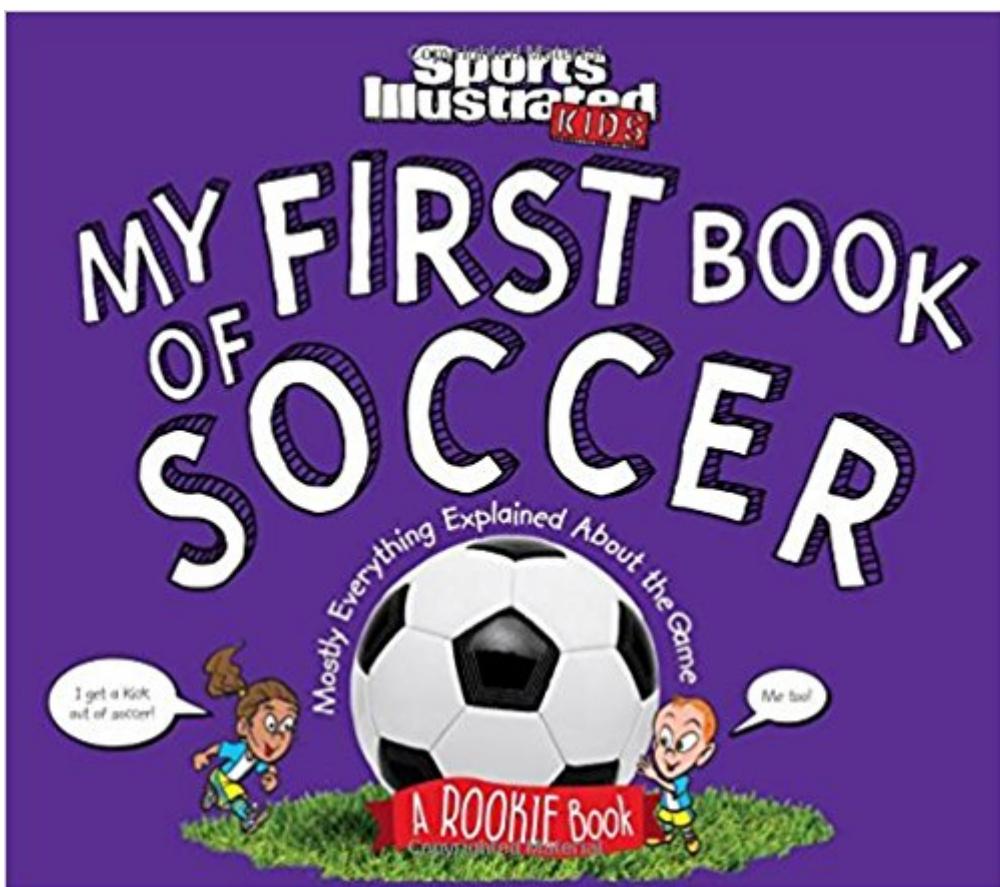


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# My First Book Of Soccer: A Rookie Book (Sports Illustrated Kids Rookie Books)



## Synopsis

The fourth book in the fan-favorite Rookie Book series, Sports Illustrated Kids explains the most popular sport in the world to its youngest fans. The ref blows the whistle, the striker approaches for kickoff, feet fly-a soccer match is underway! With a fun mix of Sports Illustrated action photography, simple text, a full glossary of terms, and awesome graphics, My First Book of Soccer introduces readers to the world's favorite game. Kids (and probably a few adults, too) will learn how the clock counts "up" and never stops, what an offside means, what's up with those yellow cards, and how kicks become a goooooaaaallll! Illustrated "rookie" characters appears on every page, guiding the reader moment by moment, and helping to make My First Book of Soccer an ideal shared reading experience between parents and their little rookies before, during, and after the game.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

