Grupo Planeta becomes the official publisher of FC Barcelona

Grupo Planeta has signed an agreement with FC Barcelona to become the publisher of reference for all of Barça’s official publications in the coming years under the name Barça Books. This agreement places Grupo Planeta as Barça’s go-to publisher worldwide.

The project covers all languages, all types of books, formats and genres. Moreover we will be working hand in hand with FC Barcelona on sales and promotion both nationally and internationally.

We are more than happy to be presenting the first official Barça Books!

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Pep Guardiola was the trainer of FC Barcelona for four seasons, four years in which Barça won every title possible and likely played the greatest soccer the twenty-first century has seen, in an unforgettable style that is now studied and admired across the globe.

This is the story of the team Guardiola made eternal when he invited his players to run, pass, strive, and show their talent. They listened to him, and they started to play and win in a way no club in history ever had, so smoothly and efficiently that the whole world fell in love with them, and not just the fans at Camp Nou, “when the whole world wanted to come to Barcelona to see Barça play,” as Joan Laporta, the president of the club, said looking back.

This book tells of those unforgettable years, of a time when goals were made in Camp Nou as regularly as the leaves fall in autumn, of a team that played the game in a way that is impossible to forget, and it does so through the words of the people that were there, with stories and key episodes from a time that will never return, but that will also never be forgotten.

Luis Martín has worked for twenty years for the newspaper Sport and for fourteen years at the sports desk of El País, where he covered FC Barcelona and the Spanish National Team; he has also worked with numerous radio stations and television stations, mainly for the North American market. He is the author of five books.
The Treasures of Barça
Francesc Aguilar

This book explains the key moments in FC Barcelona’s trajectory with facsimile reproductions of exceptional objects in the club’s history, placing in readers’ hands unique treasures from the history of the club that offer an unparalleled reading experience.

Reproductions of commemorative posters, tickets to games and memorable finals, fold-out pages with all the rarest and most emblematic trophies and T-shirts, pages with stickers showing the evolution of Barça’s coat of arms, limited-edition pennants from special events, and even a captain’s armband are some of the extras this book includes. An intimate work that will interest both veteran fans, who can relive episodes they experienced in the flesh, and new followers from all over the world who will be able to access many of the secrets of Barça’s incomparable history. The book includes extras, gadgets, and supplements of all kinds, including foldouts with visual explanations of the club’s history, a thorough recount of its existence, sections devoted to special topics, and a final chronology. A one-of-a-kind work.

Francesc Aguilar began his journalistic career in the 1970s. He was a member of the first editorial team of El Periódico de Catalunya and director of Mundo Deportivo from 1992 to 2018. He has been a member of the FIFA Task Force 2000 and the UEFA media committee, a correspondent for France Football, a jury member for the Ballon d’Or from 1995 to 2012, and a jury member for The Best, the FIFA Prize, and the Tuttosport Golden Boy.

Coedition Schedule
Complete Spanish text ready for translation: October 2022
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FOB HK: August 2023

Technical Characteristics
Format: 24 x 28 cm
Binding: Hardback
Cover paper: Matt coated paper 140 gr
Inner paper: Matt coated paper 140 gr
Extra gadgets: 4 envelopes with extras, 3 posters, 2 leaflets, 4 pages with stickers
More Than Just a T-shirt
Roger Cruz

A chronological journey through all FC Barcelona jerseys

This is the first book about the history of FC Barcelona’s jerseys. No one has ever made a historical study of how the club’s first team has dressed since its early days and why.

This book is a thorough and clear examination of the approximately 200 different jerseys Barça has worn from the time of its foundation in 1899 to the present day. All of these were specially tailored with a scrupulous attention to design, fabric, color, and finish.

Each of the jerseys is photographed with the rest of the uniform (shorts, socks, and even in some cases belts) and accompanied by a brief discussion of their history in the sport along with images of that jersey as worn by major players from each era. In addition, a fold-out is included with all the uniforms shown side-by-side to show their evolution.

Roger Cruz is an unusual collector who has been passionate about the club’s uniforms since he was a little boy and he wanted to know why Barça had changed its uniform several times in the course of its history. Since 2008, he has been making a classification of all the uniforms in FC Barcelona’s history and has become a specialist in the subject in the world of collectors.

450 Pages
Hardback

A unique and completely novel book with never-before-seen material for fans and members of the club.
Tighten Your Seatbelts, We’re Going to Have Fun

Jordi Llauradó and Jaume Llauradó

A journey through the history of Barça in 123 years of memorable phrases.

Footballers, coaches, presidents, artists, politicians, journalists, writers, and even opponents have coined phrases and thoughts on FC Barcelona. Some of them got lucky and, with the passage of time, they became forever anchored in the blaugrana imagination. Others, less popular, provoked expectations and debates at the time, but were no less important in emphasizing the importance of Barça, which is far more than a club.

This book rescues the most significant and exceptional phrases and quotes from the club’s 123 years of life in chronological order. A journey through the history of Barça via testimonies and thoughts that carry weight of their own, but also offer an in-depth description of all those involved with the team and a clear-sighted description of the team’s history and idiosyncrasies.

Jaume Llauradó, was vice-president of FC Barcelona with Joan Gaspart in the 2003 elections and is president of the Fòrum Samitier and patron of the Foundation of Former Players of FC Barcelona.

Jordi Llauradó is a board member of FC Barcelona and director of Espai Barça. He is the son of Jaume Llauradó.

David Salinas (Barcelona, 1964) has a degree in Information Sciences from the UAB and has been a sports journalist for the newspaper Sport since 1987. He is the author of several books about Barça.

The Magic of Barça

Clea Datura

A book of tales and anecdotes about the star that has shone on the club since its beginnings and its link to the prosperity and art of the city of Barcelona. You will discover connections between milestones in the team’s evolution and the history of the 20th century, both official and hidden.

