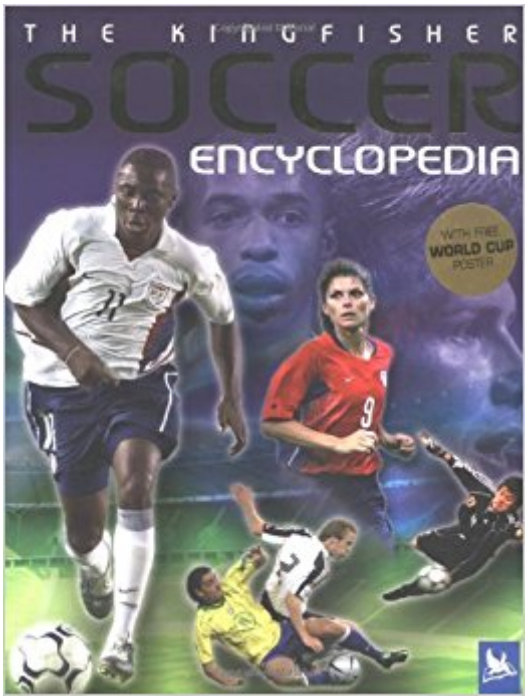
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So this book is designed to entertain the minds of young kids. I didn’t know that until after i read the book. This book lacks a lot of the details about the game of soccer, but it gives a decent overview of the rules and strategies. The pictures are really great and in full color. Throughout the book, websites are mentioned which will lead you to all kinds of detailed info on soccer. The book also describes records for numerous categories, like goals in a game, most red cards in a game, most own goals in a game(139!), etc.The second half of the book highlights individual players as well as great teams over the history of the sport.In conclusion, this book is not designed to teach you how to play soccer, it’s not going to help you improve your game, it’s not going to show you how to kick a ball properly, or how to properly play defense. It’s some cozy reading material to give you an

overview of the history of soccer. 4 stars instead of 5 because i like details!

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