

# Playmaker: My Life And The Love Of Football

## The Journey Begins

Football, the beautiful game that has captured the hearts of millions around the globe. It's a sport that brings people together, transcending boundaries and cultures. From a young age, I discovered my passion for football, and I knew that it would shape my life in ways I couldn't imagine.

## The Making of a Playmaker

Born with a natural inclination towards the sport, I spent countless hours honing my skills on the field. Every kick, every pass, every goal was a step towards becoming the best version of myself as a football player. It was during these formative years that I acquired the nickname "Playmaker" – a title that would stay with me throughout my career.

## A Shining Beacon

As my game progressed, my dedication and talent caught the attention of scouts from prestigious football clubs. Offers started pouring in, and soon I found myself standing at a crossroads, ready to embark on a new chapter of my life. The decision wasn't easy, but in the end, I chose to sign with one of the top clubs in the world.

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## The Glory And The Test of Character

Playing at the highest level came with immense pressure and expectations. Every match felt like a battle that demanded my utmost commitment and determination. There were moments of glory, where the crowd roared with excitement as I scored crucial goals for my team. But there were also moments of defeat and disappointment, where I had to overcome setbacks and show courage in the face of adversity.

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## **The Love That Never Fades**

Amidst the challenges and triumphs, one thing remained constant – my love for the game. Football became more than a profession; it became a way of life. The camaraderie among teammates, the electric atmosphere in stadiums, and the sheer joy of playing the sport I cherished made every second worth it.

## **A Tribute to the Fans**

No description of my journey would be complete without mentioning the incredible support of the fans. Their unwavering loyalty and passion fueled my performances on the field. From the deafening chants to the banners displaying my name, the love and adoration from the stands pushed me to give my all in every match.

## **Legacy and Beyond**

As my career gradually drew to a close, leaving a lasting legacy became my ambition. I wanted to inspire the next generation of footballers, to show them that with dedication and perseverance, dreams can become a reality. Setting up youth academies and mentoring young talents became my focus, ensuring that the spirit of the game would continue to thrive long after I retired.

## **A Grateful Farewell**

Reflecting on my journey, I am filled with gratitude for every opportunity and experience that football has bestowed upon me. It has not only shaped my life but also brought me closer to amazing people, taught me valuable life lessons, and gifted me with unforgettable memories.

## **Epilogue**

Football will forever hold a special place in my heart, as the love for the game continues to burn within me. The lessons I've learned, the friendships I've formed, and the moments of pure joy will forever remain an integral part of who I am. Playmaker - a legacy that lives on.

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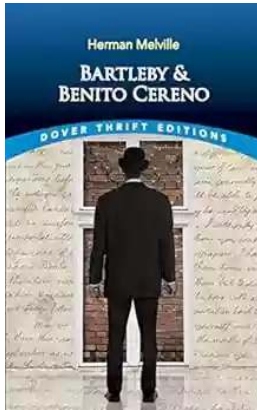
‘On the pitch he was a magician’ – Arsène Wenger

The first full autobiography from former footballer and England manager Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was one of the most celebrated footballers of his generation. A wonderfully talented No. 10 – he formed part of the great Spurs teams of the early 1980s and cut his teeth in the blood and thunder of an England team that prioritised aggression over creativity.

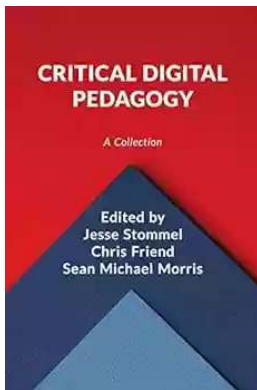
Often seen as a player ‘out of time’, Glenn was a playmaker in the purest sense. A creator and a goal scorer, he rose through the Tottenham youth academy – playing under Keith Burkinshaw and crossing paths with the likes of club legends Bill Nicholson and Danny Blanchflower – before going on to play in Monaco under the tutelage of Arsène Wenger. In Playmaker, he looks back on his rise as a prodigious young footballer and talks at length about his career that took him from cleaning the cockerel at White Hart Lane to managing the England football team at a World Cup.

From scoring in an FA Cup final to winning the league in France; from revitalising Chelsea in the early 1990s, to managing the fall-out after David Beckham's infamous sending off at the 1998 World Cup; from surviving a near fatal cardiac arrest at the age of 61, to continuing to work within the game he loves – Playmaker is a life lead through football, and an autobiography of one of the game's most admired, thoughtful and respected personalities.



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