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For my parents, who started me on the Spurs path, and
Mary, for joining me on it.

INTRODUCTION

I was sipping a quick livener on Brighton Pier before an afternoon at the races back in May 2011 when I got a call to write a book about Spurs. It seemed like a good idea on that balmy afternoon, but the reality was a lot of long miserable nights with writer's block during the subsequent winter. The researching and re-reading of Spurs' fine history was fun, but it's an altogether different proposition turning it into something readable, vaguely witty and interesting.

The backdrop to writing the book was the fascinating 2011/12 season, when Spurs went from early disasters to one of the best runs in their history, only to then collapse before a final late rally taking them to the precipice of Champions League qualification, which they only missed out on when a German team lost a penalty shoot-out.

No medals, but for me a season to remember, and something in keeping with the triumphs and disasters that have marked the club's history since 1882. Give me a season where something happens over one of those terrible seasons between 1991 and 2005, when Spurs failed to finish inside the top or bottom six on any occasion.

Football - or more accurately, being a supporter - changed immeasurably over those years. The self-effacing terrace fun of the early fanzine era is often now replaced by a humourless cult of angry faces in expensive all-seater stadia, as the marketing of modern football ramps up the faux-importance of the game, and creates the illusion that

all the worthwhile prizes are out of the reach of most of the fans most of the time.

Structured in a series of lists, this book takes a step back and remembers it's all a bit of fun. It remembers the triumphs and disasters along the way for the famous Lilywhites, and treats those two impostors just the same. The very best and the very worst of Spurs and, I hope, some of the fun that makes it all worthwhile.

An allegiance to a football club is a journey, a shared experience with pals over time. This book is for those who travel hopefully and don't take it too seriously.

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THE HISTORY

BRIEF TIMELINE: THE KEY DATES OF TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

- **1882:** Hotspur FC formed under a street lamp on Tottenham High Street near the current ground by local schoolboys from St John's Presbyterian Grammar School looking for a winter pastime.
- **1884:** Renamed 'Tottenham Hotspur Football and Athletic Club'.
- **1888:** Spurs move to play home matches at Northumberland Park and the ever-canny owners introduce an admission fee of 3d.
- **1898:** After a few kit changes, the club adopt the lilywhite shirts of the leading northern side Preston North End, but retain their navy blue shorts.
- **1899:** Spurs move to a new ground, which eventually became known as White Hart Lane, with a capacity of 35,000 - ironically, around the same as the current ground. The inaugural match saw a 4-1 win for Spurs against Notts County, and generated £115 in gross receipts, which would just about buy a seat and a half-time bagel in the West Stand these days.

- **1901:** In a never-to-be-repeated feat, non-League Spurs lift the FA Cup after beating Fatty Foulke's Sheffield United 3-1 in a replay at Burnden Park, Bolton.
- **1908:** After consistent displays in the Southern League, Spurs are elected to the Second Division of the Football League.
- **1909:** Spurs win their first ever Football League match 3-0 against Wolves and take the division by storm, finishing runners-up and gaining promotion to First Division at the first attempt.
- **1919:** A fixed match between Liverpool and Manchester United and some shady shenanigans at a Football League meeting see Spurs relegated and replaced by Arsenal, who'd finished a miserable sixth in Division Two but leapfrog a host of better teams finishing ahead of them.
- **1920:** The relegation is a blessing in disguise, as Spurs storm to their first League title, the Second Division championship, with a record 70 points.
- **1921:** Jimmy Dimmock is the goal-scoring hero as Spurs lift the FA Cup after beating Wolves on a very wet Stamford Bridge pitch.
- **1922:** Spurs finish runners-up in the top flight for the first time, behind Liverpool.
- **1928:** Spurs end the decade on a low, with relegation to the Second Division - despite achieving a points total which would guarantee safety in most seasons.
- **1933:** Promotion again, this time as Division Two runners-up.

