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**Interesting** Mainstream Publishing  
 Considered by many to be a genius at his peak, Alex Higgins's unorthodox play and exciting style earned him the nickname 'Hurricane' and led to his immense popularity and fame. In 1972 he became the youngest winner of the World Championship, repeating his victory in emotional style in 1982. Higgins's story is so much more than just snooker. Head-butting tournament officials, threatening to shoot team-mates, getting involved with gangsters, abusing referees, affairs with glamorous women, frequent fines and lengthy bans, all contributed to Higgins slipping down the rankings as he succumbed to drink and lost his fortune. After suffering throat cancer, Alex Higgins now reflects on his turbulent life and career in his first full autobiography. The Hurricane is back - prepare to be caught up in the carnage.  
*Running Teach Yourself*  
 There is a tribute book to be written about the nicest man in snooker - but this isnt it! Whatever else he was, The Hurricane

wasnt nice. He was unpredictable, wild, demonic and obsessive. The Peoples Champion was an unstoppable force who transformed snooker from a niche sport into a must watch phenomenon. Drawing upon unrivalled access to The Hurricanes friends and player colleagues, this is an affectionate and honest portrayal of the most legendary player ever to hit the world of snooker. This is a real tribute book and an honest and affectionate portrait of the snooker legend by John Virgo who was a great friend, rival and compatriot to the most complicated genius ever to grace the game. Virgo was frequently driven to despair by Higgins antics, the gambling, the drug using, the sheer uninhibited madness of the man but there was always a buzz around the man, there was ALWAYS something happening !  
*The Telegraph Book of Champions* Lulu.com  
 Breve storia del biliardo attraverso le biografie dei suoi protagonisti.  
**Let Me Tell You About Alex - Crazy Days and Nights on the Road with the Hurricane** Kings Road Publishing  
 'A brilliant book . . . brilliantly written. You really do need to read it' Adrian Chiles 'Mixing the sacred and the profane, high culture and low culture, the sublime and the ridiculous, Deep Pockets is

the book this game of unfathomable difficulty and infinite mystery well deserves' Critic The game of snooker has a remarkable history. From humble origins, it blossomed spectacularly in the 1980s into the nation's most popular sport. Top players became celebrities. The papers were stuffed with snooker scandals. It even conquered the pop charts. In the twenty-first century, the game is still big news. Along with millions of British fans, a vast audience continues to grow across every corner of the world, from Europe to the Middle East to China. The global thirst for snooker has never been greater. But - strangely perhaps - snooker's deeper meanings have rarely been explored. It is a game that celebrates subtlety and mystery; a slow undertaking in a fast-paced world. Elegant and profound, snooker invites serious contemplation. *Deep Pockets* is a study of this uncharted territory - a love letter to snooker, and an impassioned journey into its soul. Because snooker, in fact, is more than a game. It is a belief set; a way of seeing; an entire philosophical system. In chapters that cover everything from time, truth, loss, luck and more, *Deep Pockets* explores how snooker can help us to trace the meaning of life itself.

Successful Snooker Manchester University Press

A riveting and dramatic account of a battle to reach the top in sport and a warning that -- no matter how successful you are -- you never know what's around the corner. When Graeme Dott won the World Snooker Championship in 2006 it should have been the highlight of his career. But Alex Lambie, his mentor and father-in-law, had cancer and only had months to live. At the end of 2006 Alex died; incredibly Dott's snooker went from strength to strength, but away from the table things were a different story. Dott's wife Elaine suffered a cancer scare and despite being given the all-clear she lost the baby she was carrying. As things went from bad to worse Dott was unwittingly suffering with severe depression, and eventually he slipped down the rankings. In 2010, having faced his demons, he reached the final of the 2010 World Championship. In this inspirational autobiography Graeme talks for the first time about his depression and how he managed to turn his life around. He describes in detail growing up in one of the toughest parts of Glasgow, his snooker career and the role Alex Lambie played in making his dreams come true.

