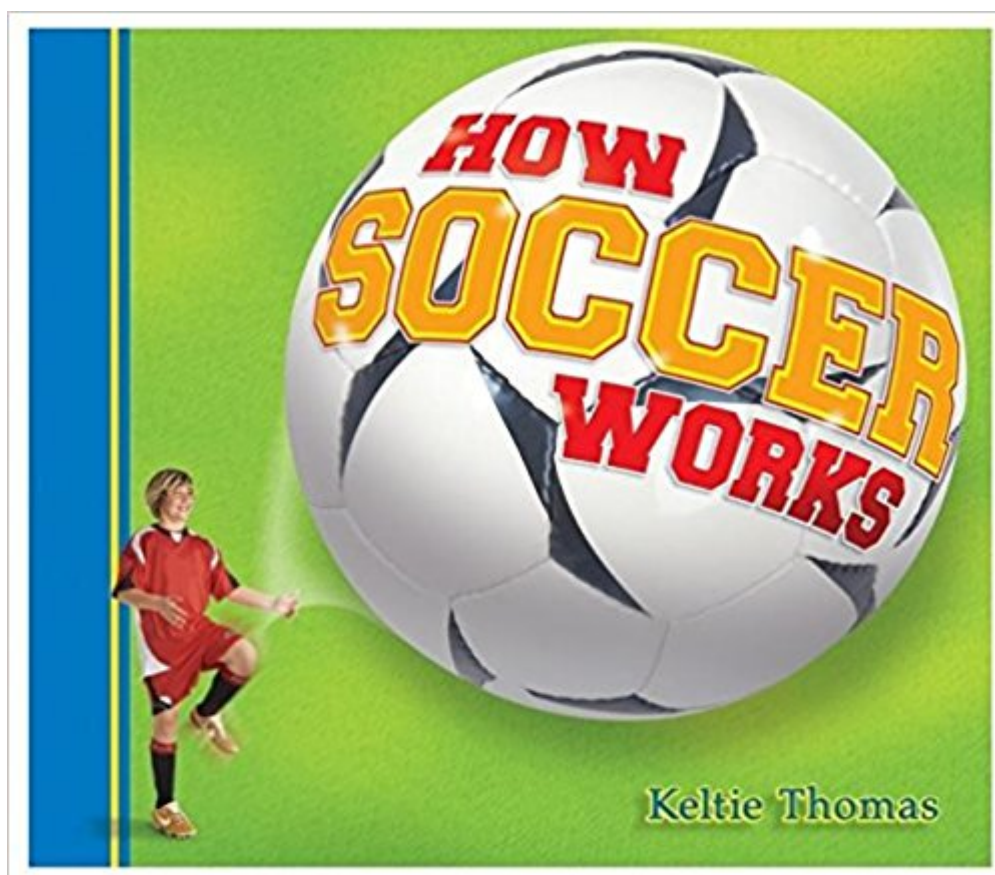


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# How Soccer Works (How Sports Work)



## Synopsis

As the world's most popular participant and spectator sport, soccer blends calculated plays, unrivaled athleticism, and pure passion into an irresistible package. *How Soccer Works* presents a fascinating and informative look at the science behind the sport. The book covers everything from the "personality" of a soccer ball and training techniques to "suiting up for success" and what drives those explosive moves that make the game so exciting. Player profiles, livened up with captivating illustrations and photos, introduce the sport's superstars, while a "Rules and Regs" section and glossary provide all the info necessary to understand what's happening on the field.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Amid an overabundance of soccer books, Thomas offers a special hook that makes this title stand out: facts that fans will relish knowing and sharing with their friends | A welcome title where soccer is popular. (School Library Journal) In eight well designed chapters | the facts are clearly set out and conveniently broken up into easily digestible pieces. There is a good glossary, a digest of the rules and regulation, and a wealth of excellent photographs and illustrative cartoons | Even adult readers will learn something | It is essential background for any boy or girl who wants to develop a passion for [soccer]. (Quill & Quire) A well organized book that packs a lot of information into a bold,

