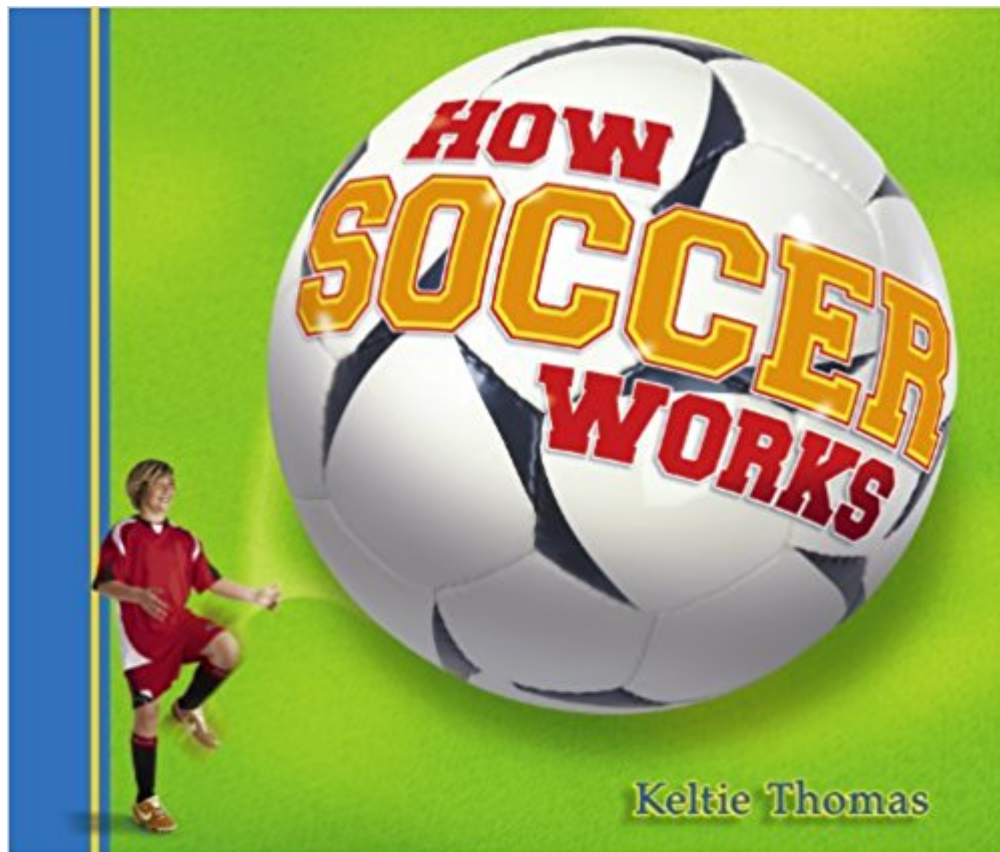




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Synopsis

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Book Information

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If you are a hard core soccer fan, you know that it is only called "soccer" here in North America and that the more common name for it is actually "football." More people here are now becoming as wild for the game as they are around the rest of the world, but what you may not know is that soccer is actually an ancient game. Of course the game was not exactly the same in Egyptian times, but it is known that "large numbers of people sometimes kicked a ball around farmers' fields to till the soil for crop." China, Greece, Japan Mexico and Rome had similar games. If you want to know a LOT about soccer, you need only open the pages of this book! Among the many things you will learn is

information about the soccer ball (everything from composition to weight), the history of the ball, how to play the ball, the importance of a "flat, well-groomed field," information about the turf (grass), how weather can influence the game, the uniforms, the gear (safety pays in many ways!), information about the goalie and his or her special job, the evolution of the cleats (WOW!), the importance of being physically fit, how to make "explosive moves" (Wa-whoosh!), the role of the striker and the keep and much more! Have you ever seen a Roboleg? You will now! I was actually quite pleasantly surprised when I opened this book. Instead of finding a simple explanation of the game I was amazed to find a vibrant, informative book that really spoke to the young soccer player. The simple cover belies the array of information inside. There are numerous informative sidebars and the book is peppered with colorful illustrations, photographs and fascinating trivia.

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