

## Tom Palmer and his Sporty Books

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Are you bored of old school books? Check out Tom Palmer's books. Tom Palmer is a children's author who writes about sports and makes them into stories. He was born in 1967 and supports his home team Leeds. Tom didn't like reading when he was younger but reading about football transformed him to love reading and writing.

### Childhood

During Tom's childhood disliked reading books. His mum was worried about Tom because he didn't do very well at school. His mum encouraged him to read about sports in the newspapers, magazines and books. This led Tom to read alot more.

### Adulthood

When Tom was older and in his twenties he went to night school to practise and do his A levels. Also he did a degree in European Literature. He enjoyed this and thought this was brilliant. To add onto that he graduated!

### Books and writing

Eventually Tom started to write lots of children's books and some adult ones too. Tom has published many different book. He has published with

Puffin and was highly successful. The books that he has published are a Foul Play series and also a Football Academy series. The Foul Play series takes around four to five months to write and the Football Academy take about a month because they are much shorter.

### Favourite things and interests

In earlier years Tom worked as many different things which are, Librarian, Bookseller, Milkman, Post Office Bag Sorter, VDU Operator and University Lecturer all of which he loved, except the last two! Tom loves his home team Leeds. His favourite player of all time is Gordon Strachan from Leeds, his favourite book is 'Keeper' by Mal Peet and finally he LOVES CHOCOLATE!

Tom Palmer is a great writer and is highly successful. Having published many books. When he was younger Tom didn't really like reading as stated already, but as he grew older he won many shortlist awards and wrote books. So if you think you won't be successful then think again, don't give up! Why don't you make your next book by Tom Palmer?

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