# Shay Given: A Legend of Irish Sport





Shay Given: Great Irish Sports Stars by Natasha Mac a'Bháird

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Shay Given is one of the most successful and decorated Irish sports stars of all time. He enjoyed a glittering career at club and international level, winning numerous trophies and setting records that may never be broken. This book tells the story of Given's inspiring career, from his early days in Donegal to his success at club and international level. It is a story of hard work, dedication, and resilience, and it is sure to inspire readers of all ages.

### Early life and career

Shay Given was born in Lifford, County Donegal, on 20 April 1976. He began playing soccer at a young age, and he quickly showed a talent for the game. He played for several local clubs before joining Celtic in 1994.

Given made his debut for Celtic in 1996, and he quickly established himself as one of the best goalkeepers in the Scottish Premier League. He won four league titles, three Scottish Cups, and two Scottish League Cups with Celtic.

In 1997, Given was named the PFA Scotland Young Player of the Year. He was also named in the PFA Scotland Team of the Year on three occasions.

Given's performances for Celtic attracted the attention of several top clubs in England. In 2001, he joined Newcastle United for a fee of £10 million.

#### **Newcastle United**

Given quickly established himself as Newcastle United's number one goalkeeper. He played over 400 games for the club, and he helped them to win the UEFA Intertoto Cup in 2006.

Given was a key member of the Newcastle United team that reached the UEFA Champions League semi-finals in 2003. He also played in the UEFA Cup final in 2004.

Given was named Newcastle United's Player of the Year in 2006. He was also named in the PFA Team of the Year on two occasions.

## **Manchester City**

In 2009, Given joined Manchester City for a fee of £8 million. He played over 100 games for the club, and he helped them to win the FA Cup in 2011.

Given was a key member of the Manchester City team that won the Premier League title in 2012. He also played in the UEFA Champions League for the club.

### **Republic of Ireland**

Given made his debut for the Republic of Ireland in 1996. He went on to win 125 caps for his country, and he is Ireland's most capped goalkeeper of all time.

Given played in three major tournaments for Ireland: the 2002 FIFA World Cup, the 2008 UEFA European Championship, and the 2012 UEFA European Championship.

Given was named the Republic of Ireland Player of the Year on two occasions. He was also named in the UEFA Team of the Tournament at the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

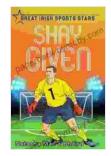
#### Legacy

Shay Given is one of the greatest Irish sports stars of all time. He enjoyed a glittering career at club and international level, and he won numerous trophies and set records that may never be broken.

Given was a world-class goalkeeper who was known for his agility, reflexes, and shot-stopping ability. He was also a great leader and a role model for young players.

Given's legacy will live on for many years to come. He is an inspiration to all who have played the game of soccer, and he is a true legend of Irish sport.

This book is a must-read for any fan of Shay Given or Irish sport. It is a story of hard work, dedication, and resilience, and it is sure to inspire readers of all ages.



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