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This extra-value package features five of our bestselling football stars in paperback edition.

It will be the best gift item for the upcoming World Cup.

Playing Extra Time by Alan Ball

Alan Ball always wanted to be the best he ever could. Small in stature, red-haired and fiery Alan was one of the most easily recognized players of his generation. Fans on the terraces and team mates immediately took to his whole-hearted enthusiasm and never-say-die attitude. Alan is a fighter - whether overcoming his diminutive size to become a professional player and youngest member of the 1966 England squad, to the

rejection he repeatedly faced as a club manager. Now Alan faces the toughest battle of life. Both his wife and daughter have been diagnosed with cancer and he is being challenged in ways that the public can only imagine. His hugely successful playing and managerial career that took him to Everton, Arsenal, Manchester City, and two World Cups with England now takes a back seat to the real test of character brought about by the illness of his loved ones. His devoted wife, who has stood by Alan through his personal and professional highs and lows, is battling a disease which is now in remission in her daughter.

David Beckham by Ted Beckham

David Beckham is both a brilliant footballer and a global icon. The slightest story about his life generates huge media coverage, but those truly close to him have never given their side of his incredible journey - until now.

Ted Beckham's story is the ultimate dream of every father who has kicked a football with his son. A lifelong Manchester United supporter, Ted has seen his son David captain both his beloved Reds and England, as well as becoming an inspiration for a generation along the way. Even David Beckham was once an ordinary kid dreaming of making a living out of football, and in this celebratory book Ted Beckham lovingly charts what happened from David's birth to his move to Real Madrid.

This book is special not just because of Ted's role as the father of a hero, but because Ted has given exclusive access to all the family photo albums and the unparalleled collection of memorabilia he has amassed during David's career. The book features 300 exclusive images to complement the text, giving a side to David that has never been seen before. David Beckham: My Son will delight his fans, giving a fascinating insight into the early life of David, his ambition and determination to succeed as well as his father's pride and joy as he watched him grow into a great footballer.

Autobiography Fowler by Robbie Fowler

Pronounced as the greatest goalscoring talent since Jimmy Greaves, seventeen-year old Robbie Fowler was immediately catapulted to fame and fortune. The thin, baby-faced Toxteth lad, who had trampled the same streets as the rioters, was now a millionaire, an idol and inspiration to every kid who kicked a football. Yet his incredible potential was never quite realised. Injuries and persistent rumours of drug abuse and depression meant that though Fowler remains one of the most celebrated of Premiership stars, he never became the world-beater so many predicted.

This is a fascinating and unbelievably frank insight into the beautiful game, taking us behind the closed doors of professional football to expose what really happens at both club and international level. This is a truthful and candid account of an incredible career, examining not just the records and the glory, but the low points and the miseries of a footballing life that many people now believe somewhere, somehow went wrong.

Brilliance and controversy have stalked Robbie Fowler from his five goal performance in only his second full game for Liverpool, to his snorting of the touchline in the Merseyside derby. In this utterly compelling autobiography, Robbie Fowler looks back on what was, what wasn't and what might have been. This is the story of one of the game's true icons, and the story of the modern game itself.

Bestie: A Portrait Of A Legend by George Best & J. Lovejoy

Simply the Best, 30 years after his glory days with Manchester United, George Best remains a legend that nothing can tarnish. Indifferent seasons with lesser clubs, publically disastrous liaisons, and a battle with drink have done nothing to erase the memories of this charismatic footballer. This authorised biography tells the story of his troubled relationship with his family in Belfast, his near-adoption by Matt Busby, his tensions with Bobby Charlton, his wives and lovers, and the serious personal failures, both on and off the pitch.

Kevin Keegan: Goal by Michael Hodges

Kevin Keegan flamboyantly took Newcastle United into the Premier League and to the brink of major success. Yet trophies eluded him as the pressures mounted and his controversial decisions became the focus of intense public scrutiny. This is an account of the events leading to his shock resignation.

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