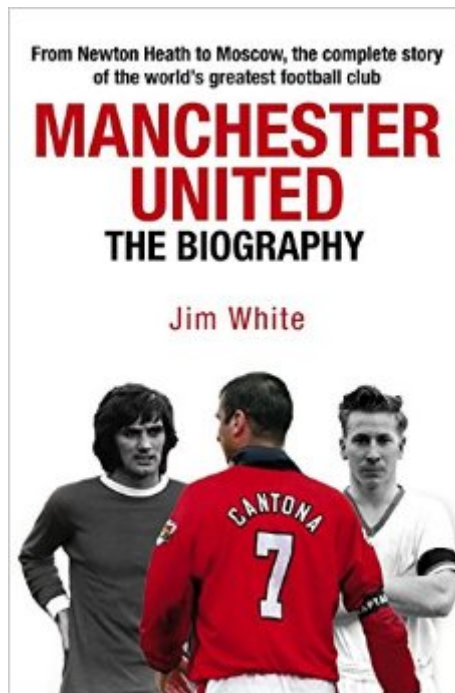


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# Manchester United: The Biography: The Complete Story Of The World's Greatest Football Club



## Synopsis

Following the club's extraordinary journey from its birth in the railway works of Newton Heath to its current status as the biggest club in world soccer, this is a fascinating history of a remarkable club. The key stages in United's history are covered: the Munich Air Crash of 1958, which saw the best part of an entire team (the Busby Babes) being killed; becoming the first English team to win the European Cup in 1968 (with Bobby Charlton and George Best); the dominance of the club in the Premiership; the controversial sale to American tycoon Malcolm Glazer; and much more. By drawing on the recollections of everyone from players and managers to fans and backroom staff, enough new material has been unearthed to interest die-hard fans and casual supporters alike.

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This book does a great job of telling the tale of Manchester United - warts & all. Obviously this is a great story no matter if you are a fan of United or not. It is unbiased in the sense that the author isn't afraid to criticize ownership, both past and present, team icons and the fans themselves in some cases. Unlike most fans there is not the fear to remark that Cantona, Keane, Ferguson, Ruud, Meredith weren't always so great towards the club. However, there is a notable shift in these criticisms that start from when the author was no longer a fan just attending games in the 70s and 80s to when he became a journalist covering the team in the 90s and beyond. While he does point out that the mid-80s drinking culture of Ince, Whiteside and Robson hurt the team in terms of winning the league, he never questions these players' dedication to the club. By comparison, he

consistently questions the spirit of several notable players that are some of the most decorated players in club history: David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo. In the case of Beckham it is hard to defend his more prima donna actions off the field during the latter stages of his United career, but you can't possibly ever question his dedication to the team both while at Old Trafford and since leaving. In Ronaldo's case, it is easier to understand -- this book was published just after Ronaldo's acrimonious exit and any wounds that United fans felt were still very fresh. I would hope that the author, like myself and many other United fans, has moved on and can appreciate Ronaldo for what he brought to the table and the class he has shown towards United and its fans since. You can't fault the guy for wanting to play for his favorite team after he had achieved everything there was to in Manchester.

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