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Soccerhead is youth soccer coach Jim Haner's investigation into the origins of soccermania On July 10, 1999, 100,000 Americans, mostly women, did something they had not done before, at least not in such numbers. They showed up to watch a soccer match. Their attendance at the 1999 Women's World Cup Final took the world by surprise, forcing it to recognize much about itself that it had been in denial of for quite some time. Who were these soccer fans? Where had they come from? Why had no one noticed them before? Award winning journalist Jim Haner asks these questions, and others, as he sets off in search of the origins of the American passion for soccer, uncovering the game's roots in an early industrial Northeast and following them up through the transcontinental suburban present. But Haner is by no means a passive historian of the game; he is the coach of the Hornets, a rag-tag team of ten nine-year-old boys and one determined little girl. Haner provides us with an intimate view of his team's struggles and successes over the course of season, and of his own transformation from reluctant soccer dad to authentic 'soccerhead'. Seamlessly weaving personal and historical narrative threads, Soccerhead is both an enticing memoir and a cultural inquiry of the first-order--enlightening, entertaining, and informative--shedding new light on a little known chapter of American history. A brand-new look for a classic title, The Kingfisher Football Encyclopedia is the perfect gift book for the 2022 World Cup and beyond It's the day of the big game, and Froggy is ready. His soccer team is playing the Wild Things for the City Cup. All Froggy has to do is remember the rule: "Head it! Boot it! Knee it! Shoot it! BUT DON'T USE YOUR HANDS!" But Froggy's busy doing cartwheels and picking daisies. Uh oh, Froggy! Here comes the ball! Budding soccer players and Froggy's many fans will welcome Froggy's latest hilarious adventure. Packed with action photographs and digital illustrations, this book captures the heady thrills of motor racing. Each chapter is capped by full-spread photograph capturing the triumph or despair of one of the pivotal moments in motor racing history, including Michael Schumacher clinching a record-breaking 7th Formula One world title. HOW DID A POOR BOY named Edson—who kicked rocks down roads and dribbled balls made from rags—go on to become Pelé, the greatest soccer player of all time? While other kids memorized letters, Edson memorized the scores of soccer matches. And when Edson finally played in a youth soccer tournament in the town of Bauru, Brazil, he focused

on only one thing from the moment the whistle blew: the goal. Here is the picture book biography of the boy who overcame tremendous odds to become the world champion soccer star Pelé. The Kingfisher Soccer Encyclopedia by Clive Gifford is the definitive guide to the world's most popular sport. From the sublime skills of Pele to the lifestyle of a professional soccer player, this gloriously illustrated book explores every aspect of the game. Freshly revised and updated, this is a world soccer book for the 2014 World Cup and beyond. State-of-the-art digital illustrations and stunning photographs bring to life all the key rules, tactics, set plays, and skills. As well as offering practical advice, this informative book also provides an insider's view of the history of the game, profiles of the great clubs, and facts about women's soccer teams and players. Comprehensive and visually thrilling, this book captures all the drama and the passion of a game that unites billions of people across the globe. Includes free World Cup poster for readers to fill in as the tournament progresses