image-laden package. It is a good general overview of the game of soccer |also covers a lot of the history and the international scope of the game [â ] Valuable to anyone entering the sport. (CM Magazine: Canadian Review of Materials)How Soccer Works provides an entertaining look at the inner quirks and works of soccer while breaking down the science behind the worldâ™s most popular sport. From explaining how the rules came to be to teaching how to bend it like David Beckham, Thomas covers the game from goal to goal. (XK San Diego Soccer News)This book answers all the questions you might have about soccer, and some that may not have yet surfaced. There is advice for the new and for the seasoned player, historical perspective on a game played all over the world, information on equipment and playmaking and up-to-date âˆgossipâ™ on its storied players. Well done! (The Brandon Sun)Just in time for summer, Maple Tree Press has come out with two books that cover a couple of favorite pastimes. How Soccer Works and How Baseball Works, both by Keltie Thomas, are colorful, easy-to-read guides that answer questions about each game's history, equipment and rules. They also take a look at fitness and skills, legends of the games and offer playing tips to youngsters. They are the perfect primers for those just starting out, but they also would appeal to fans and more seasoned players. (The Flint Journal)This book offers soccer-loving kids some depth of information about the intricacies of the game. It is small and accessibleâ |but offers a wealth of knowledge about finer points of the world's most popular sportâ |This book could get reluctant tween readers who like soccer a bit more involved in reading. The sophisticated amount and quality of information offers a high reward and a nice visual package. (TD Monthly)Need some reading material with cartoon-type illustrations to interest a boy in your family? This should be the answer for the sports guys. (Quebec Home & School News)How Soccer Works does a superb job of bringing a world-renowned game to life for primary readersâ |A must in any balanced literacy classroom. (Professionally Speaking)This is not only an informative look at the game of soccer but a great book about the science behind the game. The book is incredibly comprehensive dealing with all elements of the gameâ |Every page scores with a mixture of information, color photographs and illustrationsâ |How Soccer Works is an excellent resource for soccer enthusiasts as well as those who are new to the game. (Resource Links)Lots of people love to watch and play soccer, but do they have the inside scoop on how soccer works? How Soccer Works is a kicker full of facts, tales from pros, insider tips, the science of the sport and much more. With great color photographs and illustrations this is one book all soccer lovers, from beginner to pro, will enjoy. (KidsBookshelf.com)What can be healthier than reading for the mind and active sports for the body?â | How Baseball Works and How Soccer Works are presented with a droll, witty humor well blended with the author's scientifically curious point-of-view. Age appropriate

explanations of concepts like curving kicks and why baseball bats are made of wood give young readers points of interest to share with friends or classmates [â ] Subject matter that breezily combines playtime passions with lessons tied into classroom curricula hit the nail smartly on the head. (Suite101.com)

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If you are a hard core soccer fan, you know that it is only called "soccer" here in North America and that the more common name for it is actually "football." More people here are now becoming as wild for the game as they are around the rest of the world, but what you may not know is that soccer is actually an ancient game. Of course the game was not exactly the same in Egyptian times, but it is known that "large numbers of people sometimes kicked a ball around farmers' fields to till the soil for crop." China, Greece, Japan Mexico and Rome had similar games. If you want to know a LOT about soccer, you need only open the pages of this book! Among the many things you will learn is information about the soccer ball (everything from composition to weight), the history of the ball, how to play the ball, the importance of a "flat, well-groomed field," information about the turf (grass), how weather can influence the game, the uniforms, the gear (safety pays in many ways!), information about the goalie and his or her special job, the evolution of the cleats (WOW!), the importance of being physically fit, how to make "explosive moves" (Wa-whoosh!), the role of the striker and the keep and much more! Have you ever seen a Roboleg? You will now! I was actually quite pleasantly surprised when I opened this book. Instead of finding a simple explanation of the game I was amazed to find a vibrant, informative book that really spoke to the young soccer player. The simple cover belies the array of information inside. There are numerous informative sidebars and the book is peppered with colorful illustrations, photographs and fascinating trivia. In the back of the book there is a diagram of the field, including "Rules and Regs," a basic instructional section on how to play, a listing of the players, an index and an extensive glossary of "Soccer Talk." This book is a reluctant reader's paradise. If you have a young soccer player, you'll want to consider this book!

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