



## Title information



### Simmy

Tackling Life with Aberdeen and Fergie

By Neil Simpson, with Neil Drysdale

### Key features

- Neil Simpson at last tells his dramatic story – from ‘local loon’ to European champion
- Exclusive and candid insight into the fallout from his tackle on Rangers’ Ian Durrant
- Neil’s search for his elusive father, with whom he was reunited after more than 60 years
- His friendship and bust-ups with Alex Ferguson as they made history at Pittodrie
- His passion for Aberdeen and why he never wanted to sign for any other club
- His father–son relationship with Jock Stein, his tears after being told he wasn’t being offered a new contract in 1990 and his sadness at the death of team-mate Neale Cooper
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

*Simmy* is the explosive autobiography of Neil Simpson – fearless Aberdeen midfielder and one of Alex Ferguson’s Gothenburg greats. A standout in the Scottish youth set-up, he recalls facing Ruud Gullit and Michel Platini, and earning Scotland caps despite fears his London birth might hinder him. At Aberdeen he became a legend, helping the Dons secure famous victories over Bayern Munich, Real Madrid and Hamburg in 1983, three straight Scottish Cup triumphs (1982–84) and league titles in 1984 and 1985. Yet his tackle on Rangers’ Ian Durrant in 1988 saw him vilified, sued for £2m and seeking police protection after his home address appeared in a Rangers magazine. But there were happier times in 2012 when Sir Alex returned to Aberdeen with his Manchester United stars for a testimonial in Neil’s honour; while in 2023 Neil and his team-mates were given the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen. From European glory to the tackle that made him Scottish football’s most polarising figure, Simpson finally breaks his silence in this hard-hitting account of triumphs, controversy and survival.

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