- **1935:** Despite finishing third the year before, Spurs are relegated to Division Two again.
- **1938:** Although it may affect some teams' fanbase, relegation does not stop the Tottenham faithful, and a White Hart Lane record of 75,038 turn up for the visit of Sunderland in the sixth round of the FA Cup. Typically, Spurs spoil the show by losing 1-0.
- **1950:** Led by football visionary Arthur Rowe, Spurs win the Second Division championship for the second time.
- **1951:** The revolutionary 'push and run' Spurs team claim the top flight title for the first time. It takes another two years and England's 6-3 home defeat to Hungary - the international equivalent of Spurs - before the rest of the country embraces the new footballing realities.
- **1952:** The 'push and run' team finish runners-up to Manchester United.
- **1957:** Spurs are runners-up once more to Manchester United.
- **1958:** Spurs beat Everton 10-4 in the first match of newly appointed manager Bill Nicholson.
- **1961:** Bill Nicholson's Spurs are crowned champions of the Football League and win the FA Cup final to become the first team to do the double in the 20th century.
- **1962:** Spurs retain the FA Cup with a 3-1 win against Burnley, new signing Jimmy Greaves scoring one of his record 266 Spurs goals in the final.
- **1963:** Spurs become the first British club to win a major European competition with a 5-1 win over

Atlético Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup Final in Rotterdam. At home, Spurs are runners up to Everton in Division One.

- **1967:** A 2-1 win over Chelsea gives Spurs the FA Cup for the fifth time.
- **1971:** Two goals from Martin Chivers are enough to see off lowly Aston Villa in the League Cup final.
- **1972:** Spurs claim the first ever UEFA Cup, a forerunner of the modern Champions League, with a 3-2 aggregate win over Wolves.
- **1973:** A late goal from sub Ralph Coates against Norwich City is enough to win Spurs the League Cup for the second time.
- **1974:** Defeat and disgrace in Europe. Supporters go on the rampage after Spurs lose 4-2 on aggregate to Feyenoord in the UEFA Cup final as the Nicholson era comes to an end.
- **1977:** After a few close scrapes, Spurs finish bottom and are relegated to the Second Division.
- **1978:** In a memorable season, a controversial 0-0 draw at Southampton is enough to see Spurs scrape into the last promotion spot on goal difference, with their 9-0 hammering of Bristol Rovers proving particularly significant.
- **1978:** The same year, Spurs scoop the world by signing Argentine World Cup winners Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa, but it's a struggle for the team to acclimatise to the top flight without any top-flight forwards.
- **1981:** Crooks and Archie signed, the year ends in one . . . and Spurs are back to win the 100th cup final

against Manchester City with Ricky Villa's famous goal.

- **1982:** After losing the League Cup final in extra time to Liverpool, Spurs reach the semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup, finish a creditable fourth in the League, and win the FA Cup for a then-record seventh time in the 66th game of a memorable season - after a less than memorable replay against QPR - in the club's centenary year.
- **1983:** Spurs are the first football club to float shares on the London Stock Exchange.
- **1984:** Spurs are winners of the UEFA Cup for the second time, after a penalty shoot-out with Anderlecht.
- **1987:** Clive Allen sets a new club record with 49 goals in a single season; yet it's close but no cigar as Spurs finish third in the League, make the semi-finals of the League Cup, but suffer a shock defeat to Coventry City in the FA Cup final.
- **1991:** Spurs conquer champions-elect Arsenal 3-1 in the FA Cup semi-final and return to Wembley the following month to beat Notts Forest 2-1 in the final.
- **1992:** Spurs are founder members of the new FA Premier League.
- **1993:** Chairman Alan Sugar removes Terry Venables and promises a League title within three seasons. Jason Dozzell signs for Spurs.
- **1994:** Ossie's famous five briefly dazzle the footballing world.
- **1999:** Spurs win the League Cup for a third time, with a last-minute winner from Allan Nielsen against

Leicester, despite being down to 10 men after Justin Edinburgh's sending-off.

