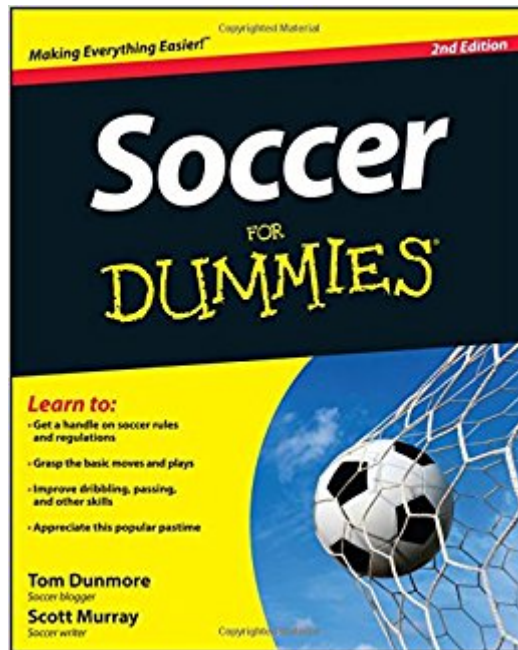




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# Soccer For Dummies



## Synopsis

Learn to: Get a handle on soccer rules and regulations Grasp the basic moves and plays Improve dribbling, passing, and other skills Appreciate this popular pastime Learn the basics, improve your game knowledge, and reach your soccer playing goals Do you get a kick out of soccer? Whether you're a youth league player, a soccer parent, or a World Cup fan, here at last is the book you've been waiting for. Now updated with the latest history, stats, and rules of this popular sport, Soccer For Dummies is the ultimate guide to the greatest and most popular sport on the planet. Kick off &#151; get a beginner's history of soccer, from its early days in China to the modern game that's showcased in stadiums and played on soccer fields all across the globe Get to the nitty-gritty &#151; discover the rules of the game, what each player on the field is expected to do, the tactics they employ, and the skills they need to play The biggest sport in the world &#151; explore everything about the professional game of soccer, from the biggest show on earth &#151; the FIFA World Cup &#151; to other international tournaments such as the European Championships, Copa America, and the CONCACAF Gold Cup For fans &#151; find out what you can expect at a professional soccer game, as well as the lowdown on where you can find soccer on television, online, in newspapers, magazines, books, movies, and on DVDs Open the book and find: How soccer is played (and scored) Tips on coaching, how to keep fit, and how to play "the beautiful game" An in-depth look at women's soccer How club soccer is organized across the world Important international and club teams Fun soccer facts and interesting tidbits A look at the game's most fascinating players

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## Customer Reviews

Tom Dunmore is the author of Historical Dictionary of Soccer, and the editor of several soccer websites and blogs including XI Quarterly. He is an avid Chicago Fire fan. Scott Murray is a soccer writer for The Guardian and FourFourTwo.

I only gave it four stars because I have not read similar books for comparison. Otherwise, it probably deserves five stars for fulfilling its purpose. It's format is the same as any "for dummies" book. Don't expect glossy pages or color pictures. It does have practical and informative diagrams and black & white photos. Having played soccer on and off for years, this solidified things I already know, and expanded my knowledge and understanding in other areas. Great introduction to the game, the world of soccer, and leads to further resources. No glaring deficiencies. Pleasant, candid, and engaging style.

Quite comprehensive.

Great basic book

It has a lot of non-essential information in it. If you just want to learn about soccer and not about ancient history, it leaves a lot to be desired. Some good parts about the different position and skills but most of it is about the spectator side of soccer IMHO.

Book is well titled. It is much more simplistic than I was looking for but does deal with the history of the game and the European leagues. Much of the text seemed repetitive.

Book was somewhat ok... Just would recommend and would not buy if I had to do it all over again...

Having recently begun watching soccer on TV, I was looking for a guide that would get me up to speed on the rules and tactics of the sport. I found very little in this book to be helpful in that regard. It's filled with history and with instructions for being a neighborhood soccer coach and how to get into shape to play the game, etc. Not much here for the casual arm chair spectator. I got the impression that the author was focused more on adding pages to the book than on getting down to the meat and potatoes.

Recently picked up a passion for the sport and wanted to learn a little bit more about the game so

decided to give this book a shot. I was pleasantly surprised to see everything clearly explained with detail as well as history snippets across the board. A great price for a great book if you play or just enjoy the sport this is definitely worth the read.

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