spread their distinctive styles across the globe. Through Jonathan Wilson's brilliant historical detective work we learn how the South Americans shrugged off the British colonial order to add their own finesse to the game: how the Europeans harnessed individual technique and built a game not unlike our own. Inverting the Pyramid provides a definitive understanding of the tactical genius of modern-day Barcelona, for the first time showing how their style of play developed from Dutch "Total Football," which itself was an evolution of the Scottish passing game invented by Queens Park in the 1870s and taken on by Tottenham Hotspur in the 1930s. Inverting the Pyramid has been called the "Big Daddy" (Zonal Marking) of soccer tactics books: It is essential for any coach, fan, player, or fantasy manager."

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Achieving Our Goals

Bayern

The Bob Holly Story

Breakaway

Zonal Marking: The Making of Modern European Football

Invincible

The History of Soccer Tactics

**Pep Guardiola** is, without a doubt, the most successful football coach and teacher of the last 10 years. He revolutionised FC Barcelona and formed a team that was one of the best in the history of the sport. Now he follows Jupp Heynckes as coach of Bayern Munich and faces the pivotal question: **Will he be able to keep the team's quality or even improve it? Pep has become a legend, and in order to understand this, it is necessary to see behind the curtain and understand the man who constitutes the Guardiola System. What are the key values and principles that form the basis of his method? How did he form a unit with such diverse soccer stars? What can we learn from Pep? Miguel Angel Vicián manages to make the 'unknown Guardiola' better known and illustrates in many informing and amusing anecdotes: The Philosophy that Changed the Game!**

The British sportswriter goes inside some of Europe's best soccer clubs—from Bilbao to Bavaria and beyond—to reveal their winning secrets. In *The European Game*, Daniel Fieldsend travels across Europe to discover the methods for success used at some of the continent's biggest Football clubs—from Ajax, Juventus and Benfica to Bayern Munich, A.C Milan, Lyon, Athletic Bilbao and many more. At every stop, Fieldsend pulls back the curtain to reveal what makes each club tick, speaking to everyone from scouts and academy coaches to first team managers, analysts and board members. Insightful, ambitious and compelling, *The European Game* is about more than just a game. It's about community, identity and attachment. It explores leadership, tactics, coaching and scouting as well as politics, finance, fandom and culture. Celebrating the uniqueness of football clubs around the continent, it also investigates whether their methods can be replicated in other domestic leagues.

The untold story of Real Madrid: one of the most incredible turnarounds in sports and business history. Real Madrid is the most successful sports team on the planet. The soccer club has more trophies than any other sports team, including 11 UEFA Champions League trophies. However, the story behind the triumph goes beyond the players and coaches. Generally unnoticed, a management team consisting mostly of outsiders took the team from near bankruptcy to the most valuable sports organization in the world. How did Real Madrid achieve such extraordinary success? Columbia Business School adjunct professor Steven G. Mandis investigates. Given unprecedented behind-the-scenes access, Mandis is the first researcher to rigorously ana-lyze both the on-the-field and business aspects of a sports team. What he learns is completely unexpected and challenges the conventional wisdom that moneyball-fueled data analytics are the primary instruments of success. Instead, Real Madrid's winning formula both on and off the field, from player selection to financial management, is based on aligning strategy with the culture and values of its fan base. Chasing the most talented (and most expensive) investors can be a recipe for a winning record, but also financial disaster, as it was for Real Madrid in the late 1990s. Real Madrid's management believes that the club exists to serve the Real Madrid community. They discovered that its fans care more about why the team exists, how their club wins, and whom it wins versus just winning. The why, how, and whom create a community brand and identity, and inspire extraordinary passion and loyalty, which has led to amazing marketing and commercial success—in turn, attracting and paying for the best players in the world, with the values the fans expect. The club's values and culture also provide a powerful environment for these best players to work together to win trophies. The Real Madrid Way explains how Real Madrid has created a culture that drives both financial and on-the-field success. This book is an engrossing account of the lifetime of one of the greatest clubs in the most popular sport in the world, and for business and organization leaders, it's an invaluable inside look at a compelling alternative model with lasting competitive advantages that can deliver superior and sustainable returns and performance.

