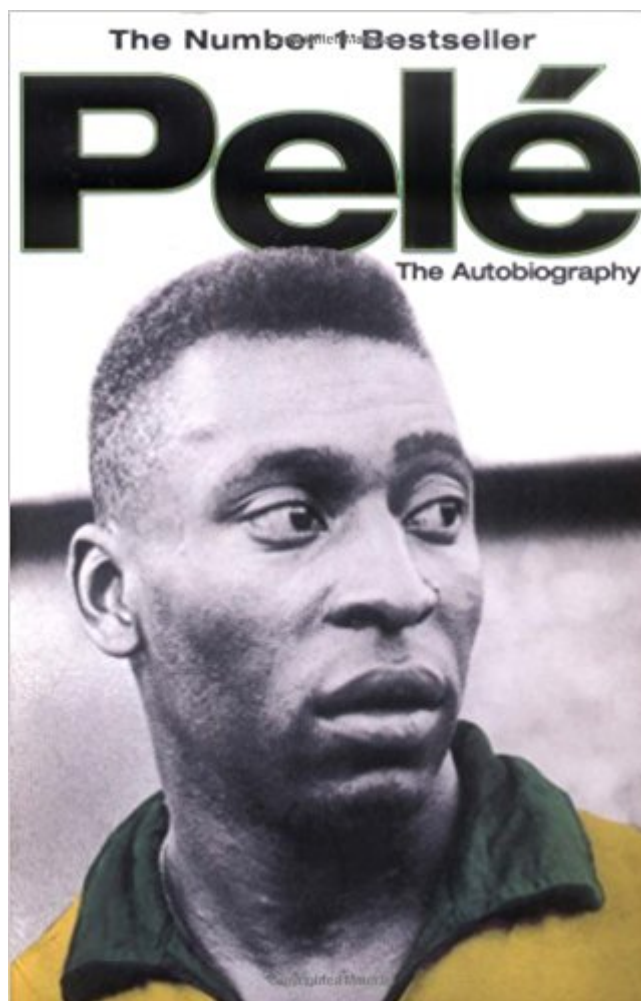


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Pele: The Autobiography



Synopsis

The legend. In his own words. From the poverty-stricken streets of Sao Paulo to an international icon and one of the most celebrated footballers of all time, Pele's life story is as extraordinary as it is enrapturing. With his trademark wit and deference, the legend draws us into a wonderful story lit by insight and humour and encompassing everything you ever wanted to know about the great man himself. From shining shoes for extra pennies at the Baru Athletic Club to triumph in several World Cups, the glory of being on top of the world -- and staying there -- is shared in what is undoubtedly one of the must-read autobiographies of the year. On top of his athletic achievements, Pele has also been a staunch campaigner for human rights and in particular the plight of street children in his home country, leading to an appointment as a UN Ambassador and an honorary knighthood from the British monarchy. By turns addictive, moving and enlightening, this is the ultimate story of the rise of a star and an amazing testimony to how even the lowliest of society's people can reach the dizzying heights of worldwide adoration and success.

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Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known to the world as Pele, won the World Cup with Brazil in 1958, 1962 and 1970. He scored nearly 1,300 goals in his professional career and is Brazil's record goalscorer with 97 goals. He lives in Brazil and the United States.

The book is interesting. Pele is interesting. However, this book might not be the best choice for under 14+ age range. I ordered this for my 6th grade soccer fanatic because he had to do a report

on someone who wrote an autobiography. While it was filled with lots of facts and information, it was difficult reading. The language and story line was tedious. I would recommend it but not for the younger reader. There are other Pele autobiographies that would be easier reading.

I found "PELE" a great book. it's often a pleasure to read autobiography of such great player of the past, you will learn so much. Pele talks about his young life before stardom, his whole career with Santos and the Seleção, the story around his 1,000th goal, his life after his football career and so many more. I enjoyed the book!!

Great autobio. I could easily have given a 5-star if his life descriptions and stories after football were as creative and mesmerising as his stories and descriptions before, in and during footballing. The concluding chapters were lame after fame, the great force and momentum of the whole story seemed to grind to a halt after his last world cup appearance. But my read of the book during the 2014 Brazil World Cup added great expectations and the book, just like the host country's great start fizzled to disappointment towards the end. But those of you out there wishing to read this I recommend and being different from me you may enjoy the book right through. One thing is certain though--Pele is one of the greatest sporting icons and, for me, soccer's greatest star yet and for him I'll give a 5-star any day.

Enjoyed the book

suggested for my granddaughter be her mother, a wonderful gift for a soccer player!

I owned this book prior to this purchase. Love the contents! Pele is to me the greatest football player of all time...other greats come in second!

It's a lovely book

I bought this book for my research on the Brazil national soccer team. Pele's autobiography provided great insights about his experiences playing in the World Cup.

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