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José Mourinho: Up Close and Personal

Robert Beasley

Keynote

Written by the ultimate insider with unparalleled access to and unrivalled experiences of Mourinho's life, both on and off the pitch, this is the fascinating story of Mourinho and life at some of the biggest football clubs.

Description

The gripping biography of one of the most successful managers in the game, José Mourinho, giving a rare insight into Mourinho the man as well as Mourinho the manager.

José Mourinho is undoubtedly one of the most charismatic and controversial characters in football today. Never far away from the headlines, it is the drama surrounding him as much as his many successes that make him such a fascinating figure.

Having worked at some of the biggest clubs in the world – Porto, Chelsea, Inter Milan, Real Madrid and Manchester United – Mourinho knows how to deliver when it matters. Leaving trophy cabinets bursting wherever he's been, he has a claim on being the greatest manager in his sport. But is the way he conducts himself on the touchline and in front of the cameras the real José Mourinho, or an act he puts on for the watching world?

Author Robert Beasley has followed Mourinho's career closely since his arrival on the English football scene in 2004. An award-winning sports correspondent, Beasley has been the one person granted privileged access to the Special One's inner sanctum, and he found there a man few ever get to know – let alone get to call a friend.

This is the story of José Mourinho, up close and personal. Delving into the workings of the famed manager's mind, as well as the backroom antics and transfer sagas at the game's greatest clubs, we see the world from José's point of view. Revealing the untold stories behind how close Mourinho came to getting the England and Tottenham jobs and his sometimes tumultuous relationships with the likes of Roman Abramovich, Rafael Benítez and Arsenal boss Arsène Wenger, and why he will always put family and friends before football, this is a side to José Mourinho you never thought you'd see.

Sales Points

- Robert Beasley is one of the nation's best-known sports writers, and is renowned for breaking the biggest stories and delivering exclusive interviews with some of sport's biggest names. He has toured with José Mourinho and knows him well both on and off the pitch, giving him unique insight and insider knowledge of the real José
- Mourinho is the Manchester United manager, having signed a contract at Old Trafford until 2019, ensuring he will continue to be in the public eye
- Football fans will love Beasley's portrayal of Mourinho the human being, with his lapses and flaws, but also his extraordinary acts of kindness, loyalty and generosity
- Includes a 16pp full-colour plate section
- **Comparative titles:** 9781782437703 *Shades of Blue* and 9780755365531 *Mourinho* (Headline, 2015)

Reviews

- 'Explosive ... this book has rocked football with its fascinating insight in to what makes the game's most controversial manager tick' - *Daily Mail*
- 'Controversial' - *The Times*
- 'Beasley's book is a valuable, balanced insight into a man who seems intent on splitting people into "haters" or believers' - *Newsweek*

Author Biography

Robert Beasley is one of the nation's best-known sports writers, and has been a Chelsea supporter since 1967. He's enjoyed 30 years on Fleet Street and spent the last 22 years on the country's two biggest-selling newspapers, he has just retired as Chief Sports Correspondent of *The Sun* and before that was Chief Football Writer and Chief Sports Reporter on the *News of the World*. He is known for breaking big, exclusive stories and delivering dynamic interviews with some of sport's biggest names.