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# GOAL II: Living The Dream



## Synopsis

The exciting world of professional soccer comes to life in this compelling sequel to GOAL! The Dream Begins. Young soccer player Santiago Munez has come a long way from the barrios of Los Angeles. He has become one of Newcastle United's most outstanding players. He is so good, in fact, that he is recruited for one of the world's best teams, Real Madrid. So Santiago leaves dreary northern England for the sunny shores of Spain. As part of Real Madrid, he is no longer just a soccer player--he's also a celebrity. He can now afford fast cars, a fancy house, and practically anything else he's ever dreamed of. But these luxuries come with a price: He is constantly swarmed by paparazzi. And while Santiago travels the world with the team, his fiancée, Roz, is left behind most of the time, uneasy about his fast-paced new lifestyle. Santiago struggles to keep his balance, but when someone from his past unexpectedly resurfaces in Madrid, his charmed life begins to crumble. Will Santiago be able to keep playing great soccer while dealing with the pressures--and temptations--of fame?

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"Follow-up to last summer's fantastically successful football adventure. Profile should be even higher this year" -- Becky Stradwick, Borders Publishing News --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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My thirteen year-old son has been playing soccer since he was approximately 5 years old. He loved the Goal I movie and I am always looking for ways to encourage more reading. When I told him that I ordered the Goal II book, he started checking the mail each day to see if it arrive. While I have not read the book yet, Goal II had a magnetic effect on my son; he couldn't put the book down and he finished reading it in less than two days. Based on his reaction alone, I would suggest any soccer lover buy this book!

This was a book series that my 11-year-old son made sure he had when we got into the car for long drives and took religiously to school with him in case he had a moment of free time in class. Too bad he finished it so quickly! If your son likes soccer, this book has the perfect formula for 10 to 12 year olds. It has been made into a movie, too, so we had a fun family night watching the movie after my son had finished reading it.

Though the first one was better--usually, they are--this story is enjoyable as well. My 13 y-o son, a soccer nut, loves the stories of Santi and his league-mates.

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