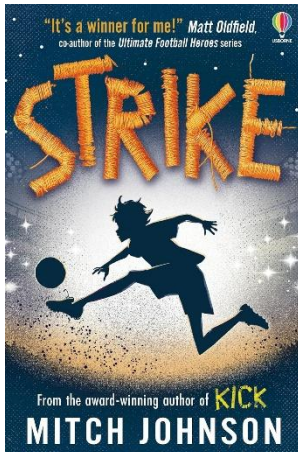


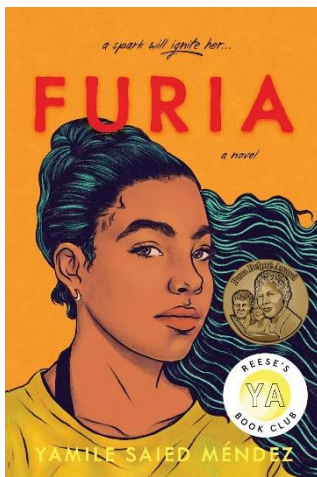
# Recommended reading

## Books to get you in the mood for the World Cup



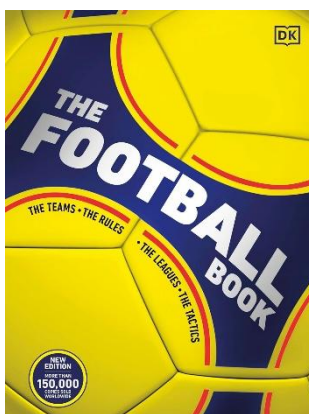
### Strike, Mitch Johnson

A powerful and thought-provoking football story, *Strike* follows Owen, a young player with big dreams, as he discovers the darker side of the beautiful game. As he uncovers uncomfortable truths about how footballs are made, Owen must decide whether to stay silent or stand up for what's right. Blending fast-paced action with important global issues, this is an inspiring read about courage, fairness, and using your voice—perfect for readers who love football with real-world impact.



### Furia, Yamile Saied Méndez

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Argentina, *Furia* tells the story of Camila, a talented footballer chasing her dreams in a world that doesn't always support girls in the game. Secretly playing on a local team, she must balance family expectations, first love, and her passion for football. Honest and empowering, this novel celebrates courage, identity, and the fight to follow your dreams—perfect for readers who want a powerful story both on and off the pitch.



### The Football Book, DK

Packed with facts, stats, and eye-catching visuals, *The Football Book* is the ultimate guide to the world's most popular sport. From the history of the World Cup to modern tactics and legendary players, it brings football to life in a clear and exciting way. Perfect for dipping in and out of, it's an ideal choice for curious readers who want to learn more about the global game.