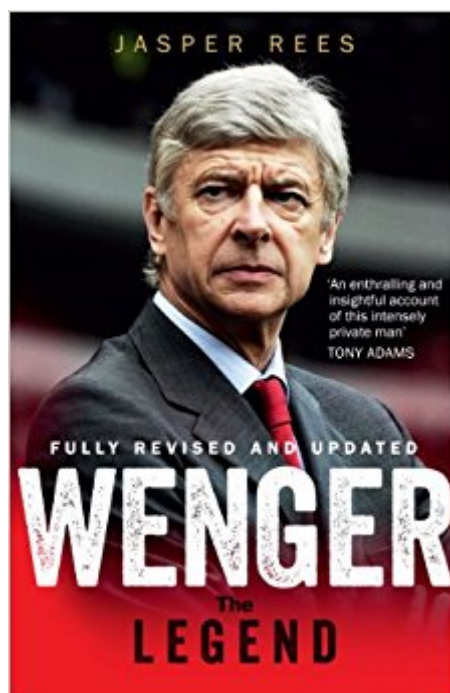


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Synopsis

A surprise appointment at Arsenal FC when he arrived in 1996, Arsene Wenger has made a science of football management and turned his players into artists. In this newly updated biography, Jasper Rees uncovers the true story behind this deeply private man, having been granted unprecedented access to Wenger's friends and family, players and rivals. Rees shows how Wenger's revolutionary ideas on psychology, diet and fitness were shaped by his own experience - from his childhood in Alsace, to his days as a player and coach in France and Japan. Wenger has survived smears and scandal, taken his club to a new stadium and transformed Arsenal into a European powerhouse. But with his fiercest rival, Alex Ferguson, now out of the picture, can his principles of nurturing youth and playing the 'beautiful game' finally reap the rewards of silverware?

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Jasper Rees began his career as a football reporter in Milan. He has written for many publications including the Times and the Telegraph.

Wenger: The Legend is a very good title for anyone who is looking to get a closer insight into the life

of the Arsenal manager before he came to London. Rees has covered his life in France, his earlier football experience as a player and his managerial influences very well indeed. You find out why Wenger turned out to be astemious and quiet as he is. And of course, there are his coaching sojourns at Monaco and more significantly in Japan. If the book has an Achilles Heel, it is actually about Wenger's most famous coaching assignment - at Arsenal. Rees' narration turns out to be more of generic sort in this part of the book, with the author moving from result to result. As a consequence, you finish the book knowing a lot more about Wenger the person but not quite as much about Wenger the manager. A very good start to anyone wanting to know more about Arsenal's Arsene, but not really the comprehensive story some might expect.

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