The Kingfisher Football Encyclopedia captures the triumph and despair of pivotal moments in world football. Dramatic full-spread photos and digital artworks re-create famous moves and goals, while each chapter includes links to stable websites, providing a valuable access point to databases of players, international results and club histories. A revised look at the rivalry between two of the greatest footballers of our time. This newly updated edition of The Soccer Encyclopedia (FIFA) will make you an expert of the most popular game in the world. The pages are brimming with the latest facts, stats and records, plus punchy profiles of the best international teams on the planet, as well as essential info about the top leagues and tournaments in world soccer. What's more, you can get the lowdown on all the FIFA competitions from the World Cup to the eWorld Cup and the latest recipients of the FIFA awards. With a comprehensive list of honours citing every international and intercontinental competition, FIFA's The Soccer Encyclopedia is a must-have for every young fan of the sport. Encourage children to engage with environmental problems and inspire them to take care of our planet! This book will help readers gain love and appreciation for our home and all who live here. It offers information on pollution, extinction, climate change, and ways to help and feel hopeful! Parents, teachers, and gift givers will find: the perfect book for Earth Day! a perfect choice for kids who love nature books! great homeschool material Kids can learn how to become keepers of the coasts, friends of the forests, home heroes and much more through a mix of compelling facts, creative activities and proactive tips. Key environmental topics are clearly explained, and the easy-to-follow projects and suggestions help to put the issues in an everyday context. From recycling and composting food to reducing water waste and giving wildlife a helping hand! Spies compares the world of fictional spies with real-life secretagents and retells the true history of spying, including all the latest gadgets and technology. Special Spy School missions and fantastic items integrated into the pages of the book also provide an interactive element, showing the reader a selection of spying techniques that they can carry out at home or with friends. ""Red Letters" examines the culture of Liverpool FC's championship soccer season - game by game, in real time, with hopes and expectations tested and altered as the season progresses - through insight from two obsessed fans"-- Big Book of WHO is a book your young sports fans will return to again and again! This 128-page collection features the brightest stars in sports, past and present. The editors of Sports Illustrated Kids profile the top stars in sports history, with thrilling sports photography and age-appropriate writing that Sports Illustrated Kids is famous for. This fully updated edition includes today's stars alongside sports' all-time greats - from Michael Jordan to LeBron James, Tom Brady to Patrick Mahomes, Mia Hamm to Megan Rapinoe, Babe Ruth to Mookie Betts, and more. Completely redesigned to match the modern look of Sports Illustrated Kids, this fun collection of questions and answers will have kids stumping their friends and adult sports fans with their expert knowledge of sports' brightest stars. By the New York Times bestselling author of The Bone Clocks and Cloud Atlas | Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize Selected by Time as One of the Ten Best Books of the Year | A New York Times Notable Book | Named One of the Best Books of the Year by The Washington Post Book World, The Christian Science Monitor, Rocky Mountain News, and Kirkus Reviews | A Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist | Winner of the ALA Alex Award | Finalist for the Costa Novel Award From award-winning writer David Mitchell comes a sinewy, meditative novel of

boyhood on the cusp of adulthood and the old on the cusp of the new. *Black Swan Green* tracks a single year in what is, for thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor, the sleepest village in muddiest Worcestershire in a dying Cold War England, 1982. But the thirteen chapters, each a short story in its own right, create an exquisitely observed world that is anything but sleepy. A world of Kissingeresque realpolitik enacted in boys' games on a frozen lake; of "nightcreeping" through the summer backyards of strangers; of the tabloid-fueled thrills of the Falklands War and its human toll; of the cruel, luscious Dawn Madden and her power-hungry boyfriend, Ross Wilcox; of a certain Madame Eva van Outryve de Crommelynck, an elderly bohemian emigré who is both more and less than she appears; of Jason's search to replace his dead grandfather's irreplaceable smashed watch before the crime is discovered; of first cigarettes, first kisses, first Duran Duran LPs, and first deaths; of Margaret Thatcher's recession; of Gypsies camping in the woods and the hysteria they inspire; and, even closer to home, of a slow-motion divorce in four seasons. Pointed, funny, profound, left-field, elegiac, and painted with the stuff of life, *Black Swan Green* is David Mitchell's subtlest and most effective achievement to date. Praise for *Black Swan Green* "[David Mitchell has created] one of the most endearing, smart, and funny young narrators ever to rise up from the pages of a novel. . . . The always fresh and brilliant writing will carry readers back to their own childhoods. . . . This enchanting novel makes us remember exactly what it was like."—The Boston Globe "[David Mitchell is a] prodigiously daring and imaginative young writer. . . . As in the works of Thomas Pynchon and Herman Melville, one feels the roof of the narrative lifted off and oneself in thrall."—Time This amazing 320-page volume is the perfect guide to everything for children aged seven plus! It is packed with colorful illustrations, step-by-step sequences, and the latest photography to keep children engaged. Arranged thematically into key areas, the concise text is clear, accurate, and perfectly pitched, making this an unbeatable resource for home and school. Plus, a glossary and index are included along with a list of websites for further learning. It's what Pele called the "Beautiful Game" and what millions of fans gather to cheer on. Soccer is showing increasing popularity worldwide, and revamped professional leagues continue to shine in the World Cup. This carefully researched book describes the history of the sport, its legendary players and clubs, notable coaches, and stadiums. There is in-depth information on major competitions at both national and club levels as well as sections on the laws, tactics, and equipment. Complementing the text are lovingly chosen photographs bringing to life the characters and moments that have shaped the world of soccer. History leaps from the page in this completely revised and updated edition of the critically acclaimed Kingfisher History Encyclopedia. From man's earliest history right through to the technological and social revolutions of the current day, this trusted reference provides a one-stop source for research, and is the perfect companion to any study of world history. The encyclopedia is organized chronologically and then thematically within each time period. A timeline runs across the top of each page for context. Each section includes biographies of important people and key features on the art, architecture, and technology of the period. A brand new chapter details modern-day events, such as the fight for equality, the threat of climate change, the COVID-19 crisis, and space exploration and discoveries. With more than 2,000 full-colour illustrations, photographs, and source materials, as well as research-friendly back matter and index, this encyclopedia provides a beautiful, authoritative reference that is essential for any home, school, or library. From Michelle Akers to Megan Rapinoe, bold and inspiring profiles of the pioneers, champions and future heroines of women's soccer around the world. Women's soccer has come a long way. The first organized games on record -- which took place three hundred years ago in the Scottish Highlands -- were exhibition matches, where single women played against married women while available men looked on, seeking a potential mate. Today, champions like Mia Hamm, Abby Wambach, Brazil's Marta and China's Sun Wen, have inspired girls around the world to pick up the beautiful game for love of the sport. Inevitably, given the hardships and discrimination they face, women who play soccer professionally are so much more than elite athletes. They are survivors, campaigners, political advocates, feminists, LGBTQ activists, working moms, staunch opponents of racial discrimination and inspirational role models for many. Based on original interviews with over 50 current and former players and coaches, this

