

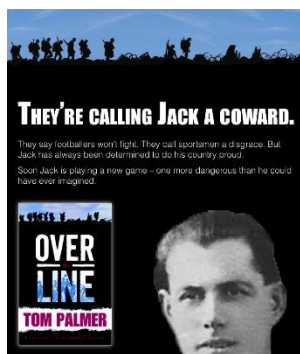
Hello

If the children you work with are studying the First World War this term, I hope these free resources based around my book *Over the Line* will help children's understanding and develop their enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

"Over the Line has been a massive success this term. Many of my reluctant readers have turned a corner so thank you very much!" **Bradley Stoke Community School**

The First World War literacy resources include:

- downloadable posters
- videos
- first chapter
- a short story about a modern footballer
- playscripts
- class discussion guide
- certificate



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Please do pass this on to other teachers, librarians or organisations who may be interested. Please email me back with any questions or to order a free poster pack.

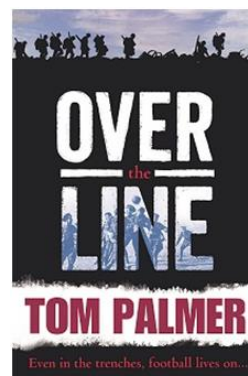
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Over the Line, ISBN 9780141323671

A powerful historical novel about one footballer's experience in the First World War. It's 1914 and Jack is making his debut as a professional footballer. But the match is marred by a demonstration demanding that the players sign up to do their duty in France. It is not long before Jack is bound for the trenches with the Footballers' Battalion.

"Over the Line is a perfect class read to accompany any KS2 and KS3 (Y7&8) topic on the period. It's also an engaging read for football fans of any age. In my opinion, it deserves to



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Testimonials

"Over the Line is a stunning look at the life of a real footballer who fought in the First World War as a member of the Footballers' Battalion and was the first of the modern professional footballers. It's not exclusively for those with dyslexia but it's as good as a book gets if you do suffer."
Bookbag

"I have been downloading Tom's fantastic episodic story from the Literacy Trust website. I just wanted to drop him a line to tell him how brilliantly his story is going down at our school. Every morning I have children, particularly the boys, running up to me to check that I have downloaded and printed out the latest chapter of the story. The feedback from all the teachers is really positive, they tell me that it has really captured the boys imaginations and is encouraging them to read too!" **Lucy Bakewell, SLA School Librarian of the Year**

"I feel the moral aspects will help us deal with the various issues than can occur with young boys as they settle into secondary education."
Pennaeth Cynorthwyol / Assistant Headteacher, Ysgol Rhiwabon

sit alongside War Horse and Private Peaceful on any school bookshelf." **Helena Pielichaty**

"A gripping story which draws on both the horrors of WW1 and the power of football." **Mumsnet**

Awards

Over the Line is :

- on the prestigious Recommended Reads list in the Historical fiction category for Read for My School.
- selected for Exeter's City Read for 2014.
- one of Love Reading for Kids.com books of the year 2014.
- longlisted for the 2015 Portsmouth Book Award.
- nominated title for the 2015 Lancashire Book of the Year Award

"Over the Line is about Jack, a professional footballer who had dreamed of being a footballer and his dream came true. It was the happiest moment in his life. I really loved this book! Over the Line is about history and football it is so interesting it is awesome." **Obaid Wahdati, pupil**

[Rugby Academy : Combat Zone](#) has just been shortlisted for the Coventry Inspiration Book Award 2016!

Thank you for reading. Please do feel free to get in touch or pass this on to others who may be interested.

We do try to keep a tidy database but please accept our apologies if this has accidentally been cross-posted.

If you wish to unsubscribe, my apologies, please do email me back with unsubscribe in the subject line.

Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

Tom Palmer
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"As a parent, I just wanted to say thanks for the [Football Academy](#) series. My 10 year old son had never read a whole book from start to finish until he discovered Boys United. He rattled through that so I bought Striking Out two days ago and he's nearly finished it already. Roll on the rest of the series!" **Sarah**

"Credited with turning book-phobic boys into page-turning maniacs" **Sunday Telegraph**

"The work of this author is making a valuable contribution to improving pupils' writing." **Ofsted**

"The stuff available from the Tom Palmer website is fantastic" **Friends' School Saffron Walden**

"Guerilla reading motivation at its finest" **Jim Sells, National Literacy Trust**

"I received the pack that you sent me today. Thank you very much. The books look really interesting. In fact, we have already had some interest from the boys! The posters will really brighten up our displays." **Sir Graham Balfour School.**

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