

# Biographies and Autobiographies

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## **My Life and Rugby Autobiography by Eddie Jones**

In *My Life and Rugby* he tells his story for the first time, including the full inside story of England's 2019 World Cup campaign. Since taking over as head coach of England in 2015, **Eddie Jones** has orchestrated a complete revival of the national team.

## **Behind Closed Doors by Gary Lineker and Danny Baker**

Culled from the knockabout podcast of the same name, *Behind Closed Doors* captures the quick fire banter between one of our best loved footballers and one of our best loved celebrity fans. Anecdotes come flying thick and fast as we learn all sorts of eye-opening things about dressing rooms and open-top buses, all served up with lashings of wit and ribald humour.

## **On Fire: My Story of England's Summer to remember by Ben Stokes**

The hero of Headingley recounts the heroics of the summer in this gripping tale of talent and sporting endeavour. A first-ever World Cup victory followed by the most thrilling of conclusions to an Ashes Test, Stokes played a pivotal part in them both. Read how he achieved the seemingly impossible here.

## **How to be a Footballer by Peter Crouch**

From £250 haircuts to pre-match rituals, a real giant of English football spills the beans on life as a celebrity player in this down-to-earth and very funny memoir.

## **Unspeakable by John Bercow**

*Unspeakable* promises a no-holds-barred account of life inside the Westminster Bubble. Elected as an MP in 1997 and appointed speaker in 2009, Bercow's time in Parliament has coincided with one of the most heated periods in modern history. Both a candid memoir of life in politics and a frank analysis of the personalities and policies that have defined our political landscape in recent times – ruffling a few feathers on the way – this is a book to shine a light on the corridors of power.

## **One Click – Jeff Bezos and the rise of amazon.com by Richard L Brandt**

Amazon is a case study in how to reinvent an entire industry – one that anyone in business ignores to their peril. Richard Brandt's *One Click* uncovers the secret behind the company's triumph, much of which hinges on Jeff Bezos's, it's founder and CEO. In this fascinating book, he explains how Bezos's unique character and ruthless business sense have driven Amazon relentlessly forward.

## **What you see is what you get by Alan Sugar**

Alan Sugar was born in 1947 and brought up on a council estate in Clapton, in Hackney. As a kid he watched his dad struggle to support the family, never knowing from one week to the next if he'd have a job. It had a huge impact on him, fuelling a drive to succeed that was to earn him a sizeable personal fortune. Now he describes his amazing journey, from schoolboy enterprises like making and selling his own ginger beer to setting up his own company at nineteen.

## **First Man In by Ant Middleton**

After 13 years service in the military, with 4 years as a Special Boat Service (SBS) sniper, Ant Middleton is the epitome of what it takes to excel. He served in the SBS, the naval wing of the special forces, the Royal Marines and 9 Parachute Squadron Royal, achieving what is known as the 'Holy Trinity' of the UK's Elite Forces. As a point man in the SBS, Ant was always the first man through the door, the first man into the dark, and the first man in harm's way.

## **May I have your attention, please? By James Corden**

From his time as one of the founding players of his school's first ever rugby team to nationwide fame as the loveably loud Smithy in the award-winning *Gavin and Stacey*, this is a tenderly—and very funnily—told story of what it's like to try, try, and try again and get there in the end.

### **Becoming by Michelle Obama**

As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history.

She also established herself as the most powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments.

### **The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank**

Anne Frank and her family fled the horrors of Nazi occupation by hiding in the back of a warehouse in Amsterdam for two years with another family and a German dentist. Aged thirteen when she went into the secret annexe, Anne kept a diary. She movingly revealed how the eight people living under these extraordinary conditions coped with hunger, the daily threat of discovery and death and being cut off from the outside world, as well as petty misunderstandings and the unbearable strain of living like prisoners.

### **The Choice by Edith Edgar**

In 1944, sixteen-year-old Edith Eger was sent to Auschwitz. There she endured unimaginable experiences, including being made to dance for the infamous Josef Mengele.

Over the coming months, Edith's bravery helped her sister to survive, and led to her bunkmates rescuing her during a death march. When their camp was finally liberated, Edith was pulled from a pile of bodies, barely alive.

### **The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath**

*The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath's only novel, was originally published in 1963 under the pseudonym Victoria Lucas. The novel is partially based on Plath's own life and descent into mental illness, and has become a modern classic. *The Bell Jar* has been celebrated for its darkly funny and razor sharp portrait of 1950s society.

### **I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai**

I Am Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

### **Boy by Roald Dahl**

There are stories of holidays in fishing boats, African adventures and the days of tasting chocolate for Cadbury's.

You'll hear tales of horrible school bullies and the motor-car accident when Roald's nose was nearly sliced clean off.

Roald Dahl vividly shares his memories; some are funny. Some are painful. Some are unpleasant. All are true.

### **This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay**

Scribbled in secret after endless days, sleepless nights and missed weekends, comedian and former junior doctor Adam Kay's *This is Going to Hurt* provides an essential, brutally frank account of what life is like for the beleaguered vanguard of the NHS.

### **War Doctor by David Nott**

For more than twenty-five years, David Nott has taken unpaid leave from his job as a general and vascular surgeon with the NHS to volunteer in some of the world's most dangerous war zones. From Sarajevo under siege in 1993, to clandestine hospitals in rebel-held eastern Aleppo, he has carried out life-saving operations and field surgery in the most challenging conditions, and with none of the resources of a major London teaching hospital.

### **The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and how it is broken by the Secret Barrister**

Welcome to the funny, often moving and ultimately life-changing stories of life inside the courtroom. Welcome to the world of the Secret Barrister. How can you defend a child-abuser you suspect to be guilty? What do you say to someone sentenced to ten years who you believe to be innocent? What is the law and why do we need it? And why do they wear those stupid wigs?

### **Life on Air by David Attenborough**

David Attenborough hardly needs any introduction; his voice has accompanied so many of the best natural history programs that have graced our televisions over several decades. *Life On Air*, his autobiography, tells the story of how he has managed to professionalise his schoolboy interests in such a remarkably successful way.