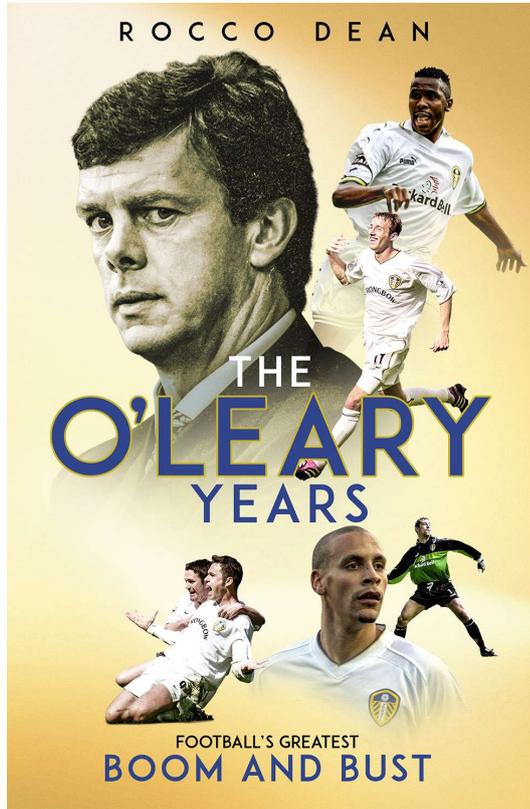




Title information



The O'Leary Years

Football's Greatest Boom and Bust

By Rocco Dean

Key features

- Definitive account of the greatest boom and bust in English football, written by a fan who attended almost every game, using match reports written at the time
- Brings to the fore the many incidents that brought a great club to its knees; the story goes much deeper than a simple case of overspending
- Portrays the changes in David O'Leary and his relationship with his 'babies'
- Takes the reader on a journey to yesteryear, before the sterilisation of football
- Features interviews with players from the time, weaved into Rocco's account
- Thirty-two colour photos help bring the story to life
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The O'Leary Years charts the rise and fall of Leeds United at the turn of the 21st century. When David O'Leary took the managerial reins from taskmaster George Graham, he promoted a gifted crop of youngsters into the first team, transforming a well-oiled machine into a free-flowing bundle of joy. This often-scorned club enjoyed popularity like never before, but things are never straightforward at Elland Road. Criminal charges against star players, the tragic murders of fans, a perpetual injury curse and a 'spend, spend, spend' attitude eventually brought the club to its knees – but not before it was one match from reaching its holy grail: a European Cup final rematch with Bayern Munich. The journey lasted four seasons, each one a rollercoaster, and the story is told through the memories and match reports of the author, from a 14-year-old travelling the country with his dad, to an 18-year-old on the bus with his mates, with nostalgic tales of the good old days along the way.

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