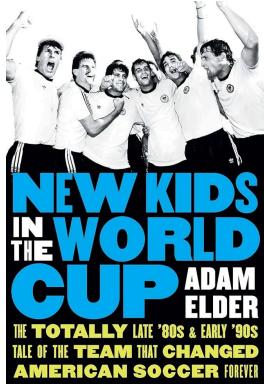


World Cup Fever:

Read a book about soccer (fiction or nonfiction) or a biography of a soccer player

New Kids in the World Cup by Adam Elder

SPORTS SOCCER Elder, hoopla e-audio



In 1990 a fearless group of players changed the sport of soccer in the United States forever. Young, bronzed, and mulleted, they were America's finest athletes in a sport their country loved to hate. Even sportswriters rooted against them. Yet this team defied massive odds and qualified for the World Cup, making possible America's current obsession with the world's most popular game. This is the origin story of modern American men's soccer. It's the true adventure of America's most important soccer team--and the one that made America finally fall in love with soccer.

My Greatest Save by Briana Scurry

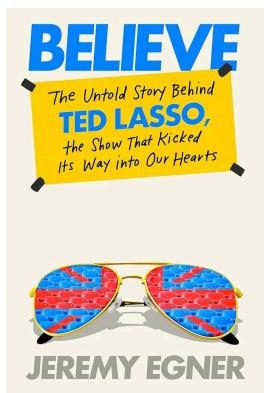
Bio Scurry Briana, hoopla e-book & e-audio



Briana Scurry was a pioneer on the US Women's National Team. She won gold in Atlanta in 1996, the first time women's soccer was ever played in the Olympics. She was a key part of the fabled "99ers," making an epic save in the decisive penalty-kick shootout in the final. Scurry captured her second Olympic gold in 2004. She was the only Black player on the team, and she was also the first player to be openly gay. It was an amazing ride, one that Scurry handled with her trademark generosity and class-qualities that made her one of the most popular players ever to wear a US jersey.

Believe: the Untold Story Behind Ted Lasso by Jeremy Egner

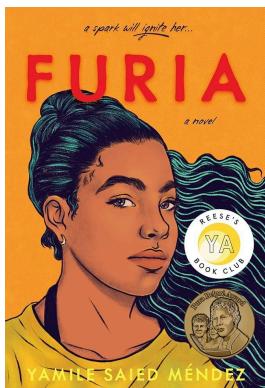
ENTERTAIN TVRADIO Egner, Libby e-book & e-audio



In Believe, entertainment journalist and Ted Lasso fan Jeremy Egner traces the show's creation and legacy through the words of the people at its center. Drawing on dozens of interviews from key cast, creators, and more, Believe takes readers from the first, silly NBC Premier League commercial to the pitch to Apple executives, then into the show's writers' room, through the brilliant international casting, and on to the unforgettable set and locations of the show itself.

Furia by Yamile Saied Maendez

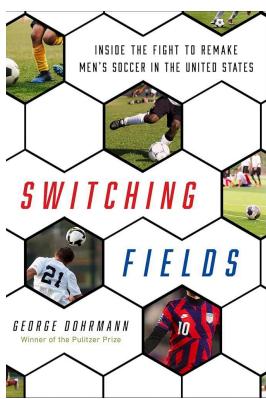
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In Rosario, Argentina, Camila Hassan lives a double life. At home, she is a careful daughter, living within her mother's narrow expectations, in her rising-soccer-star brother's shadow, and under the abusive rule of her short-tempered father. On the field, she is La Furia, a powerhouse of skill and talent. When her team qualifies for the South American tournament, Camila gets the chance to see just how far those talents can take her. As her life becomes more complicated, Camila is forced to face her secrets and make her way in a world with no place for the dreams and ambition of a girl like her.

Switching Fields by George Dohrmann

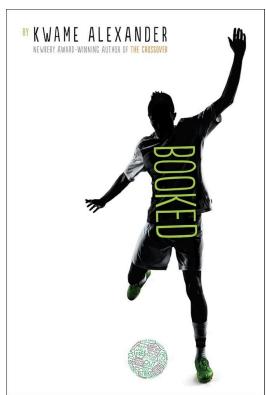
SPORTS SOCCER Dohrmann



George Dohrmann turns his investigative focus on the system that develops male soccer players in the United States, examining why the U.S. has struggled for decades to produce elite talent. But rather than just focus on the past, he turns forward, connecting with coaches and players who are changing the way talented players are unearthed and developed: an American living in Japan who devised a new way for kids under five to be introduced to the game; a coach in Los Angeles who traveled to Spain and Argentina and returned with coaching methods he used to school a team of future pros.

Booked by Kwame Alexander

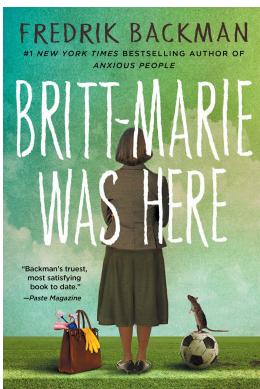
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Twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read. This electric and heartfelt novel-in-verse bends and breaks as it captures all the thrills and setbacks, action and emotion of a World Cup match.

Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

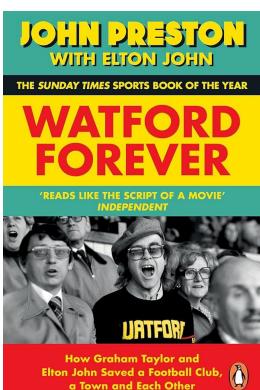
F Back, Libby e-book & e-audio



When Britt-Marie walks out on her cheating husband and has to fend for herself in the miserable backwater town of Borg, she is more than a little unprepared. Employed as the caretaker of a soon-to-be demolished recreation center, the fastidious Britt-Marie has to cope with muddy floors, unruly children, and a (literal) rat for a roommate. Most alarming of all, she's given the impossible task of leading the supremely untalented children's soccer team to victory. In this small town of big-hearted misfits, can Britt-Marie find a place where she truly belongs?

Watford Forever by John Preston

SPORTS SOCCER Preston, hoopla e-audio



Watford Football Club, a team from the outskirts of London with barely enough fans to fill its stands--and which, in the mid-1970s, was languishing in 92nd place at the bottom of the last division of the English Football League. That is, until rock superstar Elton John bought the lowly franchise and, with legendary manager Graham Taylor, transformed the luckless football club into a top-seeded Premier League team. Inspiring, funny, and ultimately heartbreak, *Watford Forever* recalls the improbably tender relationship between Elton John and Taylor, who together beat the odds and their personal demons to save a club and a struggling community.

A Greater Goal by Elizabeth Rusch

TEEN SPORTS SOCCER Rusch, Libby e-book and hoopla e-book & e-audio



Elizabeth Rusch's *A Greater Goal* chronicles how members of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team fought to receive fair treatment and equal pay despite the intense pushback they received from U.S. Soccer, the governing body of soccer in the United States. With a narrative that includes player profiles and vignettes framed from team member perspectives, *A Greater Goal* illuminates the work, support, and grit needed to be treated with equality in a world that often undervalues the contributions of women.