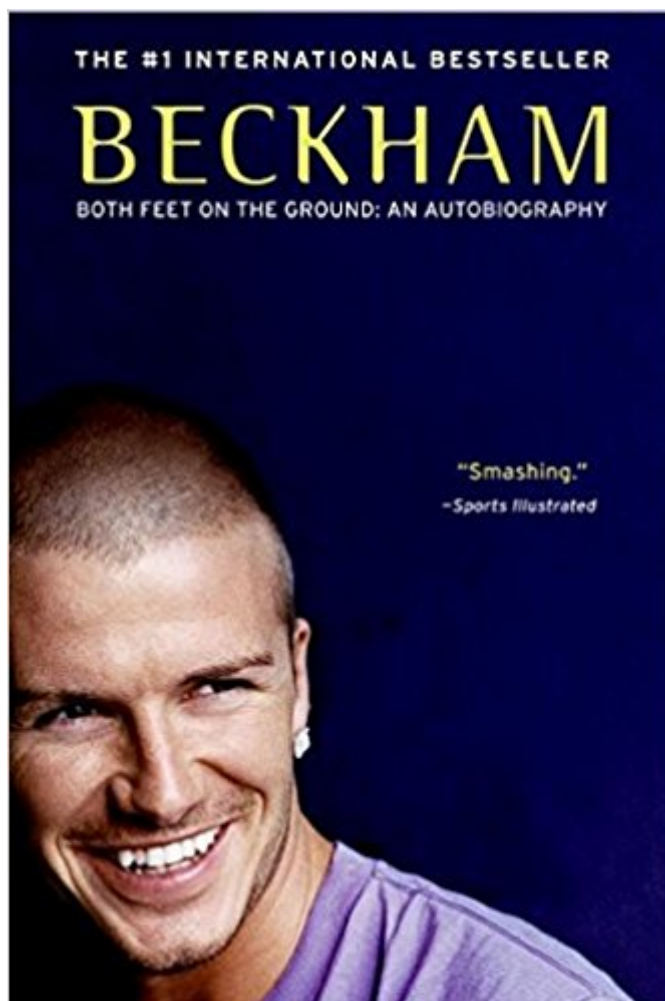


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# Beckham: Both Feet On The Ground: An Autobiography



## Synopsis

The Last Word on David Beckham There is only one David Beckham -- and it's not always the one you read about in the newspapers and magazines or see in the movies. From humble East End London beginnings, the boy with prodigious soccer skills grew up to be one of the most gifted athletes of his generation as well as a sex symbol and fashion icon. Along the way he married Spice Girl Victoria "Posh" Adams, and together they inhabit a celebrity whirlwind of Diana-esque proportions. In *Both Feet on the Ground*, David talks candidly about the perils of fame (his wife and son were the targets of a notorious kidnapping plot and he is the subject of almost daily tabloid rumors); the struggle to balance his roles as a devoted husband and besotted father with his globetrotting existence as an international soccer star; the behind-the-scenes stories of his most memorable and heartbreaking (if only he could retake that infamous penalty kick against Portugal in Euro 2004) career moments; the controversy surrounding his first year at Real Madrid after his \$41 million transfer from Manchester United, the storied English team he joined as a teenager and led for more than a decade; and, finally, his love of America, where he plans to start a soccer school and perhaps, one day, even play professionally. *Both Feet on the Ground* is David Beckham's own extraordinary story, told by the man who knows him best -- David Beckham.

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Adult/High School-The legendary soccer player and cultural icon takes readers on a tour of his life, from the streets of Chingford, England, to his role as star player on the world's most famous professional soccer team, with all the struggles and stadiums, and daring exploits, in between. As the inspiration for the hit movie *Bend It Like Beckham*, the subject of endless tabloid fodder, and the

husband of a former Spice Girl, Beckham has captured the minds and hearts of not only the people of his native country, but of those around the world as well. Dozens of excellent-quality, black-and-white and color photos are included, about half of which have appeared elsewhere. This book is sure to be wildly popular with teens. James O. Cahill, Fairfax County Public Library, VA  
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• Smashing. . . Beckham is a magnet for controversy • (Sports Illustrated)

My review may be a little bit biased because I really like David Beckham, but I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The only reason I'm giving it 4 stars instead of 5 is because I would have liked a little bit more detail. I read a recent review on here where someone said they were disappointed that Becks used Americanized language in the book. He should know that there was a UK and a US version of this book released, hence the use of 'soccer' instead of 'football', etc. The UK book is called 'David Beckham: My Side' and is written for the English audience. I also questioned how much of the book was penned by David or the co-author Tom Watt. I can't exactly see Becks sitting down to a computer and writing his memoirs. But who cares - it was written from his point of view and I really enjoyed being able to get inside his head. I'd say the most interesting parts of the book were his rows with Alex Ferguson, leading to his eventual sale to Real Madrid and his feelings behind his sending off at the 1998 World Cup. I guess I wanted a book that would tell some behind-the-scenes type stuff and those were some of the highlights. If you like David Beckham, I think you'd enjoy this book.

This is a con job! It's identical to his earlier book My Side only the Introduction by Senor Perez written when he transferred to Real Madrid is missing.

Very well written book which described specific plays and the atmosphere inside of a football stadium beautifully. After reading Beckham's recollection of a goal, I was so excited that I would jump to YouTube to relive the moment.

The book is a little (a lot) over written and he repeats himself every four pages but (if true) you do get a little insight to his life at the time. It wasn't the worst auto bio I've ever read. I enjoyed it.

The pictures made the book more interesting and gives you a closer glimpse of the footballer's life. I would recommend this to any lover of the game.

great book!

Left me wanting more! Great story!

Great book and very insightful view into his life!

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