The Blizzard is a quarterly publication, put together by a cooperative of journalists and authors, its main aim to provide a platform for top-class writers from across the globe to give the space and the freedom to write what they like about the football stories that matter to them. Contents of Issue Zero St Pauli ----- \* The Conversion of St Pauli?, by Uli Hesse—Back in the Bundesliga, Europe's most noted counter-cultural club is having to balance its ethos with the desire for a secure financial future Interview ----- \* Gus Hiddink — Philippe Auclair talks to Gus Hiddink about his latest challenge, as coach of Turkey Gowing Embroid ----- \* An African Parable, by Luke Alfred—For African teams, it's often after qualifying for the World Cup that the real challenge begins \* The Dark Heart of Russian Football, by James Appell—Will winning the right to host the World Cup force Russia to confront the corruption that stains its domestic game? \* Double Trouble, by Joel Richards—Argentina's short seasons are fun, but are they behind a culture of short-termism? \* How Roy Rice Ruined English Football, by Scott Murray—He may be

Britain's most popular comic footballer, but Roy of the Rovers embodies everything wrong about the English game ethics ----- \* Man and Superman, by Gabriele Marcotti—Why football has some questions to answer about the ethics of performance enhancement Stony Ground ----- \* Matters of Blood, by Andy Brassell—The travails of Corsica's football clubs reflect the struggles of the island and its quest for autonomy "First Time Around", by Michael Orr—As Portland celebrates winning an MLS franchise, memories are stirred of the Timbers' debut season in the MLS \* The Dutch Style and the Dutch Nation, by Simon Kuper—How the Netherlands' move away from liberation is reflected in its football \* Kavi and the Square Pass, by Musa Okwonga—How going sideways became the future \* The Search for Space, by Michael Cox—A theory of political polling explains why New Labour was like Dennis Bergkamp, Bosnian Coaching ----- \* The Professor of Mostar, by Sasa Brulic—Sulejman Rebec never won a trophy as manager, but 35 years after his retirement, his influence continues to be felt \* The Walkman and the Tactic, by Vladimir Novak—Her six decades in football, could Fira Blazevic's odyssey be coming to an end in China? Verona ----- \* Verona's Great Romance, by James Horncastle—Recalling the drama of Italy's unlikelyst champions Sausages ----- \* Bangers and Cash, by Philippe Auclair: How Uli Hoeness became a sausage magnet \* Garrincha's Swedish Son, by Lars Svartesen—When Garrincha toured Sweden with Botafogo, memories weren't all he left behind Potemkin ----- \* What's Good for the Goose... by Paul Tomkins—Just because a manager has a knack with one club does not mean his methods will transfer to another \* Why The Away Goals Rule Must Be Abolished, by Ian Hawkey—The away goals rule is an archaism that is encouraging defensive play \* Tradition and the Individual Talent, by Michael Selinger—There's more to judging players than goals and medals \* How the Champions League is Selling European Football Short, by Ouriel Daskal—Could it be that the commercialisation of the Champions League has not gone far enough? \* Dessert Comes at the End, by Raphael

Honigstein—Football's administrators must beware killing the golden goose Football Manager ----- \* The Heidenheim Chronicles, by Iain Macintosh—When somebody takes their game of Football Manager just a little too seriously... Greatest Games ----- \* Crvena Zvezda 2 Bayern Munich 2, by Jonathan Wilson—European Cup semi-final second leg, Marakana, Belgrade, 24 April 1991 Eight Bells ----- \* European Cup Upsets, by Rob Smyth—A selection of the European Cup's most unexpected results

A Life of Total Football

Pep Confidential

Brilliant Orange

The Special One: The Dark Side of Jose Mourinho

Football Manager Stole My Life

Brave New World

Mastering the Premier League offers an in-depth look at the tactical concepts underlying a sports superpower—revealing who does what, how and why. Discover the secrets of the game model developed by Pep Guardiola that sets Manchester City apart from the rest. When Guardiola joined Manchester City in 2016 there were doubts that he could replicate his successful model in the English game. But after a single season of acclimatization we saw those doubts shattered as City won the Premier League in 2017/18 with a record 100 points. Beyond the trophies and the records, however, lies a yet more intriguing story—of how Guardiola adapted and perfected the tactical principles that had made him so successful at Barcelona and Bayern Munich, who played the key roles on the field, enabling Manchester City's successes of 2017-19, and why the other Premier League sides were unable to stop the City juggernaut sweeping aside all in its path.

In the late sixties and early seventies, an impromptu collection of musicians colonized a eucalyptus-scented canyon deep in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles and melded folk, rock, and savvy American pop into a sound that conquered the world as thoroughly as the songs of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones had before them. Thirty years later, the music made in Laurel Canyon continues to pour from radios, iPods, and concert stages around the world. During the canyon's golden era, the musicians who lived and worked there scored dozens of landmark hits, from "California Dreamin'" to "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes" to "It's Too Late," selling tens of millions of records and resetting the thermostat of pop culture. In *Laurel Canyon*, veteran journalist Michael Walker tells the inside story of this unprecedented gathering of some of the baby boom's leading musical lights—including Joni Mitchell, Jim Morrison, Crosby, Stills, and Nash; John Mayall; the Mamas and the Papas; Carol King; the Eagles; and Frank Zappa, to name just a few—who turned Los Angeles into the music capital of the world and forever changed the way popular music is recorded, marketed, and consumed.

