



A Season on the Brink: Rafael Benitez, Liverpool and the Path to European Glory

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Orion Publishing Co, United Kingdom, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 194 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Biographical Portrait of Liverpool s Spanish football manager Rafael Benitez and an extraordinary season for the club. When Rafael Benitez was appointed manager of under-achieving Liverpool at the start of the 2004-2005 season, the reaction of many fans was Who the **** is Rafael Benitez? . The Liverpool fans had grown used to French manager Gerard Houllier but he had been a fan of the club himself since his days as a teacher on Merseyside. A Spaniard with admittedly a wonderful record at Valencia was going to take over management of Liverpool s famous Boot Room and try and win over a disillusioned Kop. But in one season, Benitez s importation of Spanish players, coaching methods and diet has led to a revolution, even usurping Jose Mourinho s Chelsea, whereby the team has ended the season winning the ultimate trophy for any European club - the European Champions League. No fan will ever forget the comeback from a 3-0 deficit to a 3-3 scoreline, then dramatic success in the penalty shoot-out. This is the story of Rafa s remarkable success.



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