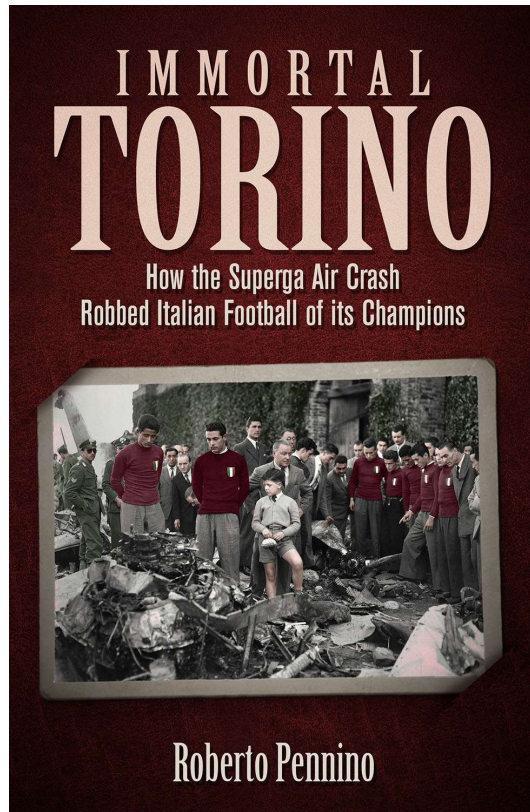




## Title information



### Immortal Torino

How the Superga Air Crash Robbed Italian Football of its Champions

By Roberto Pennino

### Key features

- Tells the story of *Grande Torino*, the greatest Italian post-war team, who formed the backbone of the national team
- Honours the players and other crash victims including Ernő Egri Erbstein, coach Leslie Lievesley and journalists Renato Casalbore, Renato Tosatti, and Luigi Cavallero
- Coincides with the 75th anniversary of the crash, and gives a fresh account of what happened after the crash
- Includes first-hand contributions from team-mates, colleagues and family members, including Sandro Mazzola, son of legendary Torino captain Valentino
- Those heartbreaking accounts from the time are invaluable to understand the significance of the Superga disaster
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

It was just after five o'clock on 4 May 1949 as the Avio Linee Italiane Fiat G.212, carrying 18 players of AC Torino and 13 other passengers, was preparing to land at Turin's Aeritalia airport. Thick fog meant visibility was poor, and strong winds had blown the plane off course. Disorientated, the plane was around ten miles from the runway and flying at in excess of 100mph, when suddenly, out of the fog emerged the Basilica of Superga. With no time for the pilot to react, the plane crashed into the Basilica, killing all 31 passengers instantly. Known as *Grande Torino*, in honour of their achievements, AC Torino had dominated their domestic league, and on the international stage their players were the backbone of the national team. They were on the verge of winning their fifth successive championship when they flew to Lisbon to face Benfica in a friendly on 1 May, before flying home via Barcelona three days later. *Immortal Torino* is the emotional story of the rise and tragic fall of one of Italian football's greatest ever teams.

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