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Stars and Symbols of the Blaugrana Universe

192 Pages
Paperback with flaps

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I dare you! How much do you know about Barça?

Ivan Tapia

A fun puzzle book for FC Barcelona fans.

How many FC Barcelona players have won the Ballon d’Or? Who have been the team’s captains in recent decades? Is it true that a FC Barcelona coach had to play goalkeeper in a match because the player had been injured?

If you are a FC Barcelona fan, you will enjoy this book. It offers you more than 200 challenges to test your knowledge of Barça: you will have to answer different types of questions (multiple choice, true/false, with images...), but also complete line-ups, solve crossword puzzles and even decipher hieroglyphics!

As you enjoy yourself in these pages, you will also learn a great deal of interesting and curious facts about the club, review historical moments and relive the most glorious victories.

Let the game begin!

Ivan Tapia is the founder and designer of enigmas for Cocolisto, an intelligent leisure business that works for companies such as Danone, Sanofi, Evers, Banco Santander, Torres and ESADE. He is the director, scriptwriter and dramaturge of Escape Show, an enigma-based performance at the Teatre Poliorama in Barcelona.
A journey through the history and values of one of the world’s best clubs.

Albert de la Torre is a journalist and producer of audiovisual shows. He has collaborated intensively with various publishers of children’s and young people’s books, and is the author of numerous plays, translations and monographs related to theater and cultural management.

Through the eyes of a boy and a girl we will delve into the past and present of Futbol Club Barcelona: its origins, its symbols (the stadium, the shield, the anthem), the importance of its youth academy, the successes and values that define the culé character and which have won admiration for the team in every corner of the planet. A beautiful journey through the history and present of Barça that will introduce young people to the passion for the club.

My First Women’s Barça
Noemí Fernández Selva & Moni Pérez

A book to discover the past and present of the Barça women’s soccer team.

Noemí Fernández Selva is a writer and education professional. She studied Music Teaching and Pedagogy at the Universitat de Barcelona and has worked for more than twenty years in primary schools, as a tutor and specialist in the arts. She studied a master’s degree in Educational Center Management (IL3-UB) and worked as a director. She is currently an education inspector, a job she combines with writing.

Through the eyes of a boy and a girl we look at the origins, values and successes of FC Barcelona’s women’s soccer team. Its talented players, who are among the best in the world, accompany us on this exciting journey in which they emphasize teamwork, the desire to improve, effort, humility and respect. In addition, we will also meet other important women in the history of the club, such as Edelmira Calvetó, the first woman club member, and Sagi, the first woman board member.
The new season begins! Players and fans are hyped and the intention this year is to win all the trophies. But something strange is happening to FC Barcelona’s players. The men’s and women’s first team are unrecognizable; their skills and the “Barça DNA” seem to have disappeared. Little but hard-to-understand mistakes have left both teams with middling results. But the fans believe in their team and keep cheering on the players while they wait for the Blaugrana spirit to return.
Max, Mia, Pol, and Amina are four young people who play on different Barça teams: men’s soccer, women’s basketball, handball, and women’s soccer. Their attitude in practice and at the games leaves much to be desired, so their coaches punish them by making them spend a whole Saturday under the orders of Rafa, the janitor and maintenance man at Camp Nou.

Rafa orders them to tidy up a storage room in the basement, where they find an old lockbox. When they finally get it open, they find a document inside that reveals that the first European Cup won by Barça is hidden somewhere in the stadium.

The four of them will wander all over Camp Nou, solving mysteries and learning about the history of the club.

But will they manage to find the trophy?

Ivan Tapia is founder and puzzle designer of Cocolisto, a company that produces intelligent games for learning and fun. He studied drama, worked for the company Comediants, and wrote and directed the show Escape Show, based on puzzles and presented all across Spain, including in Barcelona and Madrid. He is a reference point in the field of interactive books. His Escape Book collection, translated into ten languages, has been a remarkable success.

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This Barça 2022-2023 school diary pays tribute to the stars of the men’s and women’s first team who thrill young and old alike: Alexia Putellas (Ballon d’Or 2021), Jenny Hermoso, Aitana Bonmatí, Hansen, Martens, Pedri (Kopa Trophy 2021), Ansu Fati, Ter Stegen, Sergio Busquets, and Gavi fill its pages.

Laid out by weeks, the Barça diary has 6 pages of stickers and a double pocket and is available in Spanish, Catalan, English and French.

From the teams’ beginnings to its promising future, Barça’s day timer shows the legend of this club that is now in its second century. In it you will find such curiosities as an image of the inauguration of the field in Las Corts in 1922 or the way the team’s crest has evolved over more than a hundred years. Past, present, and future come together in this work that will be the pride of every fan.

Available in four languages, Spanish, Catalan, French, and English, it’s a perfect gift your friends with a blaugrana heart, wherever they are from.

It has plenty of space to write down all your to-do lists and, of course, all your favorite team’s matches. It also has a page with post-it notes for jotting down reminders and a double pocket where you can store your tickets for the next game.
With more than 140,000 members from all over the world and teams participating in many different sports, Futbol Club Barcelona has always aroused passions. Great players have donned their jersey throughout history, and they are among the first in the world in trophies and titles.

Here is the official 2023 Barça wall calendar, where you will find such memorable photographs as an aerial view of Camp Nou, the mini-stadium, the ice rink, the Palau Blaugrana, the Barça team in its early years, the fans, the evolution of the team’s crest through the years, the anthem’s lyrics, and the Espacio Barça Campus.

Enjoy the legend of Barça all the year with this unique calendar.

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2023 Desk Calendar

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32 Pages
21 x 15.5 cm