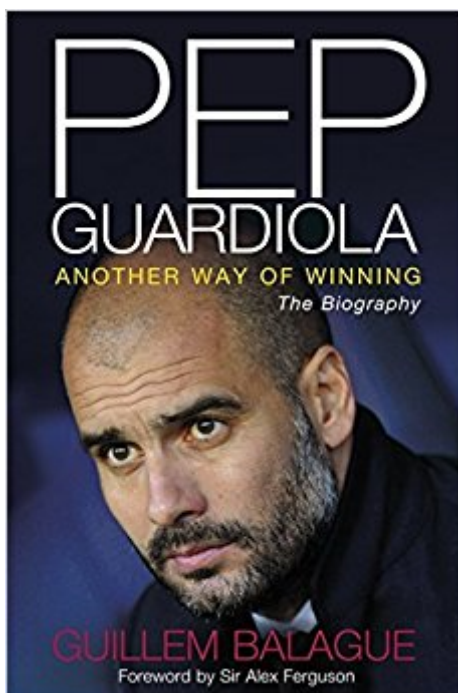


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Pep Guardiola: Another Way Of Winning



Synopsis

An entertaining, perceptive biography of the hugely successful manager of FC Barcelona. As a footballer, Josep "Pep" Guardiola was a much-acclaimed defensive midfielder who spent the majority of his playing career with FC Barcelona. He was part of the great Johan Cruyff's "dream team" that won the club's first European Cup. After retiring as a player, Guardiola became a coach at Barcelona, succeeding Frank Rijkaard as first-team manager in 2008. In his first season, he led the team to the treble of La Liga, the Copa del Rey, and the Champions League, and became the youngest-ever winning manager of that tournament. The following season the club won six trophies in six competitions, playing some of the most fabulous football ever witnessed. The team comprises global stars like Lionel Messi, Xavi, and Iniesta and continues to compete at a level its rivals cannot match. This book tells how Pep Guardiola did it—playing the Beautiful Game and winning.

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"An enjoyable read." — Barcelona Football Blog "Well-written, thoughtful and perfectly captures Pep's love and emotion towards the game."

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Guillem Balague regularly appears on Sky Sports TV as its pundit on Spanish football. He is the author of *A Season on the Brink*.

Balague's biography on Guardiola left me wondering if there really was another way of winning. The book barely gives any insights into Guardiola's mind perhaps as a testament to the Spaniard's reluctance to open up to the press. I would have expected a bit more comments on the subject itself from close relatives; comments or even anecdotes from important figures such as Bielsa, Begiristain or even FCB 'exes' Laporta or Rossell would have made an important contribution both historically as well as tactically to the book. I was left with a feeling that most of the research for this book came from two or three other books related to Barcelona and which the author refers to in his narrative. I am already through the first chapter on one of these books and I can't believe the amount of information that has been sourced, IMHO, from it. One funny story happened to me when I was looking for information to read about the Spaniard and the press was coming up with stories about Guardiola signing for a new club. An Italian sports broadcaster broke news that he had already signed for a German club (another FCB, LOL) and Balague's twitter account and blog page said specifically that he didn't, not yet, and that he needed time. By the following week the German club confirmed not only that he was already on-board, but that he was signed months before. I guess that tells you how much the subject and his author worked together on this book.

This book gives fantastic insight to Guardiola & Barcelona. What they managed to achieve is nothing short of extraordinary and this book gives intimate knowledge as to events going on behind the scenes that fans aren't typically aware of. Kudos to the author and everyone that's a part of arguably the greatest football team in the history of the sport.

I was so pleased to have purchased this one! I love Barcelona football, am a great admirer of Pep Guardiola and it was a delight to find out what went on behind the scenes. From never being a fan of Bayern Munich, I now watch some of their games and follow what's going on, all due to Pep! Thank you for a book that I couldn't put down.

Missed Pep's time at FC Barcelona? This book will catch you up. Good, fair reporting that reveals what was happening behind the scenes from 2008-2012. Recommended.

Excellent book for football fans. You get to understand how to play football, to love the game and to get into the head of an amazing coach. Sublimely written, a must read!

Concise, to the point. Would recommend it to anyone and everyone who cares to listen. In the end

wanted more!!! Very good.

Good read for any aspiring coach. I have personally improved many areas of my coaching thanks to the examples in the book.

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