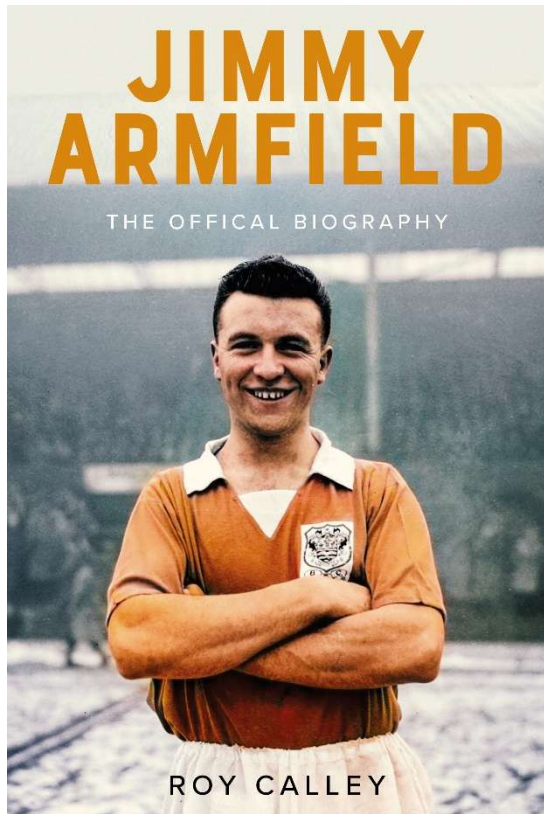




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Jimmy Armfield

The Official Biography

By Roy Calley

Key features

- Official biography, endorsed by Jimmy's family and written with input from family members, team-mates and friends
- Foreword by former England coach Glenn Hoddle
- Contributions from many big names from the world of football, including Glenn Hoddle, Bobby Charlton, Gary Lineker, Howard Wilkinson and BBC commentators Steve Wilson, Mike Ingham and John Murray
- The author saw Jimmy play for Blackpool and later became a colleague at the BBC, after which he considered Jimmy a friend
- Personal family photos supplied by Jimmy's son Duncan, plus a cherished eulogy from Jimmy's funeral
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Jimmy Armfield was a 'one-club man', so typical of the game in the pre-Sky TV era, when players often stayed with one team for their whole career. That club was Blackpool, where he was captivated by the famous tangerine shirt and the sandy coastline of the seaside resort. He captained England, but despite representing his country at the 1962 World Cup, he missed England's finest hour, four years later, due to injury. There was no bitterness, but for a man who played for Blackpool more than 600 times and England over 40, it's a sad fact that he only won one medal for his club and had to wait years for the World Cup winners' medal he richly deserved. He later managed both Bolton Wanderers and Leeds United, the first to promotion and the second to the European Cup final, but a brutal dismissal from Leeds saw him leave management altogether. Jimmy Armfield was a footballing man, representing the FA and broadcasting for the BBC, but he was a family man too. His devotion to his wife Anne, and sons Duncan and John, was well known. At Bloomfield Road he remains a legend.

Details

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