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My Kind of Club Love him or hate him, Neil Warnock has produced more promotion-winning teams than any other manager and he’s also known for saying exactly what’s on his mind. In this comprehensive collection, author Gordon Law has compiled more than 200 of Warnock’s most comical quotes and quips from the clubs he has managed. Packed with loads of punchy one-liners, wise-cracks, verbal lashings and humorous insights, this book will have football fans chuckling throughout the season. “Anyone who knows Gary Megson knows he is the biggest moaner around.” “I don’t think I’ve ever been a banker. I think that’s what they were calling me” “If corner kicks hadn’t been invented, they would have been a very close goal.” “The sooner Tevez leaves the country the better.”

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Brave New World “We can sell Newcastle Brown to Japan, and if Wimbledon can make it to the First Division, there is surely no achievement beyond our reach.”

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Behind Closed Doors: How does a top professional football manager cope with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, with living, breathing and sleeping football 24 hours a day, 365 days a year? How does the man in charge handle the ever-present danger of getting sacked in the ultimate results business? Neil Warnock’s The Gaffer contains countless insights into the trials and tribulations, the joyous peaks and the soul-destroying troughs of life as a football manager. This wonderful new book takes fans into the changing room, the training ground and the boardroom. Warnock draws heavily on a lifetime of experiences at all levels in football.
football, but particularly on his tumultuous spells at Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers, and Leeds United. From transfer dealings to negotiations with agents, from half-time team-talks to training sessions, from scouting trips to team-bonding speeches, from administrators to chairman, from injuries to referees - The Gaffer spills the beans. You won't read a football book like this before.

Budgie, inspired by his own career as a special forces soldier, Andy McNaib debuts his best-selling series with action-packed, high-octane Remote Control, a thrilling page-turner you won’t be able to put down featuring ex-SAS trooper Nick Stone. Tough, resourceful, ruthless - as a Special Air Service (SAS) trooper, Nick Stone was one of the best. Now he’s back on the streets. After an aborted mission, the Regiment no longer wants his services, but British Intelligence does - as a deniable operator. It’s the dirtiest job in a very, very dirty world. In Washington DC, it’s about to get dirtier still. On the apparently routine tail of two terrorists, Stone discovers the bodies of an ex-SAS officer and his family. Soon he’s on the run with the lone survivor of the bloodbath - a seven-year-old girl. And whilst she can identify the killers, only Stone can keep them at bay and solve a mystery whose genesis takes him back to the most notorious SAS mission in recent history. Remote Control is the first in a series of thrillers - bestsellers whose landscape is so compellingly close to the truth that they had to be vetted by the Ministry of Defence, and could only be published as fiction.

Billy the Kid Rides Again PRE-ORDER NOW. Football is a simple game. 22 players chase a ball for 90 minutes, and at the end the Germans always win. This book is inspired by the stories Danny and I have shared with each other about what life in football is really like in the dressing room, in the commentary box, on the pitch and – with the appropriate pixelation – in the showers afterwards. What’s it really like to play with Messi? I wouldn’t know, but I have starred alongside him in an advert for Walkers crisps. And, well, his performance was world-class. And what is life in football really like? You won’t learn much from the dull-as-diswater post-match interviews – it’s a world of secrets, superstitions, laughs and personalities, and let me tell you, half of you won’t believe it. I’ve looked back at my playing days, from England to Leicester, Everton to Barcelona, Tottenham to, er, Nagoya Grampus Eight, and shared the chaotic behind-the-scenes secrets of Match of the Day – and Danny has chipped in with stories from a lifetime following the games as a fan. From Italy ‘90 to Leicester’s Premier League fairytale, from yellow cards to World Cup trophies (I’ve never been awarded either), you’ll find it all here – everything you always wanted to know about football, but didn’t realise that you did. I inspired by the No. 1 podcast Behind Closed Doors.

I Am The Secret Footballer. In early 2003, three sheriffs set out to prove that Pit Garrett killed Billy the Kid, thereby also proving that Brushy Bill of Hico, Texas was not the real Kid. Along their way, the sheriffs enlisted New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson’s support and took two communities on a wild ride through court battles to dig up Billy and his mother. Governor Richardson found an attorney willing to work for free and provide Billy with a voice. Follow “Billy” as he speaks for himself in court, requesting that he and his mother be dug up to examine the DNA in their dusty remains for evidence that they were related. And follow the small towns of Fort Sumner and Silver City, New Mexico as they fight to retain the integrity of their municipal cemeteries and keep the legend of Billy the Kid from crumbling away. Author Jack Maloy followed the families of those killed in events dogging the story of the frontier towns struggling to prevent the exhumations. JAY MILLER grew up in Billy the Kid Country, listening to yams about Billy, some true, some not. As a syndicated newspaper columnist, Miller has written often about Billy and the Lincoln County War and has used a collection of those columns to weave a riveting story of just what happened when Billy rode again.

