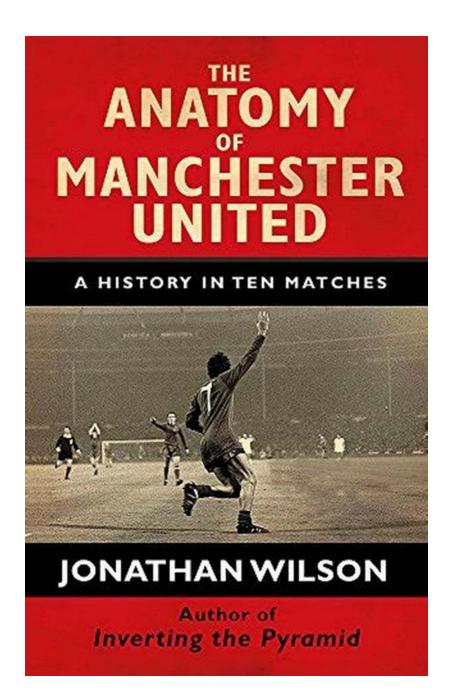
History In Ten Matches - A Journey Through Time



History is often taught through textbooks and lectures, but what if we could experience history through the lens of sports? In "History In Ten Matches," we embark on a unique journey through time, exploring key moments in history through the medium of sporting events. This captivating book takes us on a thrilling ride, highlighting how significant historical events have shaped our world. From ancient civilizations to modern times, these ten matches will provide unparalleled insight into our collective human history.

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"History In Ten Matches" provides a fresh and captivating approach to understanding historical moments. Through the lens of sports, we gain an unconventional perspective that brings these events to life. So, embark on this incredible journey through time and witness history unfold in the most exhilarating way possible - through the matches that shaped our world.

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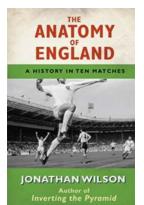
'A masterful work...it could be the best thing to have happened to English football in years' TIME OUT

'[A] thought-provoking reappraisal of ten key games in England's football history ... this book should be required reading for all future England squads' INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

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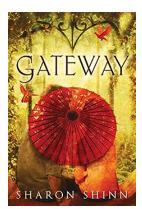
In THE ANATOMY OF ENGLAND Jonathan Wilson seeks to place the bright spots in context. Time and again, progressive coaches have been spurned by England - technique being all very well, but what really matters is pluck and 'organised muscularity', or, to quote Jimmy Hogan's chairman at Aston Villa in 1936: 'I've no time for these theories about football. Just get the ball in the bloody net.'

Wilson takes ten key England fixtures and explores how what actually happened on the pitch shaped the future of the English game. Bursting with insight and critical detail, yet imbued with a wry affection, this is a history of England like none before.



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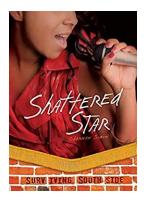
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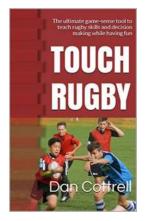
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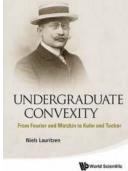
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