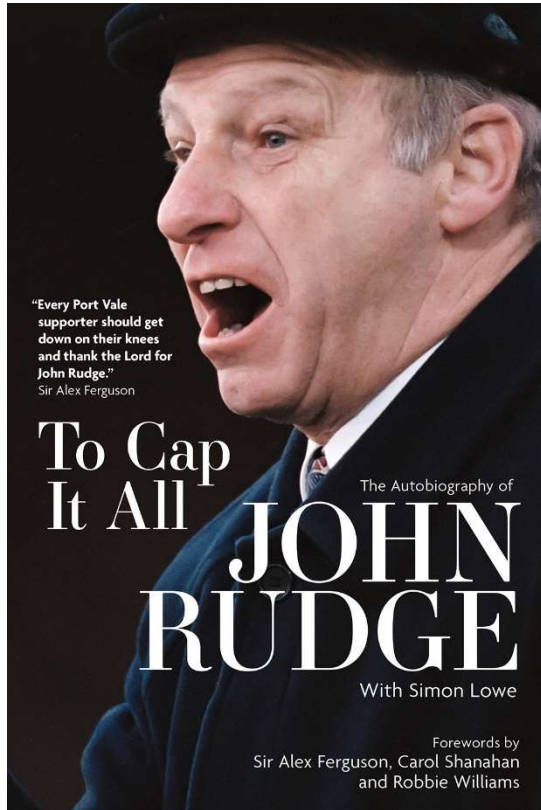




Title information



To Cap It All

The Autobiography of John Rudge

By John Rudge, with Simon Lowe

Key features

- John Rudge offers a unique perspective as a player, coach, manager, director of football and president, sharing incredible experiences that span six decades
- Forewords by Sir Alex Ferguson, Robbie Williams and Carol Shanahan
- Rudge is revered by Port Vale fans and features in the National Football Museum's Hall of Fame
- Dramatic internal politics that haven't become public until now, controversy with players, directors and owners, plus his controversial relationship with Vale chairman Bill Bell
- Revelations about the managerial recruitment process at Stoke City in the 1990s
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

To Cap It All is the enthralling life story of legendary Port Vale manager John Rudge, providing special behind-the-scenes insight into the ups and downs of six decades of professional football, from the depths of the Division 4 re-election zone to the Premier League and Europe. Rudge managed the Valiants for a record 19 years, developing players like Robbie Earle, Mark Bright and Ian Taylor. As Vale slayed giants such as Spurs, Southampton and Everton, Rudge became a style icon famous for his flat cap. He moved to city rivals Stoke in 1999 to become director of football and oversaw the club's revival to reach the Premier League and their first ever FA Cup final. But it wasn't all plain sailing. John describes his volatile relationship with Vale chairman Bill Bell and speaks out about Stoke's Icelandic owners and manager Johan Boskamp, who had Rudge put on garden leave. This hilarious memoir also reveals why a second-hand Lada changed John's life, how he once signed a drag artist and why he ended up in Denis Law's bed!

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