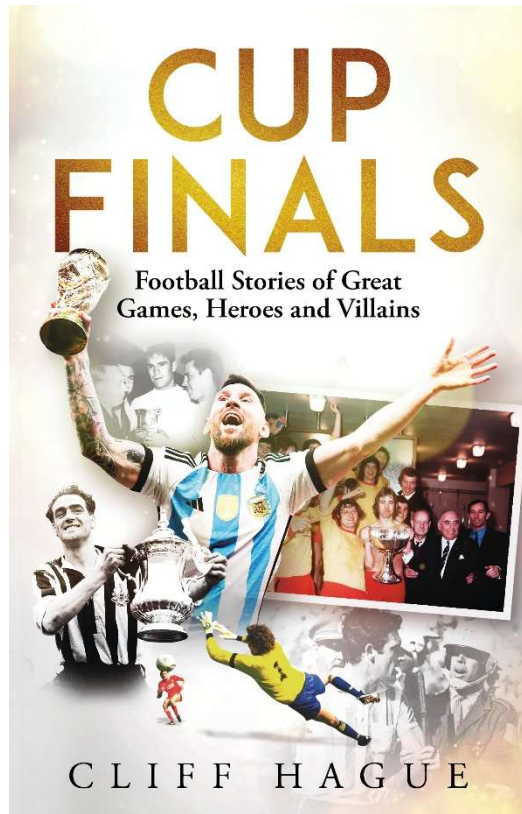




Title information



Cup Finals

Football Stories of Great Games, Heroes and Villains

By Cliff Hague

Key features

- Fresh look at cup finals as crucibles for stories and drama
- Celebrates some of the most famous games ever played, but also grassroots football and spotlights players made legends by their cup final exploits
- Blends the stories of cup finals involving major UK clubs – including Arsenal, Celtic, Liverpool, Manchester City and United – with those of European and Latin American giants
- Includes finals from the World Cup, European Cup, Africa Cup of Nations, the Women's World Cup, Argentina, Bulgaria and more, plus the FA Cup
- Asks 'Whose cup is it?' as nation states, billionaires and big business remake our much-loved cup competitions
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Cup Finals: Football Stories of Great Games, Heroes and Villains captures the magic of the cup, weaving together tales of past and present heroes and villains, glory and tragedy, outrage and joy, thrills and scapegoats, plus 'David and Goliath' battles. There is a special aura about any cup final, at whatever level: each is an occasion. They become life-defining milestones because every final is a human story. We identify with plucky underdogs, and are wowed by the brilliance of outstanding performers. Cup finals are the stage for great stories, where players become legends, the crowd is the chorus, and we learn to handle life's ups and downs. Some of the stories tell of global superstars in a World Cup Final, others of semi-professionals who are the pride of their village. Messi and Mbappe are here, along with a host of names and games passed down through generations. But who was the schoolboy who played in an FA Cup-winning side? What was the greatest cup final? This book is about passion and spectacle, nostalgia and corporate greed. Whose cup is it?

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