



A Book of Heroes: or a Sporting Half-century

By Simon Barnes

Short Books Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, A Book of Heroes: or a Sporting Half-century, Simon Barnes, Everyone's lives will, at some time, have been touched by a moment of sporting heroism. Whether it was Ellen MacArthur's triumphant finish off the French coast in 2005, or Bobby Charlton's long-range goal that transformed England's fortunes against Mexico in 1966, we have all witnessed heroic acts - or indeed moments of epic failure and pain - that have changed our mortal world, and have lifted us, even if only briefly, out of ourselves. In this gripping new book, Simon Barnes brings together his 50 sporting heroes of the last 50 years and looks at what it is that elevates them to a state of grace and greatness. The world of sport is of course filled with record breakers and medal winners, individuals who have in their way excelled. What Barnes does here is to identify that extra element, that special alchemy that sets these 40 men, 7 women (and 3 horses) apart and places them in their own race - the race of heroes.

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