John Virgo: Say Goodnight, JV - My Autobiography Kings Road Publishing

Ken Doherty is one of the most talented and successful snooker players ever to have picked up a cue, and the only player ever to win the Under 21, Amateur and World Snooker Championships. In this honest and emotional autobiography, Ken tells how he went from the World Snooker final at the Crucible to qualifying tables of Prestatyn and back again - and reveals what it means to lead a Life in the Frame. Born in Ranelagh, a south-eastern district of Dublin, Ireland, Doherty learnt his trade in the legendary 'Jason's' snooker hall, standing on a biscuit tin to try and reach the balls. Coached by former Irish international Paddy Miley, the young Doherty found he had a natural talent with the cue and entered in to various amateur competitions, including the Irish Amateur Championships. In 1989 - at the ripe age of 20 - Doherty won the World Amateur Championship and was duly invited to become a professional of the game. Four years later, after losing his first Grand Prix to Jimmy White, Ken went on to win his first ranking title, the Welsh Open, which was enough to catapult the 'Darlin of Dublin' into the top 16 players in the world. Doherty etched his name in the record books in 1997 by becoming only the third player outside the United Kingdom to win the World Championship, beating Stephen Hendry 18-12 in the final at the Crucible. Returning to Ireland a hero, Doherty would go on to play in two more World Championship finals and stay in the top 16 for over a decade. This is the in-depth and honest autobiography of

one of Snooker's favourite Champions. Returning to Ireland a hero, Doherty would go on to play in two more World Championship finals and stay in the top 16 for over a decade.

**History of Billiards through its Champions Second Part** Psychology Press

"The top snooker players in the world compete for several trophies every year, but one carries more prestige than all the others put together - the World Championship. No other tournament in the sport carries with it so much history, so many golden moments of spectacular success and dramatic failure. Meticulously researched and including exclusive interview material with Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and 2005 world champion Shaun Murphy, among others, *Masters of the Baize* is a comprehensive guide to the men who have lifted the greatest prize in snooker. From the legendary Joe Davis, the first champion in 1927, to modern-day masters like Mark Williams, all the sport's world champions are put under the microscope, while the colourful careers of forgotten figures such as Walter Donaldson and John Pulman and rogue heroes like Alex Higgins and Ronnie O'Sullivan are brought vividly to life. After uncovering the inauspicious origins of the game in nineteenth-century India, the authors examine every former world champion in his own comprehensive chapter. Additionally, a special section focuses on the extraordinary popularity of Jimmy White, by far the greatest player never to

**The Ultimate Guide to Well Being** Hachette UK

Volume three of a bibliography documenting all that has been written in the English language on the history of sport and physical education in Britain. It lists all secondary source material including reference works, in a classified order to meet the needs of the sports historian.

*Cvesport Book of Professional Snooker* The History Press

Mentality examines how 16 leading sports personalities in Britain made it to the top. What does it take to perform at the highest level? What can we learn from their experiences? With an enlightening collection of insights by Joe Sillett and summaries from Europe's leading Mind Coach Karl Morris, the book is described by The Daily Telegraph as a "must-read for sports fans and coaches alike." The full list of contributors is as follows: Ben Ainslie, John Amaechi, Geoffrey Boycott, Laura Davies, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Andrew Flintoff, Dr Janet Gray, Alan Hansen, Damon Hill, Georgina Hulme, David James, AP McCoy, Scott Quinnell, Dennis Taylor, Phil "The Power" Taylor and Lee Westwood.

Steve Davis Kings Road Publishing

Breve storia del biliardo attraverso le biografie dei suoi campioni.

**Masters of the Baize** White Rabbit

For the first time, Steve Davis reveals on video how to develop the skills that have made him six times World Champion and supreme stylist of the modern game. Starting with the rudiments of the game, Steve demonstrates step by step all the key elements of the successful approach to today's fast growing sport, an accurate cueing action, consistent potting technique, sound cue ball control, positive safety play and match winning tactics. The video also features an exclusive sequence of frames showing Davis versus Davis during which you can listen in to the thoughts passing through the champion's mind as he approaches the next shot. From start to finish, the video is packed with the invaluable tips, practice routines, and professional tricks of the trade, fascinating to anyone with an interest in snooker, whether you're a beginner, regular player or simply an armchair enthusiast.