book celebrates these remarkable women and their achievements against all odds. "Know it all, from how the sun shines to how the pyramids were built"--Cover. This newly updated edition of The Soccer Encyclopedia (FIFA) will make you an expert of the most popular game in the world. The pages are brimming with the latest facts, stats and records, plus punchy profiles of the best international teams on the planet, as well as essential info about the top leagues and tournaments in world soccer. What's more, you can get the lowdown on all the FIFA competitions from the World Cup to the eWorld Cup and the latest recipients of the FIFA awards. With a comprehensive list of honours citing every international and intercontinental competition, FIFA's The Soccer Encyclopedia is a must-have for every young fan of the sport. Summary: Brief articles on all aspects of soccer, including the history of the sport, well-known players, coaches, teams, moves, positions, and techniques. Free Mia Hamm photo inside! Mia loves playing soccer. That is, until she has trouble scoring a goal when her team is about to lose. Before she can lose, she quits. Fed up with her attitude, Mia's brothers and sisters will not let her play with them anymore. Will Mia learn that being a team player is more important than winning or losing the game? This wonderful and motivating story from America's soccer champion shows kids that: Winners Never Quit! Football is the world's most popular sport - globally, more than 240 million people play the game regularly. This colourful and exciting book is the essential guide to soccer, offering easy-to-follow instruction that is sure to improve the all-round play of any young football player, from passing and dribbling to shooting, defending, goalkeeping and tactics. The detailed practical advice is enhanced by spreads about the all-time great players, the FIFA World Cup and unusual versions of the sport. Accurate, approachable, and indispensable, this illustrated science encyclopedia is arranged in such categories as "Planet Earth", "Living Things", "Chemistry and the Elements", "Materials and Technology", "Space and Time", and "Conservation and the Environment". 2,000+ full-color photos & illustrations. This is a comprehensive look at the famous and the notorious, their achievements and the legacies they have left humankind. Organized by theme - explorers, inventors, leaders, artists, sportspeople, musicians, politicians, scientists, writers, reformers etc - each chapter looks at the famous figures pre-1000 AD to put the rest of the chapter in its historical context. Learn your back springs from your bridges in this first gymnastics book for young fans and future Olympians. Meet the stars of the gymnastic world in this sports book, from Simone Biles to Max Whitlock, and find out how they train and perfect routines to take to the floor and wow the judging panel. With tons of photos and step-by-step illustrations, this book breaks down some of the complicated moves used in gymnastics routines, covering both simple and high-level gymnastics. Parallel bars, the pommel horse, and other key pieces of equipment are profiled alongside how they're used. The differences between rhythmic, acrobatic, and artistic gymnastics are explained with the help of exciting photos of expert gymnasts. Introducing world-champion individuals and international teams, this guide is great for kids that are obsessed with gymnastics. On the island of Koh Panyee, in a village built on stilts, there is no open space. How will a group of Thai boys play soccer? After watching the World Cup on television, a group of Thai boys is inspired to form their own team. But on the island of Koh Panyee, in a village built on stilts, there is no open space. The boys can play only twice a month on a sandbar when the tide is low enough. Everything changes when the teens join together to build their very own floating soccer field. This inspiring true story by debut author Scott Riley is gorgeously illustrated by Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien. Perfect for fans of stories about sports, beating seemingly impossible odds, and places and cultures not often shown in picture books. "A compelling book for football [soccer] fans and readers seeking examples of ingenuity."—starred, Publishers Weekly Soccer is fun - let's play! Find all the basics in this lively guide. The markings on a soccer field What soccer players wear The positions, from forward to goalkeeper The excitement of passing a ball The thrill of making a goal All these and more are included, with a useful glossary at the end. If a young athlete is serious about soccer, then he or she needs to practice the necessary skills. Top coaches base their training programs on a number of crucial techniques that help make good players into great players. This book shares and delves into these cutting-edge professional techniques and gives readers all the information they need to develop their talent and get all the

