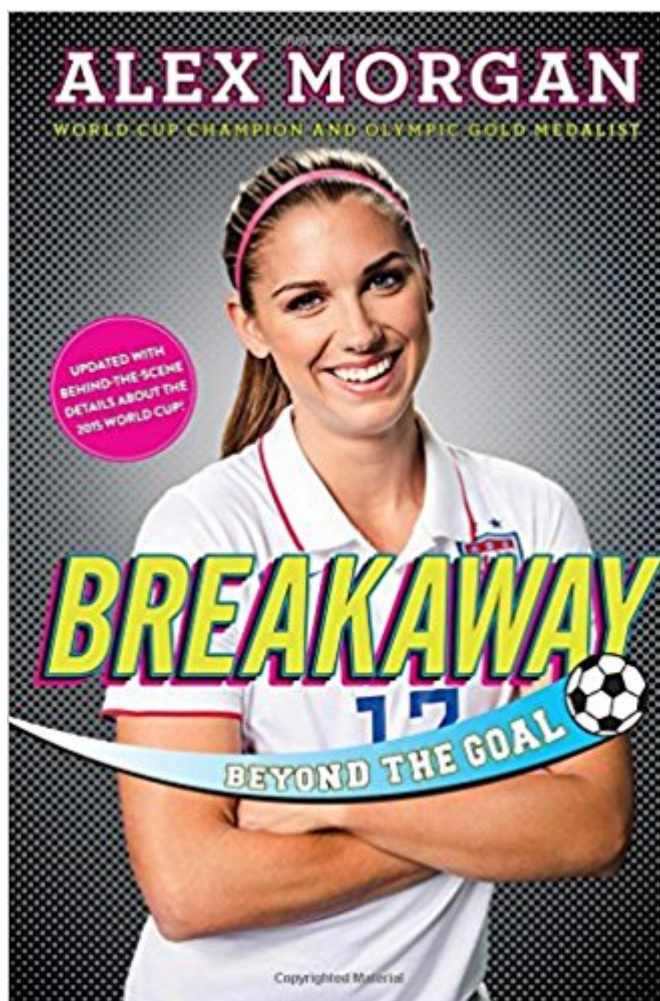


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# Breakaway: Beyond The Goal



## Synopsis

Get inspired to be your best—in sports and in life—with this uplifting memoir from star soccer player and Olympic gold medalist Alex Morgan that includes eight pages of full-color photos as well as book jacket that doubles as a poster! As a talented and successful female athlete, Alex Morgan is a role model to thousands of girls who want to be their best, not just in soccer, but in other sports and in life. The story of her path to success, from playing in the 2011 Women's World Cup, to winning gold in the 2012 London Olympics, to ranking as one of the National Team's top scorers, will inspire everyone who reads it. From her beginnings with the American Youth Soccer Organization to her key role in the 2015 Women's World Cup, Alex shares the details that made her who she is today: a fantastic role model and athlete who proudly rocks a pink headband.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up—This inspirational memoir from a soccer champion and Olympic gold medalist will appeal to sports fans and nonathletes alike. Morgan adeptly shares how she achieved her goals of becoming a renowned professional soccer player and the important lessons she learned along the way. As a young girl, she played softball, but at age eight, she realized that her dream was to play professional soccer. With her family's support, she trained with the American Youth Soccer

Organization, played on her hometown's soccer club team, and joined the Olympic Development Program, as well as the under-17 and under-20 national World Cup teams. Morgan went on to accomplish her biggest achievements: playing in the World Cup and the Olympics. In addition to detailing her triumphs on the field, she also describes other elements of her life, such as a long-term long-distance relationship, the chronic sports injuries she suffered, and her strong performance at college. The writing is accessible, personal, and down-to-earth. In each chapter, Morgan provides helpful advice on fulfilling one's objectives, accepting failure, and staying positive and focused, as well as the importance of a good support network and the value of being competitive. While readers might not share her aspirations, they will appreciate her story and benefit from her counsel.

VERDICT A great addition to memoir and sports collections in public and high school libraries. — Jess Gafkowitz, New York Public Library

"This inspirational memoir from a soccer champion and Olympic gold medalist will appeal to sports fans and nonathletes alike...A great addition to memoir and sports collections in public and high school libraries." (School Library Journal)

My 8 year old LOVED reading this book! She is not into soccer but she does like Alex Morgan. She is an avid reader. It took her about a month of frequent reading to get through this, but she loved every minute of it and is so proud to have read such a large book. She can tell me all about Alex Morgan now! She said it was easy to read and understand, just long.

From 10 Year old boy \_\_\_\_\_ Alex did a great job writing this book and I loved the inspirational paragraph at the end of each chapter. I now think how I can relate to the paragraph. Right now I'm reading all the young readers soccer biography and so far I've read: Forward, My Story - Abby Wambach, All Heart - Carli Lloyd, The Keeper, The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard - Tim Howard, and Breakaway, Beyond the Goal - Alex Morgan (this copy). This book by Alex Morgan was my favorite. She not only tells her experiences but give detail that none of the others have given. Her book is not just about her story but gives inspiration for young athletes. Also this book is fairly recent (published: January 2015, Updated after the 2015 world cup) compared to the others and having a longer impressive 300+ pages. Also I loved the photos of her when she was little. Not all authors can include those so I think that was special. Alex is the youngest of all the books I've read but has the biggest story. Thanks Alex Morgan for the awesome book (I wear jersey #13 because of you) Please Note: That I am in no way affiliated with Alex Morgan. , the editors or

publishers. I am not paid to write this review and this I am completely honest.

This is a great book as a nonfiction bio. I think that Alex Morgan is a tenacious and fierce competitor. She has done very well writing her biography. I love this book. I am a huge U.S. Women's Soccer National Team fan. She has captured of what went through in the process of becoming a U.S. soccer player. It wasn't easy for hard, but difficult, but she weathered the storm. Great book for anyone that loves the sport of soccer!

Book cover transforms into an awesome poster of Alex that my 12 y/o son now has on his wall.

This book is VERY inspiring to young kids. I HIGHLY recommend it!!!! Tell all of your friends or family, this is one to remember!

Alex Morgan has been a favorite of mine since she made her World Cup debut. I am actually only 2 months younger than her. She makes a lot of great points through her stories both on and off the field. I really hope she writes another book later on in her career.

Great book for a teenage soccer player that can relate to the Alex Morgan. The book relates the success Alex has had on the soccer field to the reader to have success in all parts of there lives.

Granddaughter started reading the book immediately & shared the great info with mom giving synopsis of each chapter. Said feel like Alex Morgan is "talking" to her and has motivated her to set goals for herself in soccer and other areas of life. She is 10 1/2 & second year of playing soccer. She said Alex is Motivating her to be better & better.

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