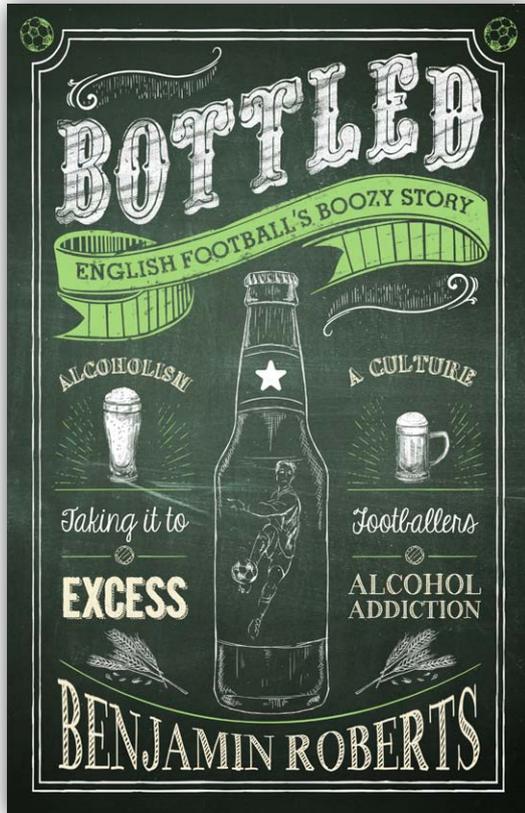




Title information



Bottled

English Football's Boozy Story

By Benjamin Roberts

Key features

- The first book to examine alcoholism among English footballers from a personal and cultural perspective
- An accessible, eye-opening account of the historical and social links between football and alcohol
- Features interviews with many former footballers
- Also input from specialist practitioners in recovery and rehabilitation
- Co-operation from Sporting Chance and the PFA
- Written by respected author Benjamin Roberts, himself a recovering alcoholic
- Extensive colour photo section
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

Bottled tells the story of English football's complicated relationship with booze through the experiences of the players who found themselves in crisis when they could no longer put it down – from George Best and Paul Gascoigne to Tony Adams and Paul Merson, as well as many others who escaped the headlines. Footballers play under intense pressure in the unforgiving glare of the media spotlight. But what do their stories tell us about ourselves? Are some challenges they face specific to a player's lifestyle? With insights from those at the sharp end, here is an examination of footballers in need and the help available from the industry. Untangling the complex web of links between alcohol and the beautiful game, *Bottled* explores the stories that characterised the origins of many of England's clubs, as churches and breweries vied for the souls of young men. From trashed hotel rooms to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous via the China Jump club, *Bottled* navigates the journey from the stars to the gutter and, sometimes, back again.

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