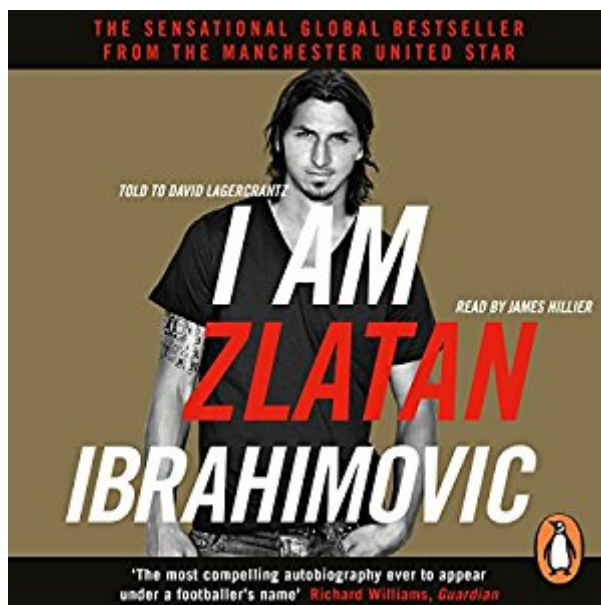


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# I Am Zlatan Ibrahimovic



## Synopsis

'Guardiola has no balls. He drove me like a Fiat...I'm a Ferrari', Zlatan Ibrahimovic - professional football's most mercurial player, Swedish national hero, tabloid fixture, fashion icon, modern-day philosopher and black belt in Taekwondo. Born to a Muslim father from Bosnia, and a Catholic mother from Croatia, Zlatan recounts his extraordinary life story, from his poverty-stricken upbringing as an immigrant in Malmö, Sweden, to becoming one of the world's most sought-after and expensive players, gracing Europe's finest clubs, from Ajax to Juventus, Internazionale to Barcelona, Milan to Paris Saint-Germain, and now Manchester United. I Am Zlatan reveals a rare and ferocious intelligence, willpower and God-given talent most recently exhibited when Zlatan scored all four goals for Sweden in a 4-2 victory against England. His fourth goal, a 30-yard overhead kick with his back to goal is widely regarded as one of the greatest goals of all time. The BBC described it as a goal that 'combined unfathomable imagination and expert technique'.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a must read for football fans around the world. Ibrahimovic himself is an arrogant and probably somewhat narcissistic individual but I found myself growing to like him and his straight talking style. He is a star of the game and has the skills and the career to back up everything he says. His experiences in Europe's biggest leagues, at its biggest clubs gives great insight into the working of football from the point of view of one of its highest earners. I look forward to reading the updated version when his illustrious career comes to an end.

Aside from being a legendary player, Zlatan is perceived as a bad boy, a trouble maker. So I wanted to see what he thought of himself. After reading Andre Agassi's autobiography, I thought this would be an interesting read too. It turns out that I was right and it provide some very interesting insight to a special player. Now, when I see him in the news, I dont just think about a football player but more of a person. He's actually funny and down to earth, which was great to see.

Four stars instead of five are given because of the translation. I originally read this book when it was translated into English by a Swedish fan who had a vast knowledge of the football world, Zlatan, and the English language. This "official" English translation is obviously written by a Brit and it loses some of the flair of how Zlatan talks (can you imagine Zlatan referring to other men as "blokes"???) .The book itself is brilliant. It's one of the best autobiographies I've ever read, and a MUST-READ for every Ibrahimovic fan. It reads like Zlatan talks, but unlike most of his interviews, the book gives details about and insight into what really happened during various stages in his career. Most fascinating to me were the details of minute-by-minute negotiations during various transfers and Zlatan's opinions about his many coaches. Equally intriguing is Zlatan's descriptions of some of his key matches, best goals and dealings with National team members. Seriously, if you are an Ibrahimovic fan, you have to buy this book. If you hate Ibrahimovic, you have to buy this book. And if you care at all about football (aka: soccer), you have to buy this book. In sum, you have to buy this book. Update 10/26/13: Several people have responded to my comment, asking where they can get my translated version of the book. The translation I originally read was simply a communication from one fan to another, after I had some friends in Sweden purchase the book (they had to go to 10 different book stores to find it!) for me and bring it back to the US. I probably should never have mentioned it. I also purchased the ipad app of the book, which is, I think, the same as this "new" English-language version of the book but without the interactive features of the app. Again, I have not yet purchased this new version of the book. If I had never read my Swedish friend's translation, I would have given this book 5 stars. It truly is a brilliant read, whether or not you are a Zlatan fan or even a football fan. It's an interesting, funny and REAL look into the evolution of a modern sports hero. It's been short-listed for the William Hill sports book of the year award!! I've been reading other football books lately, and if you're interested in a laugh-out-loud satire of English football, check out Terry Ravenscroft's "Football Crazy." It's absolutely hilarious! If you're an Prime member, I think you can even rent this book for free in the lender library.

My daughter has reread this book several times. She watches and talks about Ibrahimovic like she's on his team :D

Quite impressed by the size of the flag. It's gorgeous- if one can say that about a footballers flag. Most certainly worth it!

An amazing story about a self-made man who was nothing and became one of the best footballers of 21st century. Motivates to try at least a little harder on pursuing your dreams.

a good insight into zlatans career and his early days.. found much of the book slow paced, until his days in italy which were insightful and interesting

This is a great book. Zlatan speaks about how the football world really works, holding nothing back. Every chapter of the book is interesting in its own way, giving you a great perspective on the professional and personal life of -in my opinion- the greatest center forward to have ever played the game. It's truly a very entertaining read.

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