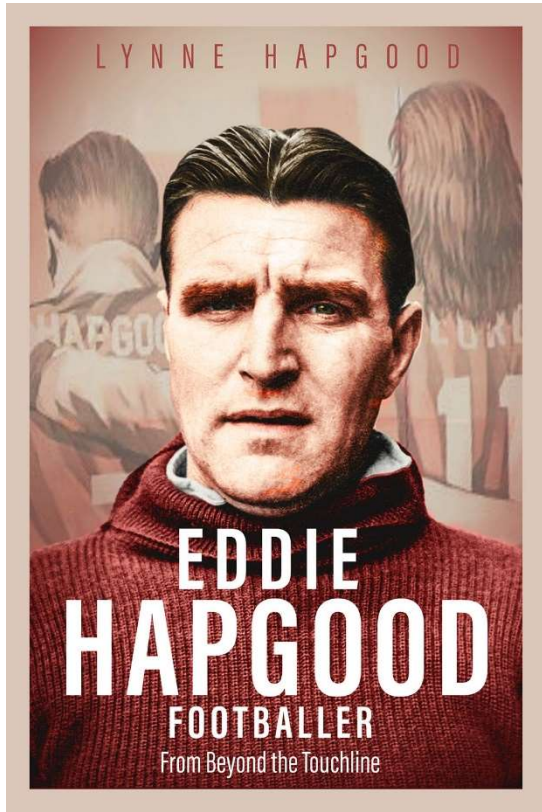




## Title information



### Eddie Hapgood, Footballer

From Beyond the Touchline

By Lynne Hapgood

#### Key features

- Gripping life story of success and adulation, tragic reversals and vindication
- Compelling tale filled with humour, tears and drama
- High drama on and off the pitch as a poisonous mix of class, fascism, Nazism and looming war haunt the 1930s, spilling into football
- Fame and football vs family life as told by Eddie's daughter Lynne – she explores the nature of sporting greatness, its influence on those who watch and its impact on family and friends caught in its slipstream
- Unpublished letters, notes and records from the family archive bring new insights to famous events and people
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts, magazines, bookshop launches and talks involving Arsenal FC networks

#### Description

*Eddie Hapgood, Footballer* is the extraordinary story of a young unknown from Bristol who became Arsenal and England captain and a national hero, in the dark days of the 1930s. His impact is so enduring that when the millennium dawned, the public voted him one of the greatest sportsmen of the century. That glorious legacy was painfully achieved. Hapgood considered football an art and played it joyously as part of a team, but he struggled when politics, class and money threatened to undermine him and corrupt football. By the late 1930s, the ugly shadows of fascism, Nazism and looming war were bearing down on the beautiful game. Hapgood found himself in a public fight for justice and respect, while behind the scenes he protected his family with dedication, love and humour. In this gripping memoir, his daughter Lynne Hapgood pulls together the various threads – success, celebrity, tragedy and vindication – to reveal the real Eddie Hapgood. She examines the nature of sporting greatness and its impact on fans and family.

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