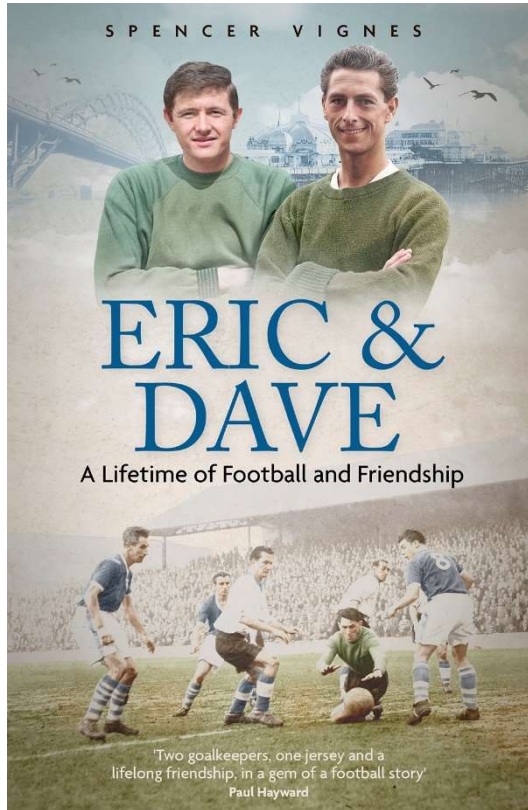




Title information



Eric and Dave

A Lifetime of Football and Friendship

By Spencer Vignes

Key features

- True account of that rarest of things in football – indeed sport – a genuine friendship that has lasted not only beyond the final whistle, but for life
- Story of two friends growing old yet determined not to think old, set against the looming backdrop of dementia – a syndrome that's affected all too many of their peers – and its increasingly uncomfortable relationship with football
- Widespread appeal for different readerships, bridging the horrors of World War Two and Covid-19 as well as sport and the changing face of British society over the course of ten different decades from the 1930s to the 2020s
- Appeal to supporters of several English football clubs, from Brighton & Hove Albion in the south to Newcastle United in the north
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Meet Eric Gill and Dave Hollins, once feted as two of the finest goalkeepers in Britain. Between them they have more stories to tell spanning the past ten decades than there are holes in a football net. Their unique friendship started as a rivalry, two men wrestling over the same goalkeeper jersey at Brighton & Hove Albion in the 1950s. Seventy years later they remain the best of pals, having lived long, eventful lives bookended by the horrors of World War Two and the Covid-19 pandemic. Journey back to when footballers earned £20 a week and goalkeepers wore string gloves, as Eric and Dave recall how they dodged Hitler's bombs before pitting their wits against some of sport's most iconic names: a list that includes Stanley Matthews, Pelé and George Best not to mention their shared nemesis, Brian Clough. Touching, inspiring and searingly honest, *Eric and Dave* is a salutary reminder that youth is not a time of life but a state of mind.

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