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The Miracle of Castel Di Sangro: Joe McGinniss - 2000

A journey to Castel Di Sangro, an Italian village that stumped the soccer world with its team's unexpected success, offers a portrayal of the emotion that swept the town.

Ajax, the Dutch, the War - Simon Kuper - 2012-09-11

When most people think about the Netherlands, images of tulips and peaceful pot smokers springing to mind. Bring up soccer, and most will think of Johan Cruyff, lifters of the 1974 World Cup and the 1988 European Championship, Ajax's famous exodus of stars sent shock waves throughout the world. Rival clubs, like the traditional heavyweights of Milan and Real Madrid, were also shaken by this mass defection. But when Ajax was founded in 1900, the sport of soccer was not yet a world sensation. The world was in the process of recovering from the devastation of the Great War, and the first decade of the 20th century was the last time soccer had been played on an international level. When Ajax was founded, the game was still young and unrecognizable to the average person.

Twelve Yards - Ben Lyttleton - 2015-07-28

An all-encompassing look at the penalty kick, soccer's all-or-nothing play—its legendary moments and the secrets to its success. No stretch of grass has been the site of more glory or heartbreak in the world of sports than the few dozen paces between goalkeeper and penalty kicker in soccer. In theory, it's simple: place the ball beyond a single defender and secure a place in history. But once the chosen players make the lonely march from their respective sides of the pitch, everything changes, all bets are off, and anything can happen. Drawn from the hard-won lessons of legendary games, in-depth statistical analysis, expert opinions, and the first-hand experiences of coaches and players from around the world, Ben Lyttleton offers insights into the diverse attitudes, tactics, and techniques that separate success from failure in one of the highest-pressure sports the world has to offer.

Soccer Against the Enemy - Simon Kuper - 2010

Soccer is much more than just the game of death, it is a matter of life and death, an international limbo franca. Simon Kuper traveled to twenty-two countries to discover the sometimes bizarre effect soccer can have on politics and culture. At the same time, he tried to discover what makes different countries play a simple game so differently. Soccer Against the Enemy introduces the reader to the East Berlin persuader who changed East German football forever, the Stasi spies who infiltrated the Argentine national team, and the Ajax club president who engineered the incredible rise of the world's greatest young talent. Soccer Against the Enemy explores the fascinating intersection between soccer and politics, particularly in the wake of the attacks of 9-11, where soccer is obsessed over by the likes of Osama Bin Laden. The result is one of the world's most acclaimed books on the game, and an astonishing study of soccer and its place in the world.

Spartak Moscow - Robert Edelman - 2012-11-15

In the informative, entertaining, and educational Spartak Moscow, a book that will be cheered by soccer fans worldwide, Robert Edelman finds in the stands and on the pitch the keys to understanding every life under Stalin, Krushchev, and their successors. Millions attended matches and obsessed about their favorite club, used its colors and emblems in the workplace, and argued over which left back was better. Edelman's history of Spartak, which emerged from the rough proletarian Preussin district of Moscow and spent much of its history in fierce rivalry with Dinamo, the team of the secret police. To cheer for Spartak, Edelman shows, was a small and safe way of saying “no” to the fears and absurdities of high Stalinism; to understand Spartak is to understand the history of high Stalinism.

Spartak Moscow: A Constantly Changing Team against the Enemy - Simon Kuper - 2010

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