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We Could Be Heroes

Penguin UK

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Routledge
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Legacy of the Lions

HarperCollins

The Oval World is the first full-length history of rugby on a world scale – from its origins in the village-based football games of medieval times up to the globalised sport of the twenty-first century, now played in well over 100 countries. Rugby has always been a sport with as much drama off the field as on it. For every thrilling last-minute Jonny Wilkinson drop-goal to win the world cup or Jonah Lomu rampage down the touchline for a try, there has been a split, a feud or a controversy. This is the story of how a game played in an obscure English public school became the winter sport of the British Empire, spread to France, Argentina, Japan and the rest of the world and commanded a global television audience of over four billion for the last world cup final. And how American football – and other games such as Australian, Canadian and Gaelic football – emerged from rugby and highlight just how much the modern gridiron game owes to its English cousin. Featuring the great moments in the game's history and its great names – such as Jonah Lomu, David Duckham, Serge Blanco, Billy Boston

and David Campese alongside Rupert Brooke, King George V, Boris Karloff, Charles de Gaulle and Nelson Mandela – The Oval World investigates just what it is about rugby that enables it to survive and thrive in countries with very different traditions and cultures. This is the definitive world history of a truly global rugby. The British Rugby League Records Book Birlinn Ltd 'A modern classic . . . Absolutely riveting and frequently moving' – The Telegraph 'Among the best books ever written on Irish sport' – Sunday Tribune 'Brilliant . . . Stand Up and Fight is the definitive account. It captures the essence of what makes Munster rugby and its provincial team so unique' – Tony Ward, Irish Independent 'A terrific combination of intelligent reportage and open-eyed mythmaking' – Sunday Times 'A seminal account' – New Zealand Herald 'Irresistible' – Guardian 31/10/1978, Thomond Park. On one of the greatest days in rugby history, Munster beat the All Blacks. More than 100,000 people claimed to have watched the game, even though the ground could only hold 12,000. Now, fully

updated for the 45th anniversary of the match, Alan English tells the true story.

Football Academy: Striking Out Flame Tree Collections

Yunis can't believe that he's United leading scorer. It should be the happiest time of his life, but his father wants him to give up football and work hard at school. Can Yunis convince his dad that he can do both, or will he have to hang up his boots forever? Stay on the ball this season with all the action from Football Academy.

What a Flanker Pan Macmillan

Winner of the Telegraph Sports Book Awards Rugby Book of the Year Among the best stories in modern British team sport has been the rise of Exeter Chiefs. How, exactly, did an unfashionable rugby team from Devon emerge from obscurity to become the double champions of England and Europe? What makes them tick? What are their secrets? *Exe Men* is a compelling story of regional pride, fierce rural identity, larger-than-life local heroes, remarkable characters, epic resilience, big city snobbery, geographical

separation, steepling ambition and personal sacrifice which will strike a chord with anyone who enjoys a classic underdog story. This is not any old rugby book, it is the inside story of Exeter's incredible journey from the edge of nowhere to the summit of the English and European club game.

The Grudge Simon & Schuster

Can Jack and his teammates survive the horrors of war to get the chance to play football again? A stunning new edition of Tom Palmer's bestselling novel based on the true story of WWI war hero and footballing legend Jack Cock..

Jonny: My Autobiography Arena Sport

In an era when even the finest rugby coaches have a drastically short shelf-life, Ian McGeechan's longevity and adaptability is staggering. In his 20 years at the highest level of the game he has been at the centre of almost every major story in UK rugby and has worked alongside some of the greatest rugby figures of the era. McGeechan began his career as a player -- winning more than thirty caps for Scotland and twice touring with the Lions. As coach to the Scottish

national team, he led his country to a famous Grand Slam victory in the 1990 Five Nations tournament. Continued success in management earned him an appointment as head coach to the Lions on four separate occasions, more than any other, and he again took charge on their 2009 tour to South Africa. No-one gave the 2009 Lions a chance in South Africa. But through a combination of fervent players and McGeechan's brilliant coaching leadership, the Lions pushed South Africa all the way, and came to the very brink of glory in a Test series seen as one of the most momentous the Lions have ever played. Now, in this frank and engaging memoir, Ian McGeechan shares his unrivalled insight into the triumphs and tribulations of British rugby and of the progress of the sport over the past two decades. *Lion Man* offers a unique glimpse into the past, present and future of British rugby from one of the most influential figures in the history of the sport.

