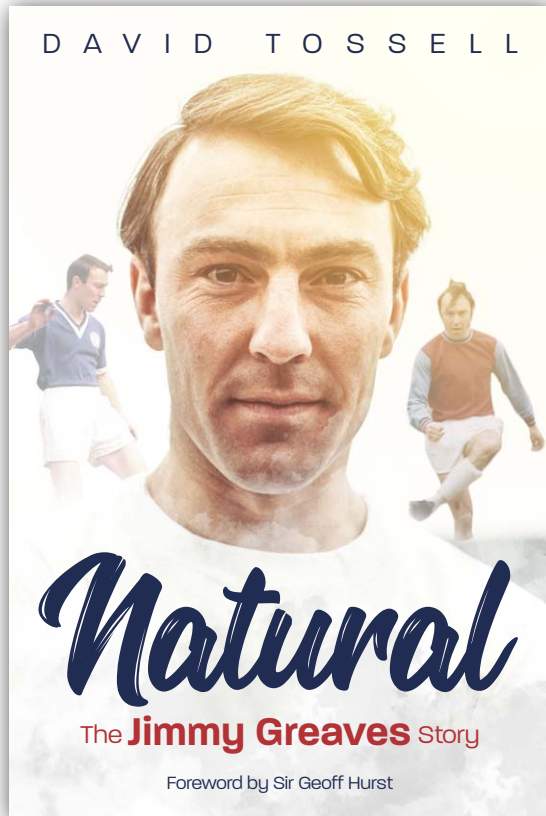




Title information



Natural

The Jimmy Greaves Story

By David Tossell

Key features

- Foreword by Sir Geoff Hurst
- Definitive biography of one of our most-loved sportsmen
- Features multiple new interviews with family, friends, colleagues and opponents
- Covers all aspects of his football career, including an examination of his goalscoring, the ill-fated transfer to Milan and the impact of missing the World Cup Final
- The full story of his fight against alcoholism, the tabloid exposé that might have saved his life and his TV comeback
- The book chronicles Greaves's ongoing battle against serious illness and the public affection it has inspired
- Written by David Tossell, renowned biographer and a five-time nominee in the British Sports Book Awards

Description

Jimmy Greaves remains the greatest goalscorer in English football history, with a record of 357 top-flight goals that may never be surpassed. Teenage sensation at Chelsea and England debutant at 19, he became – after an unhappy spell at AC Milan – a legend at Tottenham Hotspur. But despite 44 international goals in 57 games, his England career was defined by the heartbreak of missing the 1966 World Cup Final. A shock move to West Ham brought an acrimonious end to his Spurs days and, a year later, he retired from the game, aged only 31. What followed was a desperate descent into alcoholism, followed by a remarkable battle to win back his family and self-esteem. Reinventing himself as a popular TV personality, his instincts in front of camera proved as natural as those in front of goal. Having taken his final drink in 1978, Greaves has remained sober from that day. Drawing on interviews with family, friends, colleagues and opponents, *Natural: The Jimmy Greaves Story* is the definitive biography of one of England's most loved footballers.

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