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## Soccer Details

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## Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says

Fans of soccer and The Magic Tree House series will love this book!

I don't know about you guys, but even as a kid, and especially now as a parent, I love it when I can sit down and read about the history of something that interests me. Not only is there history like when and where soccer was invented, but how it evolved over the years. There's also information about some of the biggest names in the world wide sport, as well some of the most important highlights about the sport that have taken place throughout the world. There's plenty of World Cup talk too, which makes this another one of those reads that is worth picking up, especially with all the excitement surrounding the World Cup games right now.

This fact tracker is full of pictures, history, and includes a lot of fun intriguing easy to read information that's both exciting and informative. I'd highly recommend picking up Soccer on Sunday, and grabbing this Soccer fact tracker to go along with it. The nice thing about these two books, is you can read them in any order you'd like. Whether you're a fan of the sport, or the book series, I'd highly recommend picking up both books. These books make great additions for personal libraries, as well as classroom and school libraries.

Read my full review here <http://mundiekids.blogspot.com/2014/0...>

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## Cadlee Dsouza says

Magic Tree House: #1-4

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## Maximilian Lee says

I liked this book because I like nonfiction books. I also liked this book because I like information. I learned a lot of facts about the World Cup.

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## Alexandra Seals says

Text Features: Table of contents, illustrations, black and white photographs, captions, headings, fast facts from Jack and Annie, a short guide on how to do more research, a bibliography of books about soccer, a list of soccer museums, a list of soccer-related websites to visit, index

## Text Structure: Description

Paired intermediate fiction text: Soccer on Sunday

Osborne, M. P. (2014). *Soccer on sunday*. New York, NY: Random House

For students who love the *Magic Tree House* series, the *Magic Tree House Fact Tracker* companion texts are the perfect nonfiction text pairing. The *Magic Tree House* series covers a variety of topics a child might be interested in. In my example, I chose soccer because children who play or watch soccer might want to read about it. In the Fact Tracker, Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce explain their research about soccer and it's history in order to reiterate and expand on the facts in *Magic Tree House #52: Soccer on Sunday*. The lists of books, museums, and websites will inspire children to do their own research about soccer and possibly write their own story like Jack and Annie's!

Strategy Application: In grades 2-4, I would guide a book club or guided reading group to read both texts then compare the two books using a venn diagram. Camp (2010) suggests using a venn diagram to graphically organize content for students who learn better through visual display of information. One circle should contain facts from *Soccer: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #52: Soccer on Sunday* which were not referenced in *Soccer on Sunday*. The other circle should contain fiction elements from *Soccer on Sunday*. The middle circle should contain facts that were in both books. After completing the venn diagram, discuss the differences between fact and fiction. Talk about how the two meet up in books like the *Magic Tree House* series. How can readers read books, news, and internet stories critically to determine what's fact and what is fiction?

If you're interested on using more *Magic Tree House* text pairings in your classroom, check out this link to the Classroom Adventures curriculum designed for use with the *Magic Tree House* books and aligned to Common Core standards. <http://mthclassroomadventures.org/ind...>

## Reference

Camp, D. (2010, February). It takes two: Teaching with twin texts of fact and fiction. *The Reading Teacher*, 53(5), 400-408.

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## Teri says

Good basic introduction to the game of soccer. Cool facts about the World Cup.

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