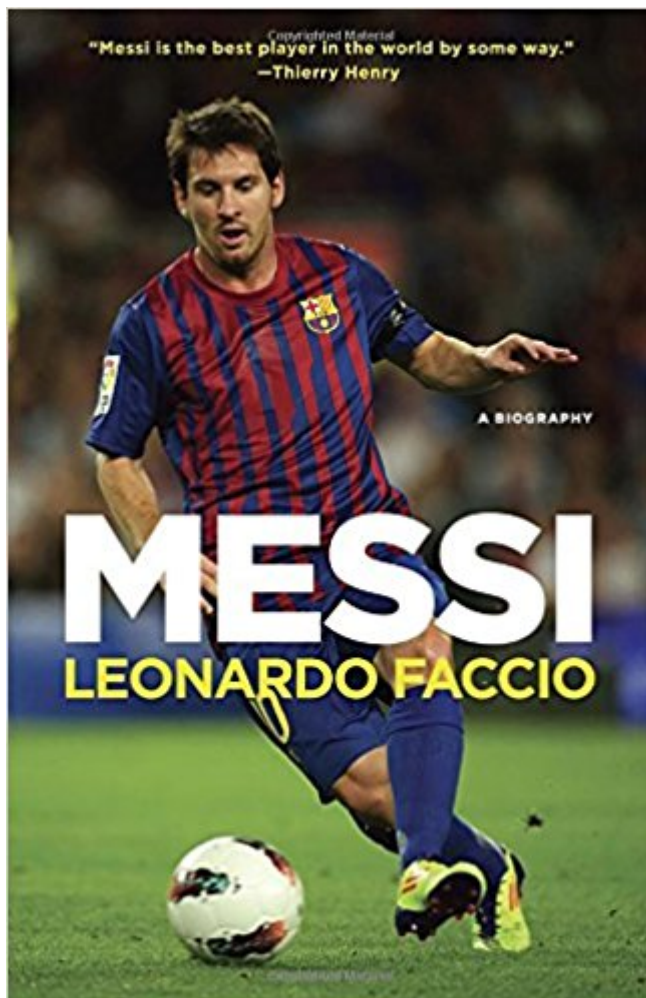




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Messi: A Biography



Synopsis

For soccer enthusiasts and sports fans in general, an in-depth look at the life of the beautiful game's greatest star, Argentine footballer Lionel Messi. Whether you call it soccer, football, fútbol, or the "beautiful game," it is the most popular sport in the world, and Argentine footballer Lionel Messi stands as one of its finest players—not only of his time, but of all time. Admired around the globe for his athleticism, skill, and fierce competitiveness, Messi has, at the age of 24, already shattered records at one of the most storied clubs in the world, FC Barcelona. Now, in this comprehensive biography, Messi fans can learn more about his life and career. Argentine journalist Leonardo Faccio describes how Messi, as a talented youth player in Buenos Aires, left his home for Spain in search of the medical help his family could not afford to treat his rare hormone deficiency. Small of stature, but possessing tremendous natural gifts, Messi developed into a star at Barcelona's famed Masia soccer school. In this book, Faccio has written not only a biography of an enigmatic celebrity, but a meditation on athletic genius, drawing on interviews with Messi himself, as well as with everyone from his family, teammates, childhood friends—even his favorite butcher. In-depth and intimate, soccer fans who enjoy watching Messi come alive on the field will delight as he comes alive on the page.

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Leonardo Faccio was born in Buenos Aires in 1971. He has spent the last ten years living in Barcelona, where he writes for various publications, including El Periodico and Etiqueta Negra, and received an honorable mention from the Gabriel Garcia Marquez Iberoamerican Foundation for New Journalism. He was not a fan of soccer until he first learned of Lionel Messi.

Great book of the great one

I ordered this for my 12-year-old who needed to read a bio for a class (he's an avid soccer fan). He's only about a third into it and feels that it is not great. There are facts, but not strung together well. ("Mom, this is not well-written at all" was his review). Just his opinion...maybe someone else would differ and really like it....

I bought this as a gift for my grandson. I have asked him if he has read it yet. And he indicated to me yes and it is good. Other than that I could not say.

Really enjoyed reading, hope to find more material like this.

Very helpful for a speech report!!!!

I feel like this book went on for too long. You could have shortened the book by a couple of chapters. Over all it was a decent book, but it never grabbed my attention like other books I have read.

I would highly recommend this book. It was well written and provided a complete picture of Messi's life from childhood till now

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