

# Motty's Forty Years in the Commentary Box: An Unforgettable Journey

For sports enthusiasts, the name John Motson, affectionately known as Motty, resonates as one of the most iconic commentators in British football history. With an illustrious career spanning four decades, Motty's voice and unique style became synonymous with Saturday afternoons and major tournaments. His unparalleled insight, memorable catchphrases, and love for the beautiful game have cemented his status as a legendary figure in the commentary box.

## A Legend in the Making

Motty's journey began humbly in 1971 when he joined the BBC as a radio producer. His deep passion for football and natural talent for commentary quickly caught the attention of his superiors, and soon Motty was given the opportunity to showcase his skills on television. Little did he know that this was the start of something truly extraordinary.

His infectious enthusiasm and encyclopedic knowledge of the sport earned him instant popularity among fans. Motty's ability to spot every detail on the pitch and translate it into comprehensive and entertaining commentary became his trademark. Additionally, his iconic sheepskin coat and distinct vocal delivery made him instantly recognizable.

## Motty: Forty Years in the Commentary Box

by John Motson (Kindle Edition)

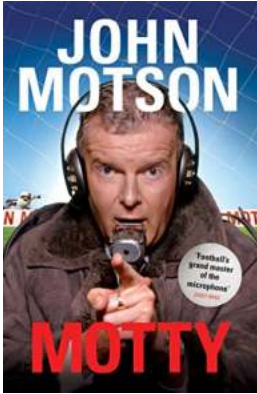
★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 7061 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported



|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Enhanced typesetting : | Enabled                 |
| Word Wise :            | Enabled                 |
| Print length :         | 432 pages               |
| Hardcover :            | 168 pages               |
| Item Weight :          | 11.7 ounces             |
| Dimensions :           | 5.5 x 0.58 x 8.5 inches |
| Paperback :            | 258 pages               |



## Unforgettable Moments

Over his remarkable career, the talented commentator witnessed numerous historic moments that will forever be etched in the memories of football fans across the globe. From gripping FA Cup finals to explosive World Cup matches, Motty's commentary brought these games to life for millions of viewers.

Who could forget his iconic description of Michael Owen's stunning solo goal against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup, proclaiming "And Owen's in again... and still... and he's scored a brilliant goal!" Motty's words perfectly encapsulated the sheer brilliance of the moment and enhanced the excitement felt by viewers.

Throughout his long tenure, Motty developed a remarkable ability to build tension and capture the emotions of fans during crucial moments. His commentary during penalty shootouts was particularly captivating, with his voice reflecting the nerves and drama unfolding on the pitch.

## A Voice for the People

One of the reasons Motty's commentary resonated so strongly with fans was his genuine love for the game. Unlike many commentators, Motty never shied away

from expressing his emotions and opinions. His unbiased analysis and willingness to criticize players and referees alike demonstrated his commitment to providing viewers with an honest and authentic experience.

Motty's ability to connect with fans also extended beyond his commentary. His friendly and approachable demeanor made him a beloved figure among supporters. Whether it was signing autographs, sharing a laugh with fans, or engaging in post-match analysis, Motty always made time for those who admire his work, turning ordinary encounters into treasured memories for fans lucky enough to meet him.

## **A Lasting Legacy**

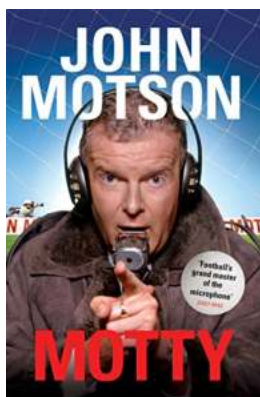
As Motty retired from his role as a football commentator in 2018, tributes poured in from all corners of the footballing world. Players, managers, and fellow commentators paid homage to the iconic voice of British football, acknowledging the indelible impact he made on the sport.

While Motty may have hung up his microphone, his legacy lives on. His unique style and passion for the game have inspired a new generation of commentators who seek to emulate his greatness. In the ever-changing landscape of football coverage, Motty's voice and influence continue to resonate, reminding us all of the joy and excitement the beautiful game brings.

## **In**

Motty's forty years in the commentary box have left an indelible mark on the world of football. His iconic voice, memorable catchphrases, and unmatched passion for the sport have made him a true national treasure. From humble beginnings to becoming a legend, Motty's journey is one that will forever be cherished and celebrated by both avid football fans and aspiring commentators alike.

Thank you, Motty, for four decades of unforgettable moments, and for bringing the magic of football to life with your words and unparalleled enthusiasm.



## Motty: Forty Years in the Commentary Box

by John Motson (Kindle Edition)

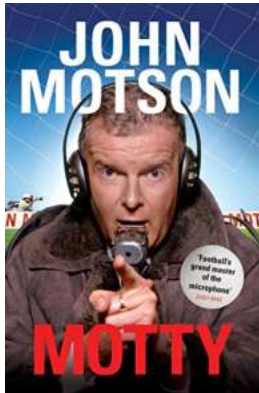
★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Language             | : English                 |
| File size            | : 7061 KB                 |
| Text-to-Speech       | : Enabled                 |
| Screen Reader        | : Supported               |
| Enhanced typesetting | : Enabled                 |
| Word Wise            | : Enabled                 |
| Print length         | : 432 pages               |
| Hardcover            | : 168 pages               |
| Item Weight          | : 11.7 ounces             |
| Dimensions           | : 5.5 x 0.58 x 8.5 inches |
| Paperback            | : 258 pages               |