Loose Head Y Lolfa

The gruesome stories of the hardest, most ruthless rugby players from around the world since

World War I. As talented as they were fiery, many were just as lively off the pitch as on it. In our era of citing commissioners, super slow-motion replays and trial by social media, some of their actions are quite hard to believe!

Foreword by Nigel Owens.

Behind The Lions

Bloomsbury Publishing

The hilarious, unfiltered truth about being a rugby player - from the horsey's mouth. How to survive the force of 30 car crashes a game What not to call Eddie Jones Exposing the secret naked wrestling scene The ludicrous player who bought a flash car he couldn't fit his twenty-stone behind into (er...that'll be me) This book is not just about how I got back on my horse and went clippity-clop all the way to the World Cup final in Japan. It's the story of how a fat kid who had to live up to the nickname Psycho grew up to play (and party) for over a decade with rugby's greatest pros. From melting opponents in tackles and propping up scrums, to losing blood, sweat and ears in the name of the great sport of rugby. In my world, you never know how the ball will bounce...

No Borders HarperCollins UK

Jonny Wilkinson's career has crossed three decades and four World Cups. He has accumulated phenomenal achievements, world points records, an impressive list of broken body parts, and a drop goal that will be remembered for ever. But the peculiar calmness with which he played the game masked a very different reality. In *JONNY*, he reveals the extraordinary psychology that he had to tame in order to be able to dominate his sport. For most of his life, he was driven by a quest for perfection and an obsession to be the best player in the world; here he shows how these two facets of his competitive mind took such a hold of him that they sent him to the top of the world, then swept him up and dragged him down into a spiral of despair. Jonny's career has spanned the far reaches: amazing highs and iconic moments, then a fight against injury that culminated in a battle with depression. Here he tells of the physical toll he knew his body was taking from rugby, even from his youth; he tells of how he never wanted to be a kicking fly-half but

learned to adapt his natural game to play the style that Clive Woodward believed necessary to win a World Cup, and how he nearly walked out on Martin Johnson's England team 13 years later. *Confessions of a Rugby Mercenary* Random House Murrayfield, the Calcutta Cup, March 1990. England vs. Scotland--winner-takes-all for the Five Nations Grand Slam, the biggest prize in northern hemisphere rugby. Will Carling's England are the very embodiment of Margaret Thatcher's Britain--snarling, brutish, and all-conquering. Scotland are the underdogs--second-class citizens from a land that's become the testing ground for the most unpopular tax in living memory: Thatcher's Poll Tax. Fifteen men in blue jerseys are plotting the downfall of the English oppressors. In Edinburgh, nationalism is rising high--what happens in the stadium will resound far beyond the pitch. *The Grudge* brilliantly recaptures a day that has gone down in history. This is the real story of an extraordinary game, told with astounding insight and almost unprecedented access to key players, coaches, and

supporters on both sides (Will Carling, Ian McGeechan, Brian Moore, and the rest). Tom English has produced a gripping account of a titanic struggle that thrusts the reader right into the heart of the action. Game on.

Deadlocked London League Publications

This is a complete history of the Welsh rugby union team - told by the players themselves.

Hard Men of Rugby

Hachette UK

Shortlisted for the 2022 SBA Best Sports Book of the 21st Century prize
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Given sport's centrality in English society, what role does it play in symbolising contemporary English national identity? This comprehensive study explores the complex set of relationships between sport and what it means to be English in the twenty-first century. The bond between sport and nationalism has long been recognised, but with increasingly vociferous separatist nationalisms threatening the dismantling of the United Kingdom, a closer analysis is timely. Part one addresses key debates regarding English national identity within the specific sporting contexts of association football,

cricket, tennis, cycling and rugby. Part two discusses the complex relationship between religion, sport and English national identity as well as the attitudes and experiences of traditionally marginalized groups, including women, minority ethnic groups and disabled people. Part three considers the perspectives of the other UK nations on the link between sport and English national identity. *Sport and English National Identity in a 'Disunited Kingdom'* is fascinating reading for all those with an interest in the sociology, politics and history of sport, and the study of nations, nationalism and national identity.

