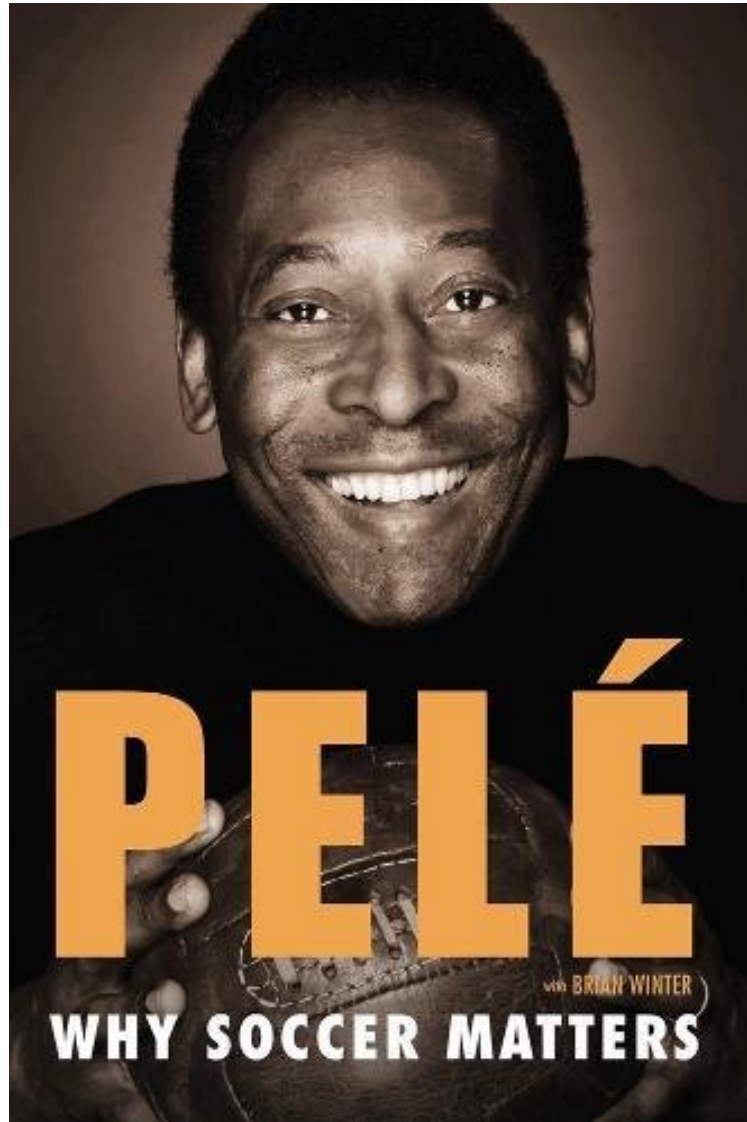


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**Pel : Why Soccer Matters: A Look at More Than Sixty Years of International Soccer** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Why Soccer Matters: A Look at More Than Sixty Years of International Soccer:

24 of 24 people found the following review helpful. This is why everyone loves the world ambassador of soccer By Colin Michael Warmly retelling the blessed life of one of the greatest athletes of our age, this book is heartwarming

while being a page-turner in its own way. There is so much to learn about who Pele is, but also who is this person named Edson, and most importantly, why is soccer such a great vehicle for reaching into the lives of people the world over. While reading "Why Soccer Matters" I find myself telling those around me Why Pele Matters, not just to me, but to so many millions of people in this world. I know that soccer was a great vehicle for me, to bring me out of myself while gaining confidence that I could do something well, and I know that Pele was the man behind the popularity of soccer in the US in the 1970's. I wasn't big enough or wealthy enough for football and my eyes weren't good enough for baseball, but I could muster the speed and the power to be a soccer defender, catching the infectious love of the game from the incredible Pele.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wow!! By Pangur Ban I am not a sports fan - any sport. I generally have an ambivalent opinion of athletes - but that opinion does tend toward the cynical. That said, I was impressed with this book. If Edson is truly as he is presented in it, he is what an athlete should be. He is the kind of person anyone, anywhere, in any profession should strive to be. If he is not, no one tell me. I would like to believe the book is true.

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Book By Grant McG This book was a great, and I found it was hard to put down. This book doesn't only talk about soccer, but Pel's life and what everything meant. It tied soccer to politics to life lessons. I highly recommend this to anyone who has interest in soccer, politics, or anyone reading this :)

I know in my heart that soccer was good to me, and great to the world...I saw, time and again, how the sport improved countless millions of lives, both on and off the field. For me, at least, that's why soccer matters. The world's most popular sport goes by many names: soccer, football, the beautiful game, but fans have always agreed on one thing: The greatest player of all time was Pel. During his twenty-year career, he was heralded as an international treasure, and his accomplishments on the field proved to be pure magic: an unprecedented three World Cup championships and the all-time scoring record, with 1,283 goals. Since retiring, he has traveled the world as soccer's global ambassador, relentlessly promoting the positive ways soccer can transform young men and women, struggling communities, even entire nations. Now, for the first time, the legendary star and humanitarian explores the sport's recent history and provides new insights into the game. With unparalleled openness, he shares his most inspiring experiences, heartwarming stories, and hard-won wisdom. This is Pel's legacy, his way of passing on everything he's learned and inspiring a new generation. In *Why Soccer Matters*, Pel details his ambitious goals for the future of the sport and, by extension, the world.

From Booklist These days, it's difficult to appreciate the fame of Edson Arantes do Nascimento or Pel. The soccer prodigy who helped Brazil win three World Cups became a global sports superstar at the dawn of the TV era, and like the Beatles, he was famous when there weren't really rules for it yet. His first-person account will please sports fans with its tales of his quick success for the Santos football club, magical World Cup moments, and victory lap with the New York Cosmos. But it's the personal insights that make it worthwhile. Interestingly, he never liked his nickname but came to use the persona of Pel as a shield against celebrity. Describing his growth as a person and player, he comes across as a thoughtful, humble, self-deprecating man well aware of his talents, his failings, and his good fortune. And his frequent observations on how different things were back then at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, Brazil's team shirts were bought at a Stockholm department store provide a fascinating contrast to the corporate world of sports today.

--Keir Graff An engaging reflection on international football in the World Cup era. Pel's voice shines through. Provide[s] insight into the world's most popular game through the eyes of its most revered figure.

Kirkus s About the Author Pel started his professional career at the age of sixteen for Santos Futebol Clube, a club he stayed with for nearly two decades. In 1958, he won his first World Cup for Brazil at age seventeen, the youngest winner ever. He went on to win another two World Cups in 1962 and 1970, making him the only player in the world today with three Jules Rimet trophies. He is the all-time leading scorer in the history of the sport (1,283 goals in 1,366 matches). Named one of the Top 20 Most Important People of the 20th Century (Time) and Football Player of the Century (FIFA), Pel today maintains his commitment to the sport and to society by fulfilling various roles as spokesperson, ambassador and philanthropist.

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