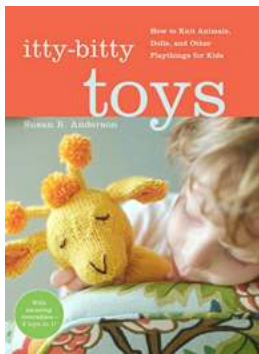
From Ronnie Radford to Wayne Rooney, John Motson's knowledge and passion for football are unrivalled. In Motty, he shares his story for the first time and guides us through a career which has spanned forty years and over 2,000 matches. From reporting on the exploits of the giant-killing Hereford team in the 1972 FA Cup that made his name on Match of the Day, to the estimated twenty-million viewers who tuned in to his commentary on England's match with Portugal at the 2006 World Cup, Motson's time in the commentary box has delivered some unforgettable anecdotes. In dozens of fascinating behind-the-scenes stories, we hear about the greatest football matches he has watched and the greatest players and managers he has been privileged to know. Many of them are football icons; Bill Shankly, Alex Ferguson, Brian Clough, Alf Ramsey, and Matt Busby, amongst countless others.

Motty is essential reading for anyone who has grown up with the undisputed voice of football.



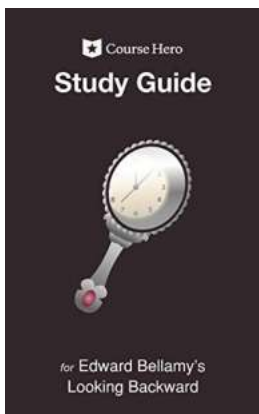
## Motty's Forty Years in the Commentary Box: An Unforgettable Journey

For sports enthusiasts, the name John Motson, affectionately known as Motty, resonates as one of the most iconic commentators in British football history. With an illustrious...



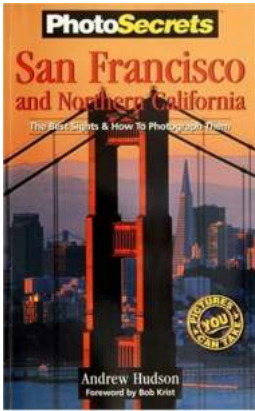
## Learn How to Knit Animals, Dolls, and Other Playthings for Kids!

Are you looking for a creative and rewarding hobby that can bring joy to your little ones? Knitting animals, dolls, and other playthings for kids can be an incredibly...



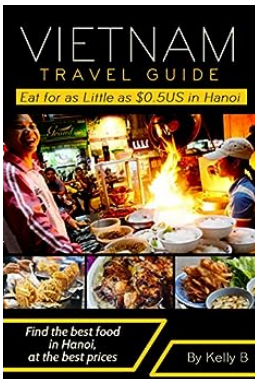
## Study Guide For Edward Bellamy Looking Backward Course Hero Study Guides

In today's education system, students often rely on additional resources to enhance their understanding of literary works. One of the leading platforms providing such...



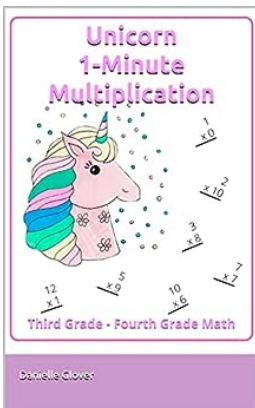
## Unveiling the Beauty: Embark on a Captivating Photo Tour of San Francisco and Northern California

Are you ready to immerse yourself in stunning landscapes and vibrant cityscapes? Join us on a photo tour as we unravel the captivating beauty of San Francisco and Northern...



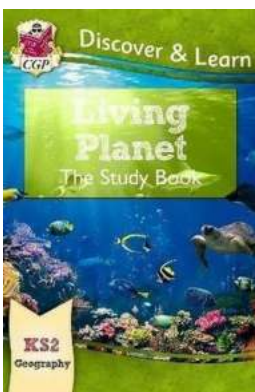
## The Best Eating Places In Hanoi

Are you a food enthusiast planning a trip to Hanoi, Vietnam? If so, you're in for a treat! Hanoi is known for its vibrant food scene and delicious street eats. From...



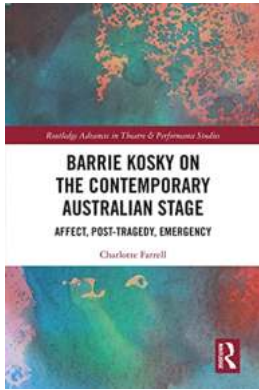
## The Magical World of Unicorn Math: Boosting Third and Fourth Grade Math Skills

In the world of education, finding innovative ways to engage students and make learning enjoyable can be a challenging task. However, the Unicorn Math Series has taken the...



## The Breathtaking World We Inhabit: Explore the Geography Living Planet Study Book

Have you ever wondered about the incredible diversity of our planet? From towering mountains to vast oceans, sprawling deserts to lush rainforests, Earth is a treasure trove...



## The Impact of Post-Tragedy Emergency on Theatre Performance Studies: Routledge Advances in Theatre Performance Studies

Tragedy has always been an integral part of human history, representing the utmost depths of human suffering and despair. However, it is often in the aftermath of such...