Finding the next superstar is a challenge for all companies, and there are plenty of tricks that the business world can learn from football's talent hothouse. There are certain quantifiable skills that you can glean from CVs, but the intangible qualities that make up the next generation of leaders are harder to spot. In *Edge*, Ben Lyttleton looks at football, arguably the world's biggest reservoir of talent, to learn about these immeasurable capabilities. These are personality traits from the head up that differentiate the good from the great; qualities like resilience, ambition, leadership, decision-making, adaptability and composure under pressure. How do you measure what the eye cannot see? Football has traditionally quantified talent through a rear-view mirror: looking at goals, tackles, and passes. New data can help us measure distance run, sprints made, speeds clocked, as well as time on the ball and position on the pitch. But the biggest talents in football all share characteristics that are harder to quantify. The challenge for all businesses is to understand these indeterminate traits - this is the secret to getting the best out of your talent. Edge will explain how. It will explain how the most innovative leaders in football are stealing a march on their rivals by identifying talent that posesses these immeasurable qualities.

NFL head coach Mike Smith lead one of the most remarkable turnarounds in NFL history. In the season prior to his arrival in 2008, the Atlanta Falcons had a 4-12 record and the franchise had never before achieved back-to-back winning seasons. Under Smith's leadership, the Falcons earned an 11-5 record in his first season and would go on to become perennial playoff and Super Bowl contenders earning Smith AP Coach of year in 2008 and voted Coach of Year by his peers in 2008, 2010 and 2012. You Win in the Locker Room First draws on the extraordinary experiences of Coach Mike Smith and Jon Gordon—consultant to numerous college and professional teams—to explore the seven powerful principles that any business, school, organization, or sports team can adopt to revitalize their organization. Step by step, the authors outline a strategy for building a thriving organization and provide a practical framework that give leaders the tools they need to create a great culture, lead with the right mindset, create strong relationships, improve teamwork, execute at a higher level, and avoid the pitfalls that sabotage far too many leaders and organizations. In addition to sharing what went right with the Falcons, Smith also transparently shares what went wrong his last two seasons and provides invaluable lessons leaders can take away from his victories, success, failures and mistakes. Whether it's an executive leadership team of a Fortune 500 company, a sports team, an emergency room team, military team, or a school team successful leaders coach their team and develop, mentor, encourage, and guide them. This not only improves the team, it improves the leaders and their relationships, connections, and organization. You Win in the Locker Room First offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at one of the most pressure packed

leadership jobs on the planet and what leaders can learn from these experiences in order to build their own winning team.

Learning from Life and My Years at Manchester United

20 Years of Beautiful Obsession

How Values Created the Most Successful Sports Team on the Planet

Barça

The Tactical Concepts Behind Pep Guardiola's Manchester City

Inside Arsenal's Unbeaten 2003-2004 Season

A Life of Marcelo Bielsa

**'Does culture create competitive advantage? Case closed in this compelling analysis of sporting success. Read it.' - James Kerr, bestselling author of Legacy. In *The Barcelona Way*, sports psychologist Prof. Damian Hughes draws an exclusive insight into FCB as well as first-hand research from organizational psychology, to set out a method to create your own high-performance culture. At the heart of FCB's winning culture are a set of principles, epitomized by Pep Guardiola, Johan Cruyff, Lionel Messi and many other FCB legends, which govern how to nurture talent, prepare for change and provide the best environment to build a culture of sustained success. These principles: Big Picture, Arc of Change, Repetition, Cultural Architects, Authentic Leadership are at the heart of FCB's unprecedented domination of football, and are the key to developing high-performance cultures in any team-based organization across every industry. *The Barcelona Way is a hugely practical must-read that sets out a clear plan, based on the same principles, for you to create a culture of success and get the best of yourself and your team.***

