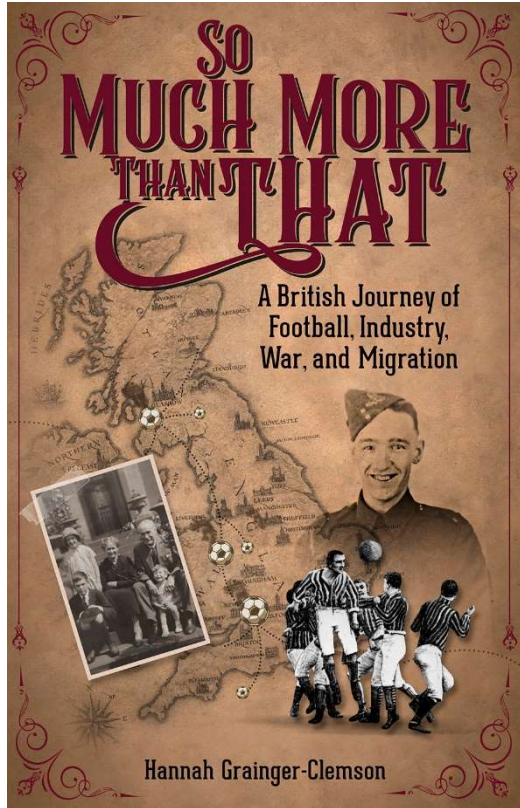




## Title information



### So Much More Than That

A British Journey of Football, Industry, War and Migration

By Hannah Grainger-Clemson

#### Key features

- Goes beyond the typical single player, club or city biographies to reveal the similarities and connections between the big industrial footballing hubs of Scotland and England
- Features fascinating material from club archives and newspaper reports, anecdotes from players, committee members and fans throughout the period, plus military records
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- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

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