- **2002:** A wet weekend in Wales is made more miserable by Spurs being beaten 2-1 by Blackburn Rovers in the League Cup final.
- **2004:** After a high turnover of unsuccessful managers, Spurs eventually stumble upon Martin Jol.
- **2006:** A poisoned Spurs narrowly miss out on fourth place and Champions League football, but qualify for the UEFA Cup by a League placing for the first time in a generation.
- **2007:** Another fifth-place finish sees Spurs embark on successive European campaigns for the first time since the 1980s.
- **2008:** Spurs are winners of the League Cup for the fourth time, coming from a goal down to beat Chelsea 2-1 after extra time.
- **2009:** Spurs reach the League Cup final again but fail to retain the trophy, losing 4-1 on penalties to Manchester United after a goalless 120 minutes.
- **2010:** A win at Man City sees Spurs finish fourth in the Premier League and qualify for the Champions League for the first time.
- **2011:** A memorable first Champions League campaign sees Spurs progress to the last eight in Europe, with victories over both Milan giants along the way.
- **2012:** Spurs enter 2012 challenging for the League title for the first time in years, but a dip in form coinciding with the manager getting linked with the vacant England job sees the season go into a tailspin, before they eventually recover for a creditable fourth

place. The fall-out sees Redknapp miss out on England then lose his Spurs job, while fourth place turns out not to be enough for Champions League qualification thanks to Chelsea winning the competition.

FIRST SPURS: FOURTEEN INSTANCES OF BLAZING THE TRAIL

1. There have been many 'Cities', 'Uniteds', 'Albions' etc. - but there is only one Hotspur.
2. First and only team to win the FA Cup as a non-League team in 1901, and in doing so becoming the first club to receive the Cup adorned by a set of ribbons in team colours.
3. First team to embrace continental techniques, as Arthur Rowe put his time in Hungary to good effect to change English football forever with 'push and run' football.
4. First team to win Division Two and Division One titles in consecutive seasons in 1950 and 1951.
5. First team to achieve the 20th century FA Cup and League Championship double with a record number of wins, including a record number of consecutive wins at the start of the season in 1960/61.
6. First team to sign a £99,999 player, as Jimmy Greaves put pen to paper for the iconic fee in 1961 to avoid being the first £100,000 player.
7. First British team to win a European trophy, with a 5-1 defeat of Atlético Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in 1963. This also remains the highest one-game score for a British side in a European final.

8. First team to win the UEFA Cup in 1972, with a 3-2 aggregate win over Wolves in the inaugural competition.
9. First team to float on the Stock Exchange in 1983.
10. First British team to win the UEFA Cup twice, in 1984, and by doing so becoming the first British team to win European trophies in three consecutive decades.
11. First team to engage in non-football branding, unfortunately with Hummel, in the late 1980s.
12. First team to nearly bankrupt itself twice by single-stand ground redevelopments in the 1980s and 1990s.
13. Founder (and ever-present) member of English Premier League, the most successful football franchise in the world.
14. First team to blast through the group stage of the Champions League with an average of three goals a game, to top a group containing reigning Champions Inter Milan in 2010.

SPURS FIRSTS: FORTY PIONEERING PEOPLE AND EVENTS

1. **First captain:** Bobby Buckle
2. **First chairman:** John Ripsher
3. **First colours:** Navy blue
4. **First ground:** Tottenham Marshes
5. **First match:** A two-goal defeat to Radicals on 30 September 1882

