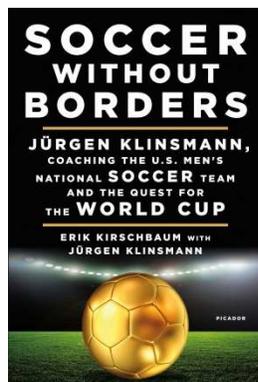


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BERLIN-BASED JOURNALIST TO WRITE BOOK, *SOCCER WITHOUT BORDERS*, WITH FULL AND EXCLUSIVE COOPERATION OF MAVERICK U.S. MEN'S SOCCER TEAM COACH JURGEN KLINSMANN

Picador to Publish in June 2016

NEW YORK, September 14, 2015 – Erik Kirschbaum, a veteran American foreign correspondent based in Berlin, will collaborate with the renowned and decorated coach Jürgen Klinsmann on a book about his experiences playing for and coaching the dominant German National Soccer Team, his philosophies on how to build a powerful and lasting soccer team, and his plans to help the U.S. Men's National Team become a contender to one day win the World Cup. Picador editor PJ Horoszko preempted World English Rights to the book from Stephen Barbara of Inkwell Management.

SOCCER WITHOUT BORDERS: Jürgen Klinsmann, Coaching the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team and the Quest for the World Cup will contain unprecedented insights on the game that is quickly capturing Americans' imaginations, from the mind of one of its most dynamic, visible and talked-about figures. Klinsmann is beloved (but also notorious) for his unconventional methods and larger-than-life personality, and author Kirschbaum has been granted extensive access to Klinsmann to tell his story and express his vision for the first time. Author Erik Kirschbaum, who has known Klinsmann for almost a decade, on the project: "I've been fascinated for the last eleven years about Klinsmann's courage to shake things up wherever he is and his determination to succeed everywhere he goes. He is incredibly curious and open to good ideas no matter where they come from and I'm thrilled to finally have the chance to tell the story of this thoroughly likable yet sometimes misunderstood coach who has one major goal—to make the U.S. soccer team one of the best in the world."

Jürgen Klinsmann notes: "I hope this book will provide more knowledge about the growth of this very, very emotional and fantastic sport in the United States."

Written for both casual and dedicated soccer fans, *SOCCER WITHOUT BORDERS* will be a thrilling and enlightening treat, by one of the sport's leading lights. The book will be published to coincide with one of the game's most important international tournaments, the Copa América, which will take place in the U.S. in 2016.

Erik Kirschbaum has worked as a foreign correspondent for Reuters and other English-language publications from Germany for the last twenty-six years. Raised in New York City and Connecticut, Kirschbaum studied history and German at the University of Wisconsin, and he has been on the staff of several newspapers across the country. He is also the author of *Burning Beethoven: the Eradication of German Culture in the United States during World War I*, a work of nonfiction about the decline of German-American culture in America.

Jürgen Klinsmann is a German soccer and former professional player who is currently the head coach of the United States men's national soccer team. He was a premiere striker for the West German team that won the 1990 FIFA World Cup and the unified German team that won the 1996 UEFA European Championship. He coached the German national team to a third-place finish in the 2006 World Cup. In 2011, Klinsmann was named head coach of the United States men's national team.

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