essential soccer skills under their belts. From running with the ball to passing, from shooting to goalkeeping, all the skills young players need to be effective and successful are included here. It's like having one-on-one access to your own coach at all times. With tips on choosing the right equipment, an introduction to the game, and hundreds of detailed step-by-step images, readers will find everything they need to start training more effectively right away. The author, Ian Howe, is a fully qualified coach in England's Football Association. He specializes in the coaching of children aged 5-16. He co-founded the successful Palace Soccer School in the early 1990s, a school that has forged close links with many top soccer league clubs throughout the southeast of England. A comprehensive record of the world's most popular game, from its ancient beginnings to the billion-dollar industry it has become today. --cover leaf. Relive the magic of last season's soccer success in The Official Arsenal Annual 2020. This is your indispensable guide to all things Arsenal. As well as a comprehensive review of last season, we've also packed in a whole host of fun features and informative player profiles. Find out what your favourite player was like as a 10 year old, discover the story behind the Gunners' autographs and read about the next generation of Young Guns breaking through. Stats, photos, goals, facts and trivia - it's all here, and to cap it all there are plenty of fun quizzes, designed to test even the most dedicated Arsenal fan! IMAGE OF 2019 ANNUAL FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES The Official History of the FIFA World Cup Book is an authoritative and comprehensive review of the 20 FIFA World Cups to have taken place since the inaugural tournament in 1930. Packed with stunning photography, exclusive interviews of the biggest stars of each edition, unique official documents and statistics, it is a must read for any football fan around the world. No other event in the sporting world can rival the glamour, impact, fervent following and universal appeal of the FIFA World Cup. This unique book tells the stories behind the scenes, as well as analyzing the most famous incidents. It features the biggest stars and many previously unknown ones too, all with a unique worldwide point of view. Over a thousand questions of general knowledge covering five subject areas with answers. Fully revised and updated for the 2010 World Cup and featuring a pull-out World Cup results chart, THE KINGFISHER FOOTBALL ENCYCLOPEDIA captures the triumph and despair of pivotal moments in world football. Dramatic full-spread photos and digital artworks recreate famous moves and goals, while each chapter includes links to stable websites, providing a valuable access point to databases of players, international results and club histories. Fully updated ahead of EURO 2024 and with a fill-in results wallchart to accompany the tournament, The Soccer Encyclopedia brings you all the latest information, stats, and facts from the world of soccer. Read about superstar players, from Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmatí to Erling Haaland and Jude Bellingham. Follow your favorite teams in the NWSL, the MLS, and around the globe. And get the lowdown on the greatest tournaments and competitions, from the Copa América to the FIFA Women's and Men's World Cups. The book now features expanded material on women's soccer, one of the world's fastest-growing sports. It's packed with pictures and profiles of the world's most skilful players—old and new—from Sam Kerr to Mohamed Salah, Kylian Mbappé to Megan Rapinoe, and Harry Kane to Neymar. Over 50 of the best sides to have lit up the game are covered in detail, including the U.S. women's and men's teams, Brazil, Manchester City, and Real Madrid. Soccer fans will get the key information about the top tournaments and leagues around the world, including the English Premier League, the CONCACAF Gold Cup, and the Copa Libertadores. All the drama of the "beautiful game" is fully analyzed with dynamic full-spread photos and artworks that recreate famous moves and goals, and there is in-depth coverage of every aspect of soccer, including rules and skills; fans and the media; coaches and tactics. Packed with the latest statistics and fully updated for this new edition, this is a superbly detailed reference book for all the family. Created by an award-winning author-and-illustrator team, "Summer Olympics" sets the stage with facts, articles, and essential background information across the complete range of Olympic summer competition. An ideal companion to the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Includes glossary and Web resources. Full color. From June 7 to July 7 2019, 24 teams from around the world will gather in France for the FIFA Women's World Cup. This official guide provides an insightful, comprehensive preview to get you excited for women's soccer's biggest

and greatest tournament. Written by former professional player Jen O'Neill, features include a review of the qualifying campaign, an in-depth analysis of all the participating teams and their star players, a retrospective look at the first seven Women's World Cups, and much more.

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