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Gr 5–8—Soccer fans will enjoy this encyclopedic glimpse at their favorite sport, written by an author well known in the field. Chapters cover rules, skills, and popular players. Gifford updates his books every couple of years, so readers should be aware that this edition went to press before the 2014 World Cup results, with Germany winning in Brazil. There is no mention of the issues in Brazil, such as the safety problems or Luis Suárez biting an Italian player's ear in a game. Many chapters and colorful photographs are repeated from the previous years' editions. However, libraries that need a single-volume overview, rather than a set that separates out information over several titles, should go with Gifford's book.—Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA

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“This comprehensive compilation of facts written by a soccer expert emphasizes modern professional soccer players but also explores historical precedents and amateur and youth competitors.” *?Children's Literature*

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About the Author

Clive Gifford is an award-winning author of more than fifty books on the subjects of sports and soccer. His previous titles for Kingfisher include *The Kingfisher Soccer Encyclopedia*, *Soccer Skills*, *Summer Olympics*, and *Soccer*.

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