[Sport and English National Identity in a 'Disunited Kingdom'](#) Birlinn

Ben is at his happiest playing for United and is getting top marks from the coach. But every day at school is a trial for Ben, as he struggles to hide a huge secret from his teachers and classmates. Ben's secret is starting to affect his game – can he swallow his pride and ask for help before he sidelines himself – for good?

Stand Up and Fight Polaris The Edinburgh

Academical Football Club is the oldest rugby club in Britain and the second oldest in the world, with as rich and colorful a history as any sporting organization on this planet. From its earliest days the club and its members have played a central role in most of the key developments in the game of rugby football, in a process which has seen the sport grow from 'a game of the most primitive kind; crude and devoid of regulation or rule' into a multi-million pound industry which creates superstars of its players and global brands of its teams. The club was heavily involved in organizing the first ever international rugby match in 1871. That game, between Scotland and England, was played at its Raeburn Place ground, and there were six Academicals in the victorious Scotland team that day. The following year the club was one of eight founding members of the prototype Scottish Rugby Union; and when a bitter feud threatened to derail the fledgling International Championship during the 1880s, several Edinburgh Academicals were intimately involved in both causing and solving

the problem. During its 150 years, the club has been home to a multitude of magnificent players and just as many wonderful characters, from Scotland stars in the early days such as R.W. 'Bulldog' Irvine, Charles 'Hippo' Reid, Ninian Finlay and Harry Stevenson, to W.E. Maclagan who captained the first official British touring side in 1891, G.P.S. Macpherson who captained Scotland to their first ever Grand Slam in 1925, and David Sole who became Scotland's third and so far last Grand Slam captain 65 years, to players of a more recent vintage such as Mike Blair, Scott Murray and Tom Phillip. To celebrate the club's sesquicentennial year, The Accies looks back on the rich history of Edinburgh Accies, examining the great names and feats that have helped make Raeburn Place such a bastion of the Scottish, British and world game, and sealing its place in the annals as the cradle of Scottish rugby. This is the remarkable history of a remarkable club.

Dark Blue Blood Random House
The thrill of the chase, the steely-eyed detective (either gentle or

hardboiled), the dark alleys and the double-cross, the unsolvable crime by a masterful criminal mind: this new title in our Gothic Fantasy Short Stories series features chills and double twists, unexpected turns and private investigators with an eye for the unusual, and contains a cunning mix of classic and brand new writing. Great detective thriller writers such as Arthur Conan Doyle, John Buchan, G.K. Chesterton, Arthur Morrison and the Mother of Detective fiction herself, Anna Katharine Green, join rarely seen tales and completely new stories by modern authors: B. Morris Allen, Donald J. Bingle, Tom English, T.Y. Euliano, Tracy Fahey, Tina L. Jens, Tom Mead, Jonathan Shipley, Cameron Trost, Marie Vibbert, and Desmond White. As always our submission windows are packed with great reads so the successful stories are always a joy to publish.

Behind the Thistle Birlinn Ltd
Multi-award-winning author Tom Palmer returns with a thrilling naval adventure inspired by the incredible history of the Second World War Arctic convoys.

Conkers - Over the Line Arena Sport

Praise for Eddie Jones 'A genuine super-coach' - The Sunday Times 'His gifts of leadership and organisation are remarkable' - The Daily Mail Eddie Jones is one of the most successful sports coaches of all time. From coaching three different nations to Rugby World Cup finals and enjoying a winning record with England of nearly 80 per cent, he knows what's needed to lead and manage high performance teams. For the first time, Eddie reveals what it takes to operate in high pressure environments, the successes and setbacks, and how these lessons can be applied to every walk of life, from coaching a children's sports team to leading a multinational organization to simply doing your job better. Forthright and unflinchingly honest, Eddie Jones reveals what he has learnt from Sir Alex Ferguson, Arsène Wenger and Pep Guardiola, as well as from the founder of Uniqlo and Ron Adams of the NBA. Drawing on stories from nearly thirty years of coaching, Eddie explains how you need humour, humility and relentless curiosity to lead an

eclectic mix of superstars - from Maro Itoje to James Haskell, George Smith to Kyle Sinckler - and create teams that are relentlessly hungry to win.

Leadership is the ultimate rugby book about what it takes to be the best. Written with Donald McRae, two-time winner

of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award, Leadership is the book for anyone who wants to learn how to build and lead a team to success.