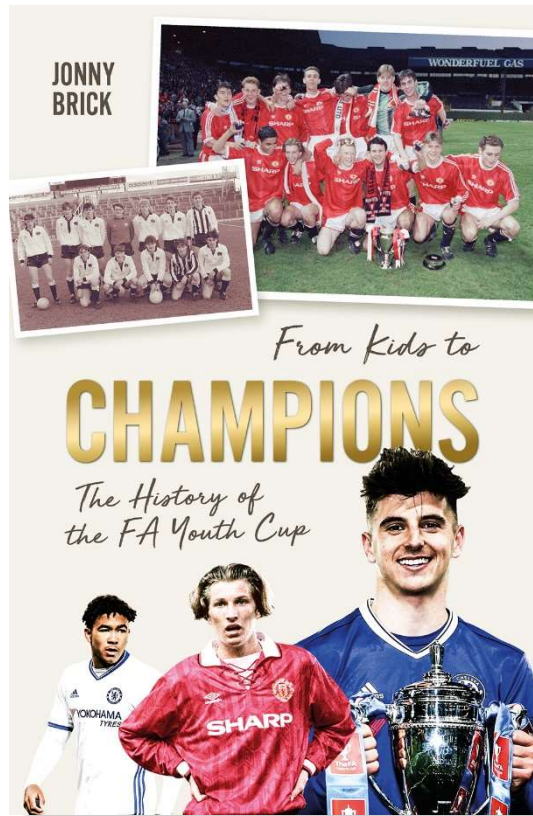




## Title information



### From Kids to Champions

A History of the FA Youth Cup

By Jonny Brick

#### Key features

- First book devoted to one of the most important, yet overlooked, competitions in English football
- Highlights successes of smaller clubs such as Millwall and Watford, which shared the coaching of Tom Walley
- Brings together recollections of players from the 1950s to the present day, including exclusive interviews
- Parents, journalists and coaches provide context for the players' success
- Jonny Brick is the founder of the Football Library, a project that promotes football literature
- He has written for publications such as *FourFourTwo*, *Our Football League* and *Late Tackle*, as well as online portals such as My Football Books
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

As Britain takes its first steps outside EU jurisdiction, how will football clubs adjust? With the FA keen on tournament success, the FA Youth Cup will play a key role in bringing academy products to prominence. Since 1952, it has showcased future stars including Sir Matt Busby's legendary 'Babes'. Over 40 years the trophy changed hands every season bar one, with the likes of Crystal Palace, Millwall, Leeds United and Manchester City lighting up the tournament with superstar teams. The current era has seen the dominance of elite sides, often owned by oligarchs or billionaire investors. *From Kids to Champions* tells the stories of players who didn't make it at the top level, or left the game disillusioned, along with those of the important coaches and academy directors. These men are always first to be thanked when the kids become champions.

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