**Based on previously classified documents and on interviews with former secret police officers and ordinary citizens, *The Firm* is the first comprehensive history of East Germany's secret police, the Stasi, at the grassroots level. Focusing on Gransee and Perleberg, two East German districts located north of Berlin, Gary Bruce reveals how the Stasi monitored small-town East Germany. He paints an eminently human portrait of those involved with this repressive arm of the German state. *The Firm* is a gripping history that uncovers a wide array of personalities, from devoted ideologues to reluctant opportunists, most of whom talked frankly about East Germany's obsession with surveillance. *The Firm* paths after the collapse of Communism are gripping stories of resurrection and despair, of renewal and demise, of remorse and continued adherence to the movement. The book also sheds much light on the role of the informant, the Stasi's most important tool in their out-of-the-way areas. Providing on-the-ground empirical evidence of how the Stasi operated on a day-to-day basis with ordinary people, this remarkable volume offers an unparalleled picture of life in a totalitarian state.**

**The Netherlands has been one of the world's most distinctive and sophisticated football cultures. From the birth of Total Football in the sixties, through two decades of World Cup near misses to the exiles who remade clubs like AC Milan, Barcelona, Arsenal and Chelsea in their own image, the Dutch have often been dazzlingly original and influential. The elements of their style (exquisite skills, adventurous attacking tactics, a unique blend of individual creativity and teamwork, weird patterns of self-destruction) reflect and embody the country's culture and history. This book lays bare the elegant, fractured soul of the Dutch Masters and the culture that spawned them by exploring and analysing its key ideas, institutions, personalities and history in the context of wider Dutch society.**

**In 1999 Manchester United achieved the unthinkable - they won the FA Carling Premiership, the FA Cup and the European Champions League. The excitement generated was heightened by the intensity and drama of matches such as their 4-2 comeback over Juventus and their last-minute victory over Bayern Munich in the Champion's League final.**

***The Evolution of Winning Soccer Tactics from Cruyff to Guardiola***

***The Blizzard - The Football Quarterly: Issue Zero***

***The Hardcore Truth***

***Inside Pochettino's Spurs***

***Andrea Pirlo: I Think Therefore I Play***

***Leading***

***The Real Madrid Way***

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 game today.

An explosive and shocking biography of Jose Mourinho - revealing the dark side of the 'special one'

Pep 's wife, Cristina Serra, told me, 'I think Pep shares too much in your book. Too much tactical information. He 's very open about these things in his press conferences too. Other coaches don 't do that. Any coach who reads your book will get a complete run down of Pep 's tactics. . . .' For three extraordinary seasons, Marti Perarnau was given total access around Bayern Munich – to its players, its backroom staff, its board members and, above all, to its manager, Pep Guardiola. In the follow-up to his critically acclaimed account of Guardiola 's first full season at Bayern, Pep Confidential, Perarnau now lifts the lid on the Catalan 's whole tenure in Bavaria. Pep Guardiola: The Evolution takes the reader on a journey through three action packed seasons as Bayern smashed domestic records yet struggled to emulate that dominance in Europe, analysing Guardiola 's management style through key moments on and off the field. As the author shadows the manager and his superstar players during training and matchdays, he delivers a portrait of some of football 's most compelling individuals that is as enthralling as it is utterly unique. Perarnau reveals how Guardiola improved as a manager at Bayern despite failing to land the ultimate prize in European football, examines his decision to leave Germany to take up the challenge at Manchester City and how his managerial style will continue to evolve in the Premier League. This is more than the story of three seasons with one of the biggest clubs in the game, it is a portrait and analysis of a manager and the footballing philosophies that have beguiled the world.

From the winningest soccer coach ever, best known for 27 triumphant years with Manchester United, comes the book that decodes the culture that decodes the key tools he used to deliver sustained success on and off the field. After an astonishing career-first in his managerial style, and then over 27 years with Manchester United Football Club, Sir Alex Ferguson analyzes the pivotal leadership decisions of his 38 years as a manager and, with his friend and collaborator Sir Michael Moritz, draws out lessons that anyone can use in business and life to generate long-term transformational success. From hiring practices to firing decisions, from dealing with transition to teamwork, from mastering the boardroom to responding to failure and adversity, *Leading* is as inspiring as it is practical, and a go-to reference for any leader in business, sports, and life.

Inside the Minds of Football's Leaders

Quiet Leadership

The Inside Story of Pep Guardiola's First Season at Bayern Munich

Creating a Global Superclub

Record Breakers

Pep's City

Mastering the Premier League

'A wonderful overview of tactical development in European football' Matthew Syed, The Times 'A fascinating assessment of football in 2019' Observer

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.

Another Way of Winning: The Biography

Inverting The Pyramid

The Making of the Greatest Team in the World

The 7 C's to Build a Winning Team in Business, Sports, and Life

PEP Confidential

My Turn

How to Create a High-Performance Culture