*Sport in Britain* Constable

Since 1977, Sheffield's Crucible Theatre has staged the snooker World Championship and is one of sport's most iconic venues.

The Crucible's Greatest Matches features the greatest matches

played there, including classic encounters involving Ronnie O'Sullivan, Stephen Hendry, Jimmy White, Alex Higgins, and the 1985 final between Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis.

#### **Incredible Moments in Sport** Random House

Steve Davis was just a rookie from Plumstead, south London, learning how to play from an old book his snooker-obsessed father had given him, when an encounter with Barry Hearn changed his life forever. With his backing, Steve began touring the country in a clapped-out car as an amateur. Challenging established professionals and winning titles, supported by his loyal following the Romford Roar, it wasn't long before he progressed to the world's stage. By the eighties, Steve had helped transform a previously shady sport into a national obsession. He and a cast of legends such as Ray Reardon, Dennis Taylor and Alex Higgins, with other young guns like Jimmy White, were doing silent battle in front of huge audiences. Tens of millions of viewers would witness the nail-biting conclusions of his world championship finals; this was snooker's golden era. The man behind the 'boring' tag has always been the sport's smartest and sharpest man. With his cool, obsessive approach, Steve rewrote the rule book and became untouchably the best player in the world and the best paid sportsman in the country. Interesting lays it all bare: what it was like to win in those pressure-cooker situations; how to cope at the top, when everyone wants you to lose; and how you deal with the moment when a man comes along who is finally better than you. This is a memoir that closely evokes the smoke-filled atmosphere of those arenas, the intrigue behind the scenes and the personal psychology and sacrifice that is required to stay at the top of such an exacting sport.

#### **MENTALITY** Routledge

Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins transcended sport in a way very few sportsmen ever have. In this definitive biography, Tony Francis describes how Alex threw himself into life like a man throwing himself off a cliff. No safety net. No plan. No fear. No shame. Francis interviews more than sixty witnesses to this extraordinary life and comes up with a remarkable series of adventures to surprise even Alex's staunchest fans. We hear from his ex-wife Lynn who tolerated him for ten years, helped him recover from a suicide attempt, watched him trash the house, but still has a fondness for the father of her kids. Snooker champion Jimmy White, Alex's best friend, says: 'I loved him, I hated him, I loved him, I hated him!' The author investigates the Irish drink culture which undermined his family, colleagues and, of course Higgins himself. How did Higgins' fellow Irish sportsman and biggest fan, Barry McGuigan, escape the excesses which dragged Higgins and George Best into the gutter? Did drink account for Higgins' wild outbursts or was there something more to it? Why did his lost love describe the man who once head-butted a tournament official as 'the gentlest man I ever met'? For all his faults, Higgins was, for a time, the most loved sportsman in Britain. He remains a legend and the most outstanding, charismatic snooker player who ever walked into an arena. Francis traces his crazy life from the time when as a baby he was kept in a shoe box in his mother's top drawer, to the sheltered accommodation in Sandy Row, Belfast where died. If you want to know what kind of man could mesmerise and terrorise his way to the top; be acclaimed by millions one moment and literally thrown out of a pub the next; die in pitiful isolation yet be celebrated by thousands lining the streets in what amounted to a state funeral, then *Who Was Hurricane Higgins?* is a must-read.

#### **Who Was Hurricane Higgins?** Owl Books

Are you a snooker fan? Do you play regularly? Are you familiar with the rules and terminology of snooker? Would you like to know more about the professional players who make the game look so easy? If you answered yes to any of these questions you

won't want to be without *101 Things You May Not Have Known About Snooker*. Do you know how snooker got its name, who is the only player so far to have won the world title at junior, amateur and professional level or which five players have achieved a maximum 147 break at the World Professional Snooker Championships? This fascinating new book has the answers, along with everything you ever wanted to know about snooker, including all the top snooker players past and present, their nicknames, history of the game, championship winners and losers and much more. This book is a must-have for all those who enjoy watching or taking part in this game of skill and would like to learn more about the professional circuit.