6. **First goal:** Scorer not recorded, in a 1-8 defeat to Latymer in October 1882
7. **First win:** 6 October 1883, a 9-0 home win over Brownlow Rovers
8. **First (recorded) goal scorer:** Bobby Buckle in the 1-3 defeat by Grange Park in October 1883
9. **First hat-trick:** Jack Jull scoring all three in a 3-0 home win against Albion in 1884
10. **First competitive match:** A 5-2 home win against St Albans in the London Association Cup in 1885
11. **First FA Cup match:** Beating West Herts, later to become Watford, 3-2 in 1894
12. **First international:** Jack Jones, for Wales against Ireland in 1898
13. **First England player (and scorer):** Two goals for Vivian Woodward v Ireland in 1903
14. **First manager:** Frank Brettell in 1898
15. **First game at White Hart Lane:** Beating Notts County 4-1 in front of more than 5000 supporters, thanks to a hat-trick from David Copeland, in September 1899
16. **First major trophy:** Spurs crowned Southern League champions in 1900
17. **First FA Cup:** Winning 3-1 against Sheffield United in a replay at Burnden Park in 1901
18. **First sending off:** Joe Walton, against Brighton and Hove Albion in the Southern League in 1904
19. **First League goal:** Vivian Woodward, in a 3-0 win against Wolves in 1908 - also the first League goal at

White Hart Lane

20. **First promotion:** Second in Division Two 1908/09
21. **First relegation:** 20th in Division One 1914/15
22. **First four-goal scorer:** Bert Bliss, in a 6-1 win on Boxing Day 1914 over Sheffield Wednesday
23. **First League championship:** Division Two in 1919/20
24. **First topped the League:** Winning first four matches and topping the League for the first eight of the 1925/26 season, before the traditional fall away to finish 15th
25. **First five-goal scorer:** Ted Harper, in a 7-1 opening-day win over Reading in August 1930
26. **First top-flight championship:** Division One in 1950/51
27. **First floodlit game:** A 5-3 win over Racing Club de Paris in September 1953
28. **First Wembley appearance:** FA Cup final in 1961, with a 2-0 win over Leicester
29. **First double:** League champions and FA Cup winners in 1960/61
30. **First European game:** A 4-2 defeat at Górnik Zabrze, which turned into a 10-5 aggregate win back at White Hart Lane in the second leg
31. **First European trophy:** Winning European Cup Winners' Cup in Rotterdam in 1963, beating Atlético Madrid 5-1
32. **First substitute:** Roy Low coming on for Derek Posse in 1965, in a draw against Arsenal
33. **First League Cup:** Two goals from Chivers to beat Aston Villa in the 1971 final

34. **First PLC:** Became the first football club to float on the London Stock Exchange, in 1983
35. **First million-pound signing:** Subsequent cup final hero Paul Stewart from Manchester City for £1.7 million
36. **First Premier League win:** 2-0 home win over Sheffield United in the sixth Premier League game in 1992
37. **First £10 million signing:** Sergei Rebrov signing for a reported £11 million in summer 2000 from Dynamo Kiev
38. **First goal of the new millennium:** Chris Armstrong, in the 1-0 home win over Liverpool
39. **First World Cup final player:** Christian Ziege becoming the first current Spurs player to appear in a World Cup final when he came on as substitute for Germany in their defeat to Brazil in 2002
40. **First Champions League game:** Losing 4-2 away in the first leg (as they had in the former European Cup), before winning the tie back at White Hart Lane against Young Boys Berne in 2010

SPURS' COMPLETE HONOURS

MAJOR TROPHIES

- Football League championships 1950/51 and 1960/61; runners-up 1921/22, 1951/52, 1956/57, 1962/63
- FA Cup winners 1900/01, 1920/21, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1966/67, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1990/91; runners-up 1986/87
- Football League Cup winners 1970/71, 1972/73, 1998/99, 2007/08; runners-up 1981/82, 2001/02,

2008/09

- European Cup Winners' Cup winners 1962/63
- UEFA Cup winners 1971/72, 1983/84; runners-up 1973/74
- Football League Division Two champions 1919/20, 1949/50
- FA Charity Shield winners 1920/21, 1951/52, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1967/68 (joint), 1981/82 (joint), 1991/92 (joint)
- Anglo-Italian League Cup winners 1971/72