The Crazy Gang Shortlisted for The Telegraph Sports Book Awards 2019. Long before perma-tanned football agents and TV mega-rights ushered in the age of the multi-million pound footballers, players’ wages were capped – even the game’s biggest names earned barely more than a plumber or electrician. Footballing legends such as Tom Finney and Stanley Matthews shared a bond of borderline penury with the huge crowds they entertained on Saturday afternoons, on pitches that were a world away from the pristine lawns of the game’s modern era. Instead of the glitzy cars driven by today’s players, they travelled to matches on public transport and returned to homes every bit as modest as those of their supporters. Players and fans would often sometimes meet-door neighbours in a street of working-class terraced houses. Based on the first-hand accounts of players from a fast disappearing generation, When Footballers Were Skint delves into the game’s rich heritage and relates the fascinating story of a truly great sporting era.

The Triumph Tiger Cub Bible **Winner of the 2018 Telegraph Sports Book Awards Sports Bestseller of the Year**. Very funny on almost every page, wonderfully self-deprecating and very sharp on the ludicrous behaviour of the modern player - Sunday Times ‘The funniest man in British sport’ - Metro. Featured on BBC Radio 2 with Chris Evans ‘You become a footballer because you love football. And then you are a footballer, and you’re probably the strangest, most baffling world of all. A world where one man becomes too familiar to train in a bright red suit with matching top-hat, cane and glasses, without any actual glass in them, and another has so many sports cars they forget they have left a Porsche at the train station. Even when their surname is incorporated in the registration plate. So we walk with me into the dressing-room, to find out which players refuse to touch a football before a game, to discover why a load of millions never have any shower-gel, and to hear what Cristiano Ronaldo says when he looks at himself in the mirror. We will go into post-match interviews, make fools of ourselves on social media and try to ensure that we never again pay £250 for a haircut that should have cost a tenner. We’ll be coached and captained by Harry Redknapp, upset Raia Benitez and be soothed by the sound of an accordion played by Sven-Goran Eriksson’s assistant Tord Grip. There will be some very bad music and some very bad decisions. I am Peter Crouch. This is How To Be A Footballer. Shall we? Can’t get enough of Crouch? Tune into That Peter Crouch Podcast on Radio 5 Live

Word of Wars: The Funniest Neil Warnock Quotes! Renowned for his outspoken, colourful character, Neil Warnock here exclusively tells the story of his life in football. Warnock began his career as a player in 1967, and over the next eleven years played with a number of clubs including Scunthorpe United and Barnsley as a winger. In 1989 he took on his first managerial role with Northern Premier League side Gainsborough Trinity, and has since managed a number of clubs, including Notts County, Oldham Athletic, Bury and, of course, Sheffield United. Perhaps the Blades’ most famous fan, Warnock’s relationship with Sheffield United is legendary. Having been appointed in 1999, he became the sixth longest-serving manager in league football. In 2003, Warnock was appointed to the semi-finals of the FA Cup and the League Cup as well as the Final of the First Division play-off. He cemented his place in the Blades’ history books with leading them back to the Premiership in April 2006, after twelve years in the First Division. He finally parted company with Sheffield United in May 2007. Neil Warnock tells his story with his trademark humour and passion, offering a fascinating insight into the journey of a football manager from the Northern Premier League to the Premier League. The Gaffer Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley set out to ensure food safety. The tasters were recognized for their courage, and became known as the poison squad.

Be Careful What You Wish For. Carlo Ancelotti is one of the greatest managers of all time, with five Champions League titles to his name. Yet his approach could be considered restrictive. 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 characters, challenges and decisions that have shaped him. The result is both a scintillating memoir and a rare insight into the business of leadership.

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Alert: A Piece of the Action (Roy Hodgson); The Art of One-on-One (Carlo Ancelotti); Behind the Scenes (Arsene Wenger); Building High-performing Teams (Sam Allardyce); The Field of Play (Roberto Mancini); Handling Outrageous Talent (Joe Mourinho); Pursuing a Career Under Pressure (Brandon 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, Kevin Keegan, Dario Gradi, Andre Villas-Boas, David Moyes, Alex McLeish, Hope Powell, Martin Jol, Glenn Hodde, Chris Hughton, David Platt, Paul Ince, and George Graham.

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Our Mutual Friend No player has been more synonymous with the glory years of Manchester United Football Club over the past two decades than right-back Gary Neville. An Old Trafford regular since he attended his first match at the age of six, captain of the brilliant 1992 FA Youth Cup-winning team that became known as 'Fergie’s Fledglings', outspoken representative of MUFC, Neville is the ultimate one-club man. He has been at the heart of it all and, at the end of an amazing career, is now ready to tell it all. Authoritative, insightful, fearless and never less than 100% honest, no-one has better credentials for documenting the story of United under Sir Alex Ferguson. Neville reveals the starting points of his early days with the likes of Giggs, Scholos and his best mate David Beckham; what it was like to play with Cantona, Keane and Ronaldo; the Trehib in 1999, and of course an entire career of playing for the greatest manager in the game. Then there are all his experiences with England, from being the youngest starter at Euro 96 when football came home, to the ups and downs of five major championships and seven managers - Venables, Hoddle, Wilkinson, Keegan, Eriksson, McClaren and Capello. There are opinions and analysis on Gazza, Rooney, WAGS and the true story of the FA and Rio Ferdinand. Gary Neville has worn his heart on his sleeve. This is his story.