"Perfect for new soccer lovers and longtime aficionados." -School Library Journal "A must-add to sports bookshelves and collections for early readers." -Mom Read It "This book won't stay on the shelf long in a classroom or library." -Kid Lit Frenzy "Fantastic...with eye-popping photos on colorful backgrounds and large text that is just right for young readers." -Imagination Soup "Fun to read...not only is it informative, but also humorous and keeps kids engaged the whole way through." -Batch of Books "A terrific way to introduce the sport to little ones." -Booking Mama

Soccer is a complicated game, but this book breaks down the rules - including all of the extra kicks for penalties and balls going out of bounds. I love this series. It makes things simple and understandable for kids, and it has the little rookie character (in this case characters) making funny comments throughout the book. We own a couple of these books already, and I will be adding the soccer book to our library. These books are fun to read over and over again, even once your kids know the rules. The pictures are from real life soccer teams, so there's a variety of people - men and women. It can be a little confusing because it's not two teams playing each other throughout the book, but it shows the universality of soccer across the world. I highly recommend this book and the others in the series. Blog: Mom's Radius

Very good book for kids. The book has beautiful illustrations and very clear explanations for the sport!

I love these first sports books for kids!

I have all of the books in this series so far, and in addition to teaching my kids the basics of major sports, they amuse me too. This may be the snarkiest of them all, though, right from the inside of the front cover where they make a little fun of the fact that it's the most popular sport in the world but Americans know basically nothing about it (and call it 'soccer' instead of 'football'). It's also the first book in the series to show female athletes, which isn't an indictment of the series so far so much as the fact pretty much only the men get attention in the major American sports. In the opening few pages, when they show the teams getting ready for a game, they show the US Women's National Team and the Japanese Women's National Team getting ready for the World Cup final in 2015. From then on, it's a pretty regular alternation of whether male or female players are shown. I love this book and think it's great, but I can't close the review without pointing out that it does get the Offside Rule just slightly not right. More or less right, but not exactly right. If you read this book then watch professional footie, you'll be confused the first time a contentious offside call is made (or not made).

This is a review of *My First Book of Soccer: A Rookie Book*. Although it does have compelling photographs and I do like the typography (big, bold and attention grabbing) plus the bold colored pages grab attention, the content is extremely basic, lacking depth. The pages contain large action photographs of male and female soccer players. The photos complement the topic for each page.

Alongside the photographs are cartoon characters with speech bubbles injecting "humorous" comments to accompany the photographs. The problem with that is the intended audience for this book will not get some of the humor. It is often too abstract for a young reader to comprehend. I'm also a bit miffed that there are no page numbers. On one of the later pages in the book dealing with a ref calling a Hand Ball (don't know which page since there are no page numbers) one of the cartoon speech bubbles says, "Hey! Didn't you read page 3?" The problem is that there is no page number on the pages so the text bubble seems irrelevant. This book does have some good aspects but overall I am just left feeling that it is too superficial and not as suitable for the young reader as it could be. Still, I'll give it 4 stars for its good qualities. I definitely think there is room for improvement though.

"My First Book of Soccer" by Sports Illustrated Kids is not only good for a first time soccer player, it is also a good source for a non-sports involved grandma who goes to the game to support her granddaughters. Truthfully I feel more aware of what is happening with this book. It starts with very basic information like how many teams with how many players are involved and the basic goal of the game. The background of the pages are bright engaging colors with human and cartoon characters illustrating the point of every page. There is a nice mix of gender and sexual representation with actual human men's and women's teams and a young girl and boy as the cartoon characters. My granddaughters are ten and under so their game isn't as long as a regular soccer game nor are there 11 players at all times, but I think it is good for them to know what a real game looks like and what their practices and games are leading to if they continue when older. The book explains the names and duties of special players like the goalkeeper and what an attacking team is versus a defending team. Plays such as passing and dribbling are explained and illustrated. On each pair of 2 page explanations and illustrations a clock is showing how much time may have been ticking away as the plays have been made all away to the 90 minutes game over moment. This book would be great for the beginning soccer player and their parents. It is a book that a child will look at over and over while learning what soccer is all about.

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