PRE-LEAGUE TROPHIES

- Southern League champions 1899/1900
- Western League champions 1903/04
- London League Premier Division champions 1902/03
- Southern District Charity Cup winners 1901/02, 1904/05 (joint), 1906/07

WARTIME TROPHIES

- Football League South, C Division champions 1939/40
- Football League South champions 1943/44, 1944/45

TOUR TROPHIES

- Costa Del Sol Tournament winners 1965 (Standard Liege 1-0), 1966 (Benfica 2-1)
- Nolia Cup (Sweden) winners 1977 (Leicester City 2-1)
- Japan Cup winners 1979 (Dundee United 2-0)

- Sun International Challenge Trophy (Swaziland) winners 1983 (Manchester United on penalties)
- Peace Cup (Korea) winners 2005 (beating French Champions Lyon 3-1 in the final)
- Vodacom Challenge Trophy (South Africa) winners 2007 (Orlando Pirates 3-0)
- Jubileum Toernooi (Holland) winners 2008 (beating Celtic and Borussia Dortmund)
- Asia Cup (China) Winners 2009 (Hull City 3-0)

OTHER TROPHIES

- London Challenge Cup winners 1910/11, 1928/29
- Dewar Shield winners 1901/02, 1933/34, 1934/35
- Norwich Charity Cup winners 1919/20
- Norwich Hospital Charity Cup winners 1946/47, 1949/50 (joint)
- Ipswich Hospital Charity Cup winners 1951/52 (joint)

THIRTY-TWO SPURS MANAGERS

1. **Frank Brettell (1898-1899):** Spurs' first manager lasted only a year in the job before being poached by big-money Pompey! The clubs with money may change, but the motivations of those in football do not.
2. **John Cameron (1899-1907):** Signed by Brettell as a player, the dashing Scotsman took on managerial duties with great aplomb while still playing, winning the Southern League before landing the FA Cup the following season.
3. **Fred Kirkham (1907-1908):** Commercial traveller and some-time referee, Kirkham's appointment was

unpopular and short-lived.

4. **The directors (1908-1913):** Not for the first time, Spurs' owners thought they knew best, but a series of bottom-half finishes eventually convinced them otherwise.
5. **Peter McWilliam (1913-1927):** A club legend who steered Spurs through the difficult wartime period and on to the Second Division title, an FA Cup final win and the club's highest League finish when they were runners-up in Division One in consecutive seasons. A miserly Spurs boardroom, who not for the last time failed to appreciate a good thing, forced him to move on after a contract dispute.
6. **Billy Minter (1927-1929):** Minter was a member of the elite '100 goals for Spurs' club during a long and distinguished playing career, but despite his best efforts was less successful from the touchline. His passion for Spurs was such that he offered to resign when he could not bring the results he felt a club of Spurs' stature deserved.
7. **Percy Smith (1929-1935):** The promise of promotion and a third-place finish soon evaporated and Smith left as Spurs were relegated amid accusations of boardroom interference.
8. **Jack Tresadern (1935-1938):** Unhappy ex-Hammer Tresadern was unpopular, unsuccessful and undermined. Efforts to re-recruit McWilliam were stepped up as Spurs' fortunes continued to slide.
9. **Peter McWilliam (1938-1942):** Like most things, it wasn't as good second time round, and McWilliam lasted little over a year before the outbreak of war, during which he retired.

