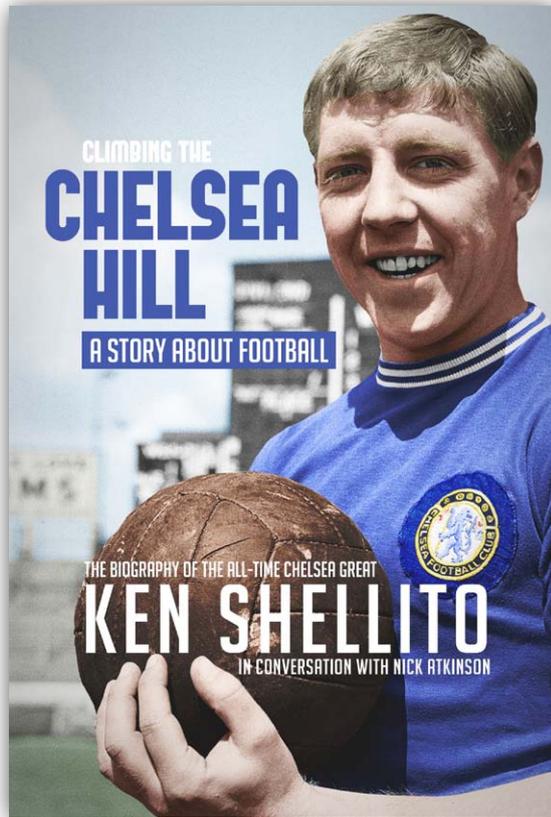




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Climbing the Chelsea Hill

A Story About Football, the Biography of the all-time Chelsea Great Ken Shellito

By Nick Atkinson

Key features

- Ken Shellito was the first and only Chelsea manager to enter the role after rising through the ranks at Stamford Bridge – from ground staff to team manager
- Absorbing story of Ken's East End upbringing, set against the backdrop of World War Two and the post-war years
- Fascinating first-hand account of the footballing world of the 1950s and '60s and how it evolved into the money-spinning empire we know today
- A story of broken dreams and overcoming adversity – Ken won full England honours – before an injury to his left knee ended his playing career at age 23
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Climbing the Chelsea Hill is the gripping story of Ken Shellito, the first and only Chelsea manager to enter the job after rising through the ranks at Stamford Bridge. After joining as ground staff at 15, he turned professional in 1957. He played 123 senior games as a full-back and won England honours before a knee injury ended his playing career at age 23. Undeterred, he joined the coaching staff and became first-team manager of Chelsea after 22 years at the club. Later, Ken left the UK to coach and manage in his new home of Malaysia. Sadly, he died there aged 78, in 2018. In this authorised biography, Ken lays bare all the highs and lows of his unique footballing journey. His anecdotes – some harrowing, others hilarious – shine a light on an era when football was all about the teams, their fans and the camaraderie among players. It paints a fascinating portrait of how the game was played at the start of Ken's career and how it evolved into today's commercialised era of glitz and glamour.

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