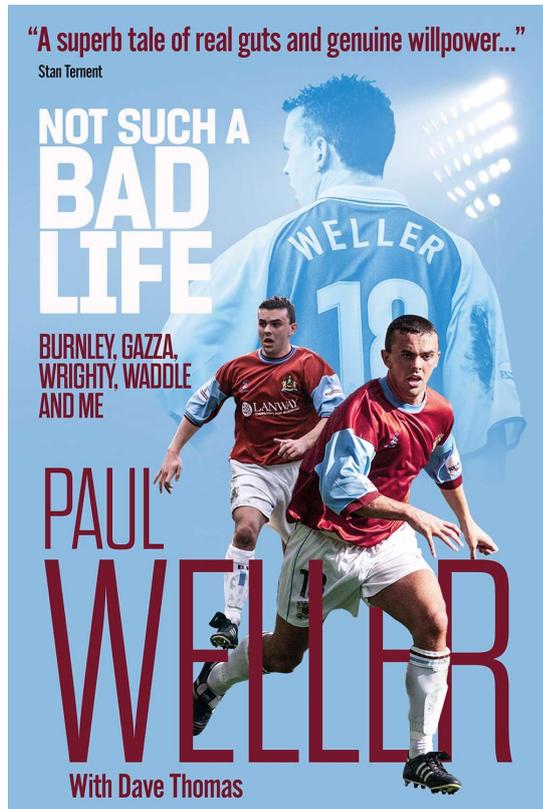




Title information



Not Such a Bad Life

Burnley, Gazza, Wrighty, Waddle and Me

By Paul Weller, with Dave Thomas

Key features

- Tale of triumph over adversity, charting how Weller, stricken by colitis and dropped from the team, battled back to help the club win promotion to as player of the season
- Reveals the daunting experiences of a southern lad moving up to the gloomy north, bullying and bust-ups and his time as a football apprentice in the early 90s
- Gives the inside track on various managers: Adrian Heath, Chris Waddle and the legendary Stan Ternent
- Includes Ian Wright's time and Gazza's spell at the club, alongside plenty of tales from the dressing room
- Lays bare the harsh reality of what happens when a playing career ends
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Paul Weller was a one-club player. He moved from sunny Brighton aged just 16 to dreary Burnley, with its grey skies, run-down terraced streets and mill chimneys, where riots were among the first things he saw. A more timid person might have caught the first train home. But he went on to play 252 games for the Clarets between 1993 and 2005. He would have played many more but for suffering the debilitating effects of colitis. It took a huge chunk out of his career, forcing him out of the first team. Other players might have capitulated, but he faced the problem head on, battled it and beat it and got back into the first team, with a promotion to the Championship. Remarkably, he was 'player of the season' the very next year. This is a real-life story of how to overcome obstacles and fight illness using courage, grit and determination. But it is also a story of the bullying, pitfalls and perils that await any aspiring footballer, the impact of managers and the inhuman cruelty with which players can be so casually released.

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