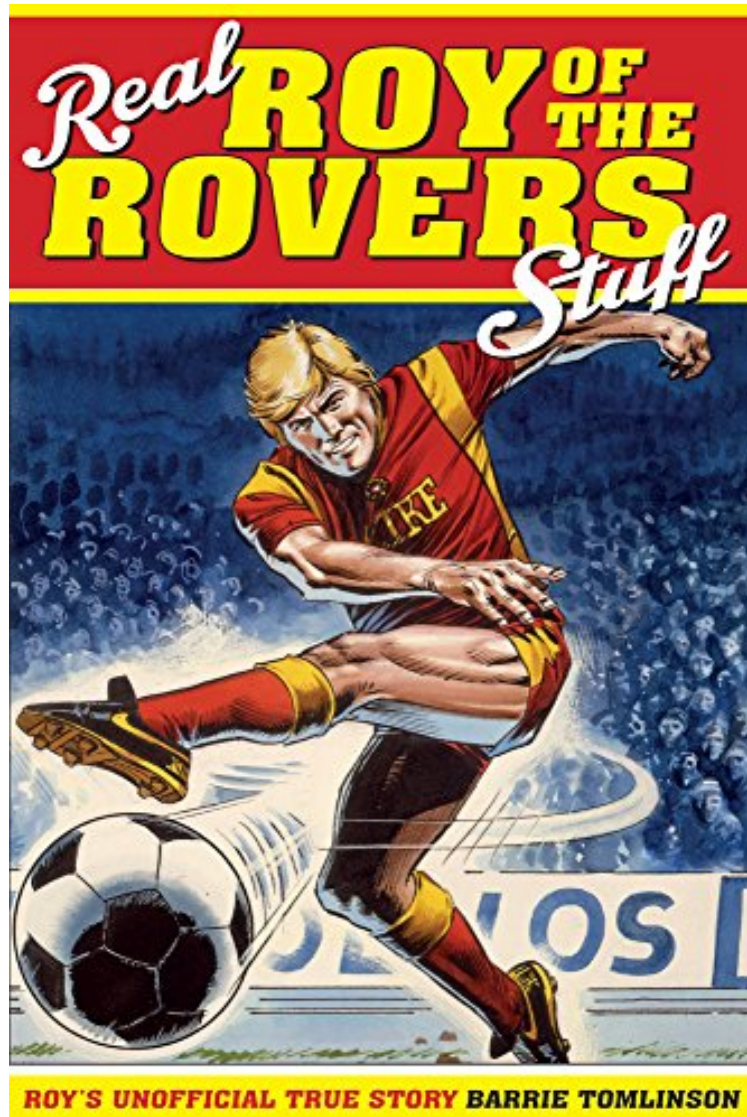


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Roy Race was Melchester Rovers' super striker, and later manager and chairman; he is known everywhere simply as 'Roy of the Rovers'. Real Roy of the Rovers Stuff is the inside story of his life with Melchester, told by the man who knows him better than anyone: editor Barrie Tomlinson, the man who helped turn him from comic-book hero to a

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About the Author Barrie Tomlinson was associated with Roy of the Rovers for over 25 years, first as a sub-editor and later editor of Tiger, which featured Roy's adventures. He was responsible for launching Roy of the Rovers as a separate comic in 1976. He went on to be group editor of all the boys' comics published by IPC Magazines.