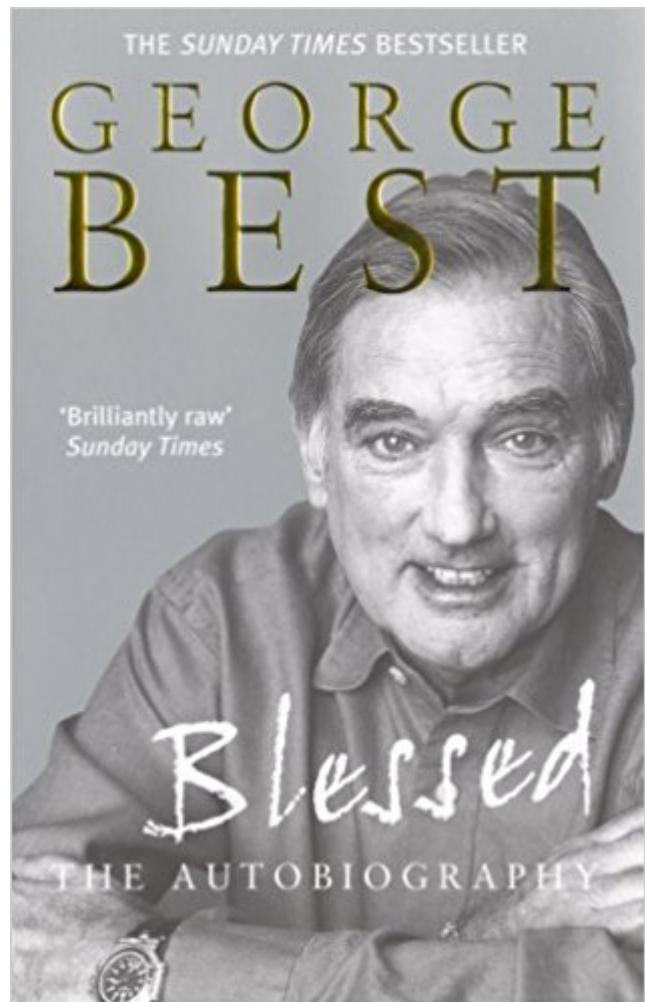


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# Blessed: The Autobiography



## Synopsis

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The definitive autobiography of soccer's first pop-star footballer. George Best was blessed with an extraordinary gift; he brought beauty and grace to soccer never before seen. But he was unable to cope with the success and fame his genius brought and his life story is littered with tales of women, sex and, of course, drink. George Best here tells his own dramatic and inspiring story.

This autobiography by the famous Manchester United footballer, George Best, was a great read as he discussed his life, successes, loves, and demons: alcohol, sex, and gambling. George pulled no

punches in this, his last autobiography, written only a few short years before his death in 2005. The saddest chapter was the epilogue at the end where he tried to give an upbeat assessment of the road ahead that was never going to be. This book is a must for anyone interested in the life of this great sports star and celebrity.

Interesting reading, a present for an enthusiast who loves the man... some photos would have made it more acceptable.

For anyone who has followed George Best, this is a must read. It is his last bio before he died, and certainly captures his life long after his playing days. He is brutally honest in this book, and one feels sadly cheated that he died at such a young age from booze. Very, very good book for anyone to read, football fan or not.

It was good to read Best's life from his own viewpoint. He was a brilliant footballer plagued by the demon drink.

Soccer genius and riveting story, honest story about how alcohol can consume and destroy a life. In his eyes maybe not destroyed but certainly cut short.

I have mixed feelings about the book, knowing that Best died in 2005. In my case I was looking more for tales and stories of his football life, which I guess was too short at least when he took it seriously, locker room anecdotes and pre and post game analysis. Although Best acknowledges his misconducts, I always got the impression that he never TRULY took responsibility. Examples abound. It seems that he always blames everybody else, the media and the "disease" for what happened but again, I never sensed reading the book that he truly acknowledged his actions. Maybe it is my ignorance of alcoholism and that I do not have an addictive personality, but he had MANY chances to re-start his pro-career when he was still young and he always chose not to do it "because he would never be as good as before.." but he did not even try. Sad story. Watching his moves on you tube you can be sure he was a very talented player, I cannot say that at the level of a Pele or Maradona, but definitely a contender for a Top 50 player of all times in my list. RIP George Best.

Excellent read - fast paced, behind the scenes look at stardom, and alcoholism. Roy Collins -

co-author captured the essence of George Best' life.

I was never a huge fan of Bestie-his behavior always seemed immature and impulsive. This book has changed my mind. The author fully acknowledges his shortcomings, and the insight into the extent of his battle with alcohol truly reveals someone battling a monster rather than just acting foolishly. The book is a great read and I would recommend to anyone with even a passing interest in Best and British football.

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