10. **Arthur Turner (1942-1946):** Although never officially named as manager, club stalwart Turner steered Spurs during the wartime years, picking up a couple of titles along the way. This was one of a number of roles he had during his near-50-year association with the club.
11. **Joe Hulme (1946-1949):** Ex-Arsenal Hulme failed to get Spurs out of the Second Division, but did the groundwork for the glory to come with Rowe's team.
12. **Arthur Rowe (1949-1955):** Tottenham-born, and a former Spurs centre half, Rowe revolutionised British football with 'push and run' football, which saw Spurs win Division Two and Division One titles in consecutive seasons, with a runners-up place the season after. Further success eluded Rowe as he failed to replace ageing players, but fullback Sir Alf Ramsey and right half Bill Nicholson picked up plenty about the art of football management.
13. **Jimmy Anderson (1955-1958):** Anderson was another Spurs stalwart, whose last job at the club he joined in 1908 was to keep things ticking over until Bill Nicholson, his first team coach, was ready to take over.
14. **Bill Nicholson (1958-1974):** Mr Tottenham Hotspur started with a 10-4 win against Everton, managed Spurs' record 13-2 win over Crewe, but most importantly produced Spurs' greatest side, who achieved immortality by landing the double in 1961. Managed Spurs for 832 matches over 16 years and landed eight major trophies, which defined 'the Tottenham Hotspur way'.
15. **Terry Neill (1974-1976):** Former Gooner, whose unpopular period of 'Terry Nihilism' lasted only a couple of seasons before he buggered off back to Arsenal.

16. **Keith Burkinshaw (1976-1984):** Spurs went back to promoting from within the club and struck gold, eventually, with another dour Yorkshireman. General Burkinshaw endured relegation in his first season but achieved promotion at the first attempt and delivered a golden era of two FA Cups, the UEFA Cup and two consecutive fourth-place finishes during arduous Cup campaigns. Quoted as saying 'There used to be a football club over there,' after resigning due to a change of direction in the boardroom.
17. **Peter Shreeve (1984-1986):** Nearly won the League in his first season, but his understated manner counted against him in the flash yuppie era of the share floatation.
18. **David Pleat (1986-1987):** Based his Spurs side on the good-to-watch but unsuccessful Belgian World Cup team of 1986, and like the Belgians, Spurs won more plaudits than trophies. Walked the plank after just over a year in charge following tabloid allegations about his private life.
19. **Terry Venables (1987-1991):** Like Fergie at United, Venables took four years to win a trophy, but landed the FA Cup in his fourth season after a top-three finish in the League in the previous years. Unlike Fergie, who was spared a Michael Knighton takeover, Venables' stint at Spurs was cut off in its prime due to financial troubles and boardroom reshuffles.
20. **Peter Shreeve (1991-1992):** 'Omar' was even less popular second time round as a stop-gap manager in a post-Gazza season of struggle.
21. **Livermore and Clemence (1992-1993):** There were two names above the door, but Venables was pulling the strings from the boardroom. It looked like it was all

coming together with a superb end of season run in 1993, but an unlucky semi-final defeat, and Sugar's summer inquisition, put an end to all hope for a generation.

22. **Ossie Ardiles (1993-1994):** Tried to reinvent football without defenders and eventually failed, but not quite as bad as the stats make him look.
23. **Gerry Francis (1994-1997):** Like Dorian Gray, Spurs maintained a semblance of respectability in terms of League position while decaying internally as good players were replaced with bad ones, before it all collapsed in a relegation struggle in autumn 1997.
24. **Christian Gross (1997-1998):** Came with a train ticket dream, but struggled to control big dressing room egos. Achieved his objective of keeping Spurs up but was not allowed to build on it before Sugar killed him off three games into the next season.
25. **George Graham (1998-2001):** Sugar's increasing antagonism with the Spurs faithful culminated in the appointment of the anti-football messiah, who crowned his career by making the club - which had given English football 'push and run' and the double team - play out four consecutive 0-0s with Andy Booth leading the line in 2000.
26. **Glenn Hoddle (2001-2003):** The great one returned to lead Spurs to the brink of a trophy in his first season. However a luckless display in the final, inconsistent League form and the unsettling presence of a director of football with a grudge saw it end before it really began.
27. **David Pleat (2003-2004):** With Hoddle gone after six games, this was the longest end of a season ever, and