I, Robot When Manchester United were relegated in 1974, just six years after winning the European Cup, it was front-page news. How could such a thing happen to the biggest club in Britain? Such a scenario would be even more unthinkable today than Leicester City winning the league. This story is one of the most dramatic in football history and yet, still, largely unexplored. Based on a BT Sport film being developed alongside the book, TOO GOOD TO GO DOWN examines the demise of Manchester United, from the moment Bobby Charlton described the club not winning Division One in 1968 as the best thing that could have happened, through the turbulent reigns of Sir Matt Busby successors, to the crushing blow of relegation which, ironically, came at a time when the club's young team were just about to bloom and win over a whole new generation. With brand new, in-depth and exclusive interviews with Tommy Doherty, Sammy McIlroy, Alex Stepney, Stuart Pearson, Lou Macari, Pat Crerand, Willie Morgan, Gordon Hill, Martin Edwards and Paddy Barclay, the most controversial story in the history of football's biggest institution is finally told in full detail.

The Gaffer: The Inside Story of Neil Warnock's Cardiff City is the real-life tale of a managerial throwback and his final shot at the big time. When Neil Warnock took charge of Cardiff City in October 2016, they were a rabble - a fragmented club who lay in the Championship's relegation zone, without direction or unity. As for Warnock, he was pondering retirement, believing he could never manage at the highest level again after a series of high-profile failures. But together they were about to go on the footballing journey of a lifetime to promotion, to the Championship and back again, all with Warnock at the centre. This avuncular and endearing management veteran struck up a unique rapport with the Cardiff supporters by whom he'll always be affectionately remembered. This book, written by a journalist who witnessed it first-hand, takes you inside Warnock's regime, into the heart of the transfer; the trials and tribulations of a truly unique period of Cardiff City history.

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The European Blood and Marrow Transplantation Textbook for Nurses The irrepressible English barrister, Horace Rumpole, seeks to uncover the truth behind a series of unusual cases of crime.

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and uncut. Arsene Wenger likens the job to “living on a volcano: any day may be your last.” He speaks with the authority of being the longest serving manager in the English game, having been at Arsenal for 17 years. The average lifespan of a Football League manager is 17 months. Fifty three managers, across all four Divisions, were sacked, or resigned, in the 2012-13 season. There were fifty seven managerial changes in the 2013-14 season. What makes these men tick? They are familiar figures, who rarely offer anything more than a glimpse into their personal and professional lives. What shapes them? How and why do they do their job? Award-winning writer Michael Calvin provides the answers. Insecurity is a unifying factor, but managers at different levels face different sets of problems. Depending on their status, they are dealing with multi-millionaires, or mortgage slaves. Living on the Volcano charts the progress of more than 20 managers, in different circumstances and in different phases of their career. Some, like Brendan Rodgers and Roberto Martinez, are at the peak of their profession. Others, like Chris Hughton, Brian McDermott and Gary Waddock, have been sacked, and are seeking a way back into the game. They offer a unique insight into a trade which is prone to superficial judgement and savage swings in fortune. Management requires ruthlessness and empathy, idealism and cunning. Stories overlap, experiences intermingle, and myths are exposed.

Too Good to Go Down

John ‘Budgie’ Burridge is a true journeyman pro and a hero to football fans up and down the country. In a unique career spanning 30 years, Budgie played 771 league games for 29 teams, including Crystal Palace and QPR (under Terry Venables at both clubs), Southampton (alongside a young Alan Shearer), Manchester City, Aston Villa (where he would play against Barcelona in the European Super Cup), Wolves, and in Scotland with Hibernian where he was a hero in their League Cup win of 1991. That happy sojourn to Edinburgh would end in acrimony, however, as he ended up in a dressing-room fight with the manager. Highly respected as a goalkeeper, but denounced by many as an “oddball” (he admitted that he often slept wearing only his goalkeeper’s gloves), Budgie was famous for his madcap antics and his pre-match stretching routines. He would also make a point of going on a lap of honour to salute his club’s fans at the end of every game, win, lose or draw -- a gesture that endeared him to legions of supporters as a man of the people. The Burridge story was far from over when he finally retired in 1997, at the age of 47. He lapsed into depression and spent months at the Priory Clinic as he struggled badly to cope with the void in his life. He became player-manager at non-league Blyth Spartans -- only to later be convicted for dealing in counterfeit leisurewear. The prosecution case was significantly strengthened by the fact that there was video evidence of half the team wearing Burridge’s sportswear before an FA Cup match. Together with his wife of more than 30 years, Budgie moved to Oman in the Middle East to take up a coaching post with the national team. He sustained serious injuries when he was knocked down by a car in 1999, but is back in rude health. He is still employed with the Oman FA, lives there, and acts as a TV pundit and newspaper columnist in Singapore. Burridge is still fascinating and funny to this day, and in this tell-all autobiography he reveals the truth behind his astonishing football career.