

countries is a fascinating mid-90's snapshot of the relationship between state, politics, culture and football.

- **The Football Man by Arthur Hopcraft, 2006, 796.334/HOP**

Written 2 years after England's 1966 World Cup victory, 'The Football man' gives us a view from all sides of the game and includes interviews with some of the biggest names in 1960's football- including George Best, Bobby Charlton, Alf Ramsey and a 37 year old Ken Bates, then chairman of Oldham.

- **Football United: New Labour, The Task Force and the future of the game by Mark Perryman, 1997, Pamphlet 796.334/PER**

Perryman, founder of 'Football Philosophy' clothing brand and frequent contributor to 'When Saturday Comes', presents a critique of New Labour's 'Football Taskforce' and in doing so provides a snap-shot of mid-nineties English football- addressing ticket prices, gender inequality, replica kit prices, fan – ownership and football in the community.

- **Football Cultures and Identities edited by Gary Armstrong and Richard Giul, 1999, 306.48/FOO**

A selection of essays exploring how football has shaped peoples sense of identity around the world. Covering subjects as diverse as the territorial politics of football in Northern Ireland, Turkish national identity, and the role football played in the identity of new nation states in what was Yugoslavia, these essays give us an insight into how football has given people a space to organize politically, socially and culturally.

- **The Blizzard - The Football Quarterly, Issue 1 (2011)- Issue 20, X796.334/BLI**

The Blizzard describes itself as 'Grown up football writing', featuring longer articles than a typical football magazine, with pieces up to 8000 words long. Topics are often more esoteric than other magazines, aiming to cover little-explored components of football culture, or to take new perspectives on previously well explored issues. Here in Leeds Central Library we hold the initial print run of issue 1-20.

Reference, Statistics and General Information

- **Rothman's Football Yearbook, 71/72 – 89/90, 91/92 – 2002/2003, X796.334/ROT**
- **Sky Sports Football Yearbook 2003/04 -2017-18, X796.334/SKY**
- **FA Yearbook, 1950/51 – 2009/10, X796.334/FOO**
- **Non-League Club Directory, 1981/82 – 2017/18, X796.334/NON**

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his family, his girlfriend, his religion, his God.
But...he can't change his passion."
– The Secret in Their Eyes (2009)*

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First Hand Accounts

- **All Played Out: The Full Story of Italia '90 by Peter Davies, 1990, 796.334/DAV.**
Through unparalleled access to the Italia '90 England squad, featuring candid and revealing interviews with players as well as manager Bobby Robson, Pete Davies creates a behind the scenes account of the team's epic journey to the quarter finals of the World Cup.
- **The Gentle Giant by John Charles, 1962, 796.334/CHA.**
Published in 1962 John Charles writes a first-hand account of his move from first division Leeds United to Serie A champions Juventus and back again. A fascinating glimpse into what life was like for perhaps the best British footballer of his generation at the top of his game.
- **Against the World: Playing For England by Kevin Keegan and Mike Langley, 1979, Q 796.334/KEE.**
Here chronicled in his own words (with a little help from noted sports writer Mike Langley) Keegan tells the story of his unfortunate England career- from his struggles to get established in the national side to his despair at failing to qualify for both the 1974 and 1978 World Cups.

History of Football

- **The Story of the World Cup by Brian Glanville, 2005, 796.334/GLA**
This comprehensive history of the world's top soccer tournament--from the 1930s through the 2002 competition in Japan- packed with colourful behind-the-scenes stories and character sketches of the managers and players.
- **A History of British Football by Percy M. Young, 1968, 796.334/YOU**
Written in the aftermath of England's 1966 World Cup victory Percy Young traces British football's roots back to the tribal gatherings of Celts and Romans, violent mobs in the Middle-Ages, Civil-War and Puritan disorder in the 17th Century through to the creation of the FA and the expansion of the sport in the 21st Century.
- **England's Quest for the World Cup – A Complete Record, by Clive Letherdale, 1984, 796.334/LEA**
Clive Letherdale presents the ups and downs of England's search for World Cup glory detailing every game, including the qualifying fixtures, up to the 1982 World Cup in Spain.
- **The FA Cup: The Complete Story by Guy Lloyd and Nick Holt, 2005, 796.334/LLO**
An encyclopedic history of the competition. Covering the history of the F.A. Cup

from its early days through to 2000, this edition cover all the drama through vital statistics, photos and match reports in a quick reference, easily readable style.

- **Football Grounds: Then and Now, 2004, 796.334/FOO**
From the archives of the Aerofilms collection this edition provides detailed aerial views of 93 major football grounds in England comparing archives photos from the 1930's, 50's, 60's and 70's with more recent aerial photos from the 2000's.

Football, Politics and Society

- **The People's Game by James Walvin, 1975, 796.334/WAL**
Walvin takes a broad look at the social history of football, examining how a village pastime with strong tradition folk roots in the late Middle Ages developed into the codified and disciplined game of urban working men in the late 19th century Britain, later spreading to Europe, South America and the rest of the world.
- **Association Football and English Society 1863-1915 by Tony Mason, 1980, 796.334/MAS**
Tony Mason presents a comprehensive study of the formative period for association football in England. Mason uses a wealth of club records, sporting press and company records to trace its development as well as examining football in its social context asking what the sport meant and still means to both the working and middle classes.
- **The Football World: A Contemporary Social History by Stephen Wagg, 1984, 306.4/WAG**
An in-depth analysis into the social history of British football. Wagg looks at the changes in British society, both on and off the pitch, that helped the sport become part of British working class consciousness in the 21st century.
- **The Best of Enemies: England vs. Germany, a Century of Football Rivalry by David Downing, 2000, 796.334/DOW**
A thought provoking analysis of one of football's fiercest rivalries. Downing chronicles every match between the two nations- the no man's land Christmas kick-about of 1914, the controversy of the England team's Hitler salute of 1938, the 1966 final, right up to England's 1-0 victory in the Euros 2000.
- **Football in Sun and Shadow by Eduardo Galeano, 1997, 796.334/GAL**
One of Uruguay's greatest authors presents a history of football across 200 short, lyrical, whimsical chapters. From Stanley Mathews to Ruud Guillit, Galeano's prose covers the corruption, magic and controversy and reminds us to celebrate the spiritual side of the beautiful game.
- **Football Against the Enemy by Simon Kuper, 1994, 796.334/KUP**
Written in 1994, at a time of new found freedom in Eastern Europe and new found riches in England's fledgling Premier League, Kuper's travels across 22