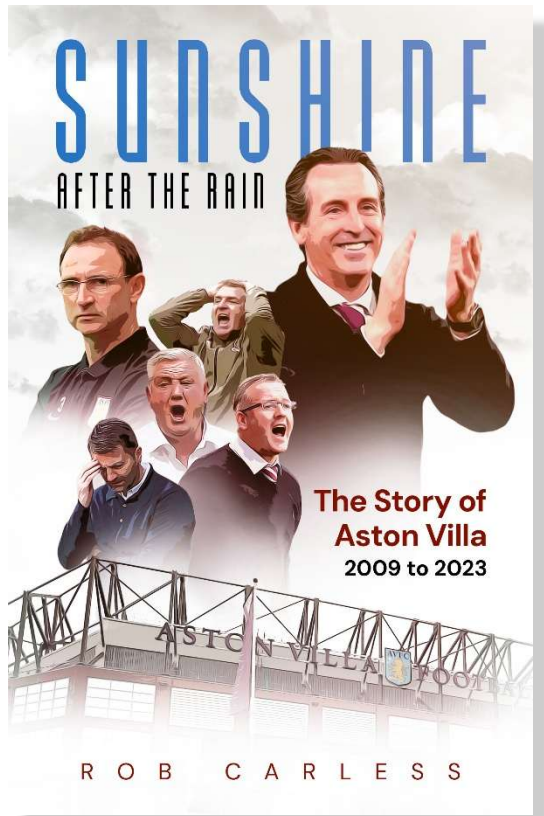




## Title information



### Sunshine After the Rain

Aston Villa's Rise from the Championship to the Champions League

By Rob Carless

#### Key features

- Season-by-season look at why Aston Villa went from potential Champions League contenders to spending three seasons in the Championship, before re-entering the top flight and the promised land of Europe's elite competition
- Contributions from the fans who were there to witness this remarkable rise, fall and rise again: from misery in Moscow to beating Brighton over a 14-year period
- A story of 11 managers and two takeovers at one of English football's great clubs
- Featuring the key matches and memories of a remarkable time in the club's rich history, it's a must-read for Aston Villa fans of all ages
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Sunshine After the Rain* is the story of Aston Villa FC from 2009 to 2023 – a turbulent time when the mighty Villa lion fell from the top flight before clawing its way back to the Premier League and Champions League. After the untimely departure of Martin O'Neill just days before the start of the 2010/11 season, the club entered the doldrums before relegation in 2016. At the heart of this book are those three surreal seasons when Villa played in the Championship. It was a time when the club's owners and manager changed several times; a period of mid-table finishes, play-off heartbreak and coming close to folding. But the Villans re-entered the top flight under Dean Smith, and Unai Emery brought European football back to Villa Park. From the misery of Moscow in 2009 to beating Brighton on the final day of the 2022/23 season, the book recounts all the matches that mattered. Contributions from the players, managers and supporters bring the story to life.

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