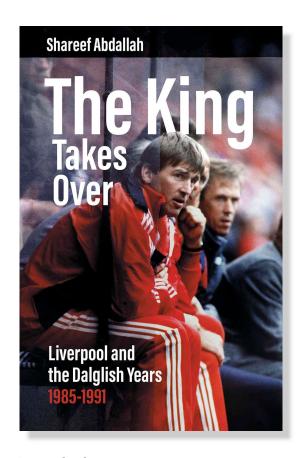


# Title information



### The King Takes Over

Liverpool and the Dalglish Years 1985-1991

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### Key features

- Compelling story of Liverpool and the legendary Kenny Dalglish years
- Nostalgic look back to a pre-Premier League era when football was rarely televised and the press was far more powerful and influential
- Explores social conditions in Liverpool at the time, encompassing the impact of Margaret Thatcher's government, mass unemployment, the Toxteth riots and a bitter battle for control of the local council
- Examines the impact of the Heysel tragedy and the Hillsborough disaster
- Photos document all the major victories and defeats from a glorious period in Liverpool's history
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

## Description

The King Takes Over: Liverpool and the Dalglish Years 1985–1991 is a fast-paced and nostalgic account of a time when Liverpool were the best team in the land, and played a brilliant style of football still talked about more than 30 years on. It is the story of how Liverpool's greatest player became one of its greatest managers. Taking a wistful look back at the glory years of 1985–1991, the book revisits the great games and goals of the Kenny Dalglish era. It examines the circumstances of the Heysel tragedy and how Dalglish became Liverpool's first player-manager in the darkest period in both the club and the city's history, amid the chaos wrought by Thatcher's government. How did the Hillsborough disaster impact Dalglish, the club, players and fans? How did John Barnes, the first black player signed by Liverpool, overcome racism from the terraces to become a legend in red? Why did the Reds not win the championship for 30 years after 1990? What were the real circumstances behind Dalglish's shock resignation in 1991? This book holds all the answers.

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