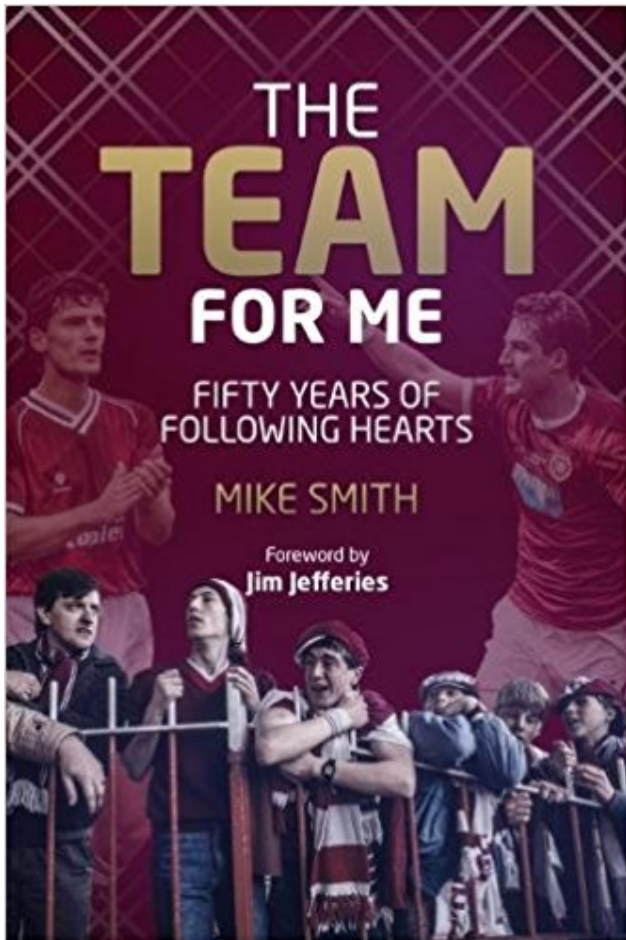


Books – The Team for Me



Mike Smith's new book

Does your life revolve around your football team? Does your team's result on a Saturday make or break your weekend? Would you leave your wife on the day she's due to give birth to go to cup final 140 miles away? Or miss your daughter's fourth birthday because you're in Madrid for a UEFA Cup tie?

If so, my latest book could be the one for you.

The Team for Me is a personal reflection of the joy and heartache of football from a fan's perspective. Written by a Hearts supporter of 50 years' standing (and occasionally falling over), its tales will hit home among fans of any and every club – from the Saturday morning feeling of anticipation to regaling your children with what it means to follow your club; from pre-match rituals to hammering your arch rivals in

a cup final.

Fans who grew up in the 60s and 70s will also revel in memories of half-time scoreboards, dashing to the local newsagent at 5.30pm on a Saturday for a copy of the ink-stained 'Football Special' edition, and of collecting football cards to swap with your pals.

The Team for Me – with a foreword from former Hearts manager Jim Jefferies – will be published by Pitch on 31st August and will be available in all good book stores. You can pre-order it now from [Amazon](#).