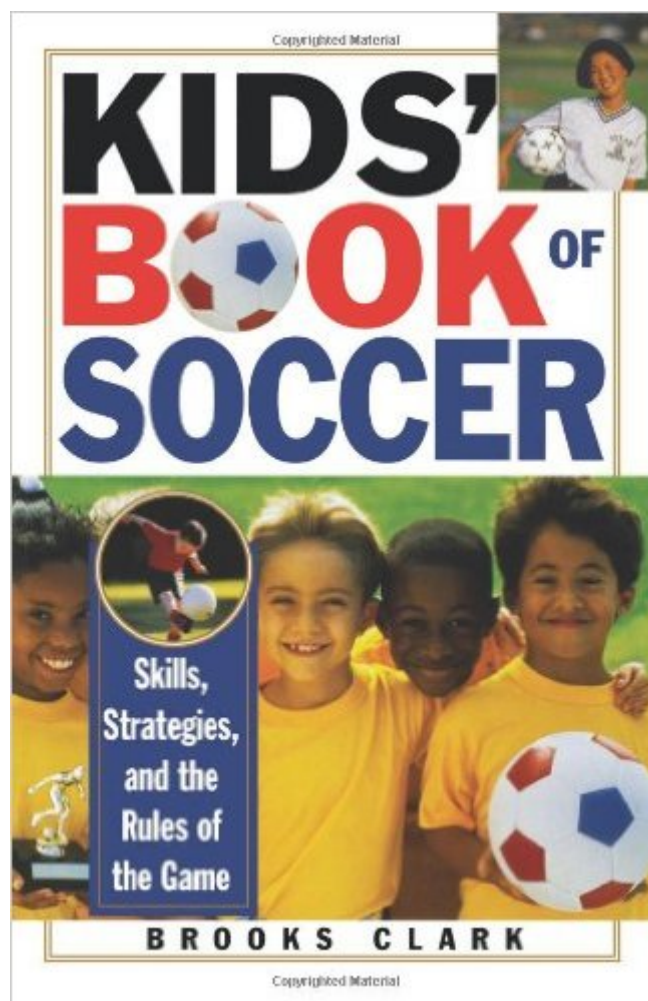


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# Kids' Book Of Soccer: Skills, Strategies, And The Rules Of The Game



## Synopsis

Once considered to be a solely European sport, soccer has now surpassed baseball in popularity among American schoolchildren. Geared toward kids aged seven to twelve, this easy-to-understand book includes such topics as the history of the game, the basics of how to play, suggestions on how to become a better player, and fun soccer trivia. Illustrations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I am the first time coach of a second grade boys soccer team. This book was very easy to understand for the kids as well as myself. For kids that are relatively new to the game it explains positions, the different kinds of kicks and the all around basics of soccer without getting too technical. It has been a great aid for our team.

This book provides a brief introduction to soccer, at the right level of detail for those new to the game. My 11-year-old son found the summary of the rules and strategies quite helpful. As a new coach, I was glad to have a compact volume that included most of what I needed to know. There are other books that provide more detail on the game and more exercises and drills for soccer players -- but this is the ideal "first book" for someone just learning about the game. I recommend it highly.

Whether a child, parent, or first time coach with no prior knowledge, this book is the perfect

introduction to children's soccer. Add your league specifics and develop technically as you go. A first, must read.

I read this book and now I feel all the more confident while training my son and his friends. I can explain them about the basics and the game and how to plan their game. Technicalities of the game are explained well in this book. Go ahead and buy this book to learn the basics of this game.

This book is perfect for my 7 year old. He is really into it and wants to read some of it every night. After we starting reading this book, his skills definitely improved. The next game, he scored two goals. Now, this obviously could be for reasons other than the book, but he practices the things talked about in the book. My only complaint is that it is old. The pictures do not bother me; they get the point across. But this book shows the last World Cup winners as Brazil in 1994. Zlatan Imbrahimovic, Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo (the best of today) weren't on the scene back then, so they are not mentioned, of course. Be nice to update the growth of the US Soccer program also. But as far as defining positions and rules, skill sets and practice drills, this book is EXCELLENT.

I bought this when my kids had their first soccer season after wondering what in the world the ref meant about indirect/direct, etc. during a game. I wanted to understand the sport and the rules as I was a newcomer to soccer (as were my children). My husband and I read the book and then so did my then 7 and 9 year old boys. It was easy for them to read and understand so it is great for their reading level. The book not only talks about the rules and strategies but it has some good history on soccer. In addition, thanks to the book my husband ended up coaching a season of soccer and I backed him up as team manager and coached a few games myself without that deer in the headlights look.

Brooks Clark is a superb journalist and former Sports Illustrated staffer who has been blessed with two kids--both girls. His book is not only a great coaching primer for many of us who have come to the sport in our later years, but even better, it serves as a roadmap for how parents can instill a love of participatory sports in their youngsters, boys or girls! Kudos to Mr. Clark. How about a follow up book on the basics of basketball?

I recently bought this book for my young children who wanted to start to learn how to play soccer and they are enjoying it very much. In fact, they often take the book outside, open it to certain

pages, and practice the drills themselves. It is really geared towards players of all levels and is a good first soccer book.

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