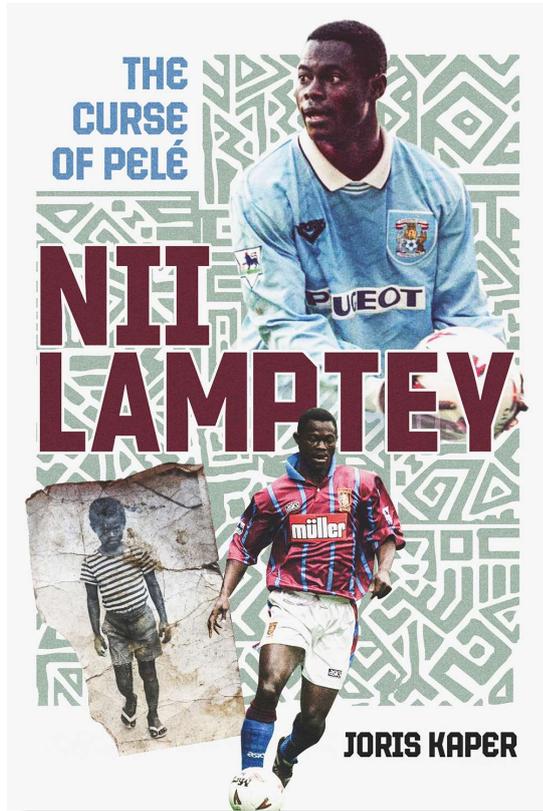




Title information



Nii Lamptey

The Curse of Pelé

By Joris Kaper

Key features

- Authorised biography of Nii Lamptey, former PSV Eindhoven, Aston Villa, Coventry City and Anderlecht player and Ghanaian international
- An incredible life story filled with dramatic twists – it encompasses injuries, lack of schooling, domestic violence, bad agents, racism, black magic and a tragic and turbulent personal life
- Preface by former PSV Eindhoven and Anderlecht coach Aad de Mos and former Anderlecht chairman Michel Verschueren
- In Holland the book was nominated for *Staantribune's* Football Book of the Year 2019
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Nii Lamptey: The Curse of Pelé is the authorised biography of Ghanaian footballer Nii Lamptey, a one-time bright young talent who was hailed as 'the next Pelé' by Pelé himself. By age 16, Lamptey had won the Belgian title with RSC Anderlecht and the world championship with Ghana's under-16s. One year later, he won a bronze medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. After joining Dutch masters PSV Eindhoven on loan in 1993 and scoring 10 times in 22 games that season, Lamptey appeared to have the world at his feet. Spells at Aston Villa and Coventry City followed, but he failed to fulfil Pelé's bold prophecy. Instead, his career became a cautionary tale of what can go wrong when too much pressure is applied to young players. Injuries, lack of schooling, domestic violence, bad agents and a tragic and turbulent personal life pushed Lamptey to the brink of suicide, but thankfully he recovered. In this 'warts and all' account he finally lifts the lid on his incredible story.

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