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Editorial Review

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Carson asks 30 of the biggest names in football management - including Jose Mourinho, Sir Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger - what it takes to succeed at the highest level. More than a "how-to guide", its depth of shared knowledge is huge. **** Four Four Two Being manager of a football club has a lot in common with running a business in many other walks of life, and that is the starting point for this well constructed assessment of the post and how to succeed in it ... It contains a lot of thought-provoking ideas Scotsman Talking to 30 top football managers about their careers was always going to unearth a trove of interesting material, and in that respect this book does not disappoint. By far its strongest point is those managers' first-person recollections and observations Independent A book that aims to dig deeper, including "behind-the-scenes" interviews with more than 30 managers, must be welcomed ... Carson does well to avoid the kinds of clichés that blight so many other books on football Financial Times Mike Carson takes a different approach in his compelling examination of 30 managers, treating his subjects as savvy businessmen as much as sports gurus ... It's impossible to interview such people and not come away with some peerless insights Observer

About the Author

Author Mike Carson, a leading management consultant, working in partnership with The League Managers Association (LMA) has been able to access the LMA's members, some of the biggest names in football.

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