#### **Snooker's World Champions** Ian Slatter

Throughout its chequered history, snooker has had more than its fair share of heroes and villains, champions and chumps, rascals and rip-off artists. In the last 20 years, every sleazy scandal imaginable has attached itself to this raffish sport: corruption, match fixing, bribery, sex, recreational drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, ballot rigging, fraud, theft, domestic violence, common-or-garden violence, paranoid politicking, dirty tricks - all against a background of inept petty tsars fixated on the pursuit, retention and abuse of power. In *Black Farce and Cue Ball Wizards*, Clive Everton recounts the glory and despair, the dreams and disillusion, and the treachery and greed that have characterised the game since it was invented as an innocent diversion by British Army officers in India in the nineteenth century. He tells the true and unexpurgated tale of snooker's transformation into a television success story second only to football and exposes how its potential has been shamefully squandered.

#### **The Crucible's Greatest Matches** Hodder & Stoughton

How do you achieve sporting immortality? How do you develop a winning mentality? What separates the best from the rest? While sporting greatness is for the few, there is much that the rest of us can learn from them. From the era-defining brilliance of Muhammad Ali to the tactical genius of Sir Alex Ferguson, gathered together here for the first time are the rare insights into what made some of the best sports men and women from the past century. Drawn from the Telegraph archives, this collection of interviews, contemporary accounts and first-person articles covering everyone from Michael Phelps to Dame Ellen MacArthur, Roger Federer to Michael Schumacher, Sir Steve Redgrave to Nicole Cooke, give a rare glimpse of how these individuals conquered the world. Through the snow, mud, ice and sun of the sporting calendar, *The Telegraph Book of Champions* features one hundred champions from thirty-one sports. Side by side, in this unique collection, they line up as a reminder of what it takes to be the best, why success at the very top is only for the few, and what the rest of us mere mortals can learn from them.

#### **Snooker** Lulu.com

World Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan's frank and honest account of his astonishingly dramatic life. I used to rely on drugs and alcohol to keep me going, but now I've got the healthiest addiction going - running. This book explains how running has helped me to fight my demons - my addictive personality, depression, my dad's murder conviction, the painful break-up with the mother of my children - and allowed me to win five World Snooker Championships. It is also about all of the great things in my life - my kids, snooker, my dad's release from prison, great mates who have helped me, and the psychiatrist Dr Steve Peters, who has taught me how not to run away when things get tough. Finally, it's about what it's like to get the buzz - from running, from snooker, from life. Because when it comes down to it, everyone needs something to drive them on.

#### **British Sport - a Bibliography to 2000** Andrews UK Limited

For a nation with a long and proud military tradition, one token stands above all others as a mark of recognition for the ultimate acts of individual feats of arms: the Victoria Cross. Awarded for one reason alone--to mark extreme acts of great heroism by British and Commonwealth servicemen in the face of the enemy--it is unquestionably the hardest club in the world to gain entrance to. Its holders--ordinary soldiers, sailors and airmen--are linked by an uncommon bond of exceptional bravery, displayed often at great personal risk and against impossible odds. The VC has been awarded only thirteen times since the end of the Second World War in 1945. Three of these awards were made to recipients who had paid the ultimate sacrifice while demonstrating gallantry beyond the call of duty. Forged in battle, from the shell-scarred hills of Korea, to the windswept marshland of East Falkland and

today's counter-insurgency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, each one of these VCs has a uniquely inspiring tale to tell. This is their incredible story.

Life in the Frame Kings Road Publishing

The Little Book of Snooker is a wonderful collection of stories about the most hilarious and often embarrassing scenes that that have taken place in the green rooms, hotel rooms and at parties attended by the biggest legends in snooker. These stories have been told by the stars themselves, and many have never been published before. The book also lists the profiles of the contributing players with all their career achievements. It includes the most important tournaments in the snooker year, the winners and runners-up, as well as featuring a host of fascinating facts, stats, quotes and trivia relating to the green baize.