



## Hammers Heaven and Hell: From Take-off to Tevez - Two Seasons of Triumph and Trauma at West Ham United

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Mainstream Publishing, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 230 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Little did anybody anticipate that West Ham s play-off final victory against Preston in 2005 would provide the launch pad for one of their most successful seasons ever, with the club securing a top-half Premiership finish and qualifying for Europe thanks to its first FA Cup final appearance in 26 years. Indeed, the thrilling 3-3 draw with Liverpool will be remembered as one of the most dramatic finals of all time. With a keenly anticipated UEFA Cup campaign and the shock arrival of Argentina World Cup stars Carlos Tevez and Javier Mascherano, the future could hardly have seemed brighter. But storm clouds were gathering on the horizon as the Hammers embarked on what would prove to be the most turbulent and traumatic period in the club s entire history. A protracted takeover saga, the sacking of manager Alan Pardew, a Premier League inquiry that would result in a record GBP5.5 million fine and a season-long battle against relegation were the main issues that dominated the headlines, while an unseen presence - fuelled by ego and avarice - threatened to erode the fabric...



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