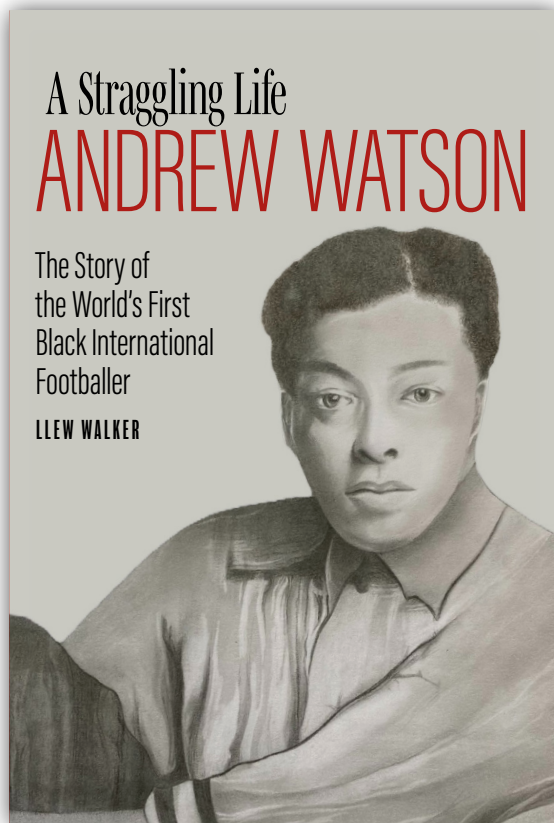




## Title information



### **Andrew Watson: A Stragglng Life**

The Story of the World's First Black International Footballer

By Llew Watson

#### **Key features**

- The world's first black international footballer and one of the best players in the world during his era
- A 'Scottish professor' who schooled the English in the modern art of football; he was half Scottish, but could also have played for England
- Celebrated as the best full-back to play for Charterhouse, he was carried from the football field by the pupils
- An ancestor of the British Prime Minister, lost to history for more than 100 years, but brought back to the public's attention in this new biography
- Book includes fresh insight into Watson's life – based on unique research – and is published to celebrate English Heritage's award of a Blue Plaque in his honour
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### **Description**

The son of a Scottish plantation owner and a free woman of colour, Andrew Watson was provided for by his wealthy father. Receiving a first-class education in English public schools, he would later reject university to become a footballer in Glasgow. Schooled by the most advanced practitioners of the game at that time, he became one of the best footballers in Glasgow and captained Scotland's invincible national team. He played for the greatest clubs of the day on both sides of the border and as a 'Scottish professor', brought his talent to England and shared his knowledge with the Southern amateurs, helping the game evolve from a public-school pastime to a national obsession. He played alongside and educated many who would represent the English national team, changing the game forever. But the record of his achievements faded as the game he helped change took over the world, leaving his memory in the shadows. More than 100 years later, he was rediscovered in an old photograph, and after years of research, his achievements were finally recognised.

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