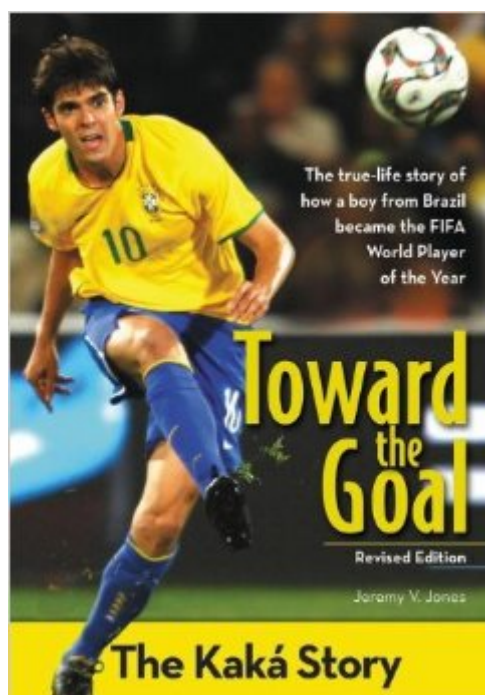


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# Toward The Goal, Revised Edition: The Kaká Story (ZonderKidz Biography)



## Synopsis

â œl learned that it is faith that decides whether something will happen or not.â • At the age of eight, KakÃj already knew what he wanted in life: to play soccer and only soccer. He started playing in front of his friends and family, but after a crippling injury, doctors told him he would never play again. Through faith and perseverance KakÃj recovered and has since become a FIFA World Player of the Year, and winner of the Ballon d'Or. This updated edition tells the story of the midfielder for Real Madrid who has become one of the most recognized faces on the soccer field.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is the true story of soccer star Ricardo Izecson dos Santos Leite, a.k.a. KakÃf. What is unique and interesting about KakÃf is his strong Christian faith. Unlike most of today's popular sports figures, he is someone that everyone can look up to. Not that he is perfect, but he tries to live a humble Christian life. KakÃf doesn't pray and ask God to win games, but prays and thanks God for the talent and opportunities that He has given to him. KakÃf knows that it still takes hard work on his part to accomplish things, but he truly uplifts the Lord's name whenever he gets the chance. One highlight is that even though this soccer superstar was rich and famous, he kept his virginity until he married the love of his life. His wife also remained a virgin. This is a good book for soccer fans. It gives tons of good soccer history info, and even has "fun facts" at the end of each

chapter. This is a good read for any young Christian who is into sports. Mick McArt[...]

I bought this book for my son, who is 12 years old, and soccer crazy. He read it immediately, and really enjoyed Kaka's story. I am always on the hunt for inspirational kids books, which deliver a positive message. This book definitely measures up!!

In a day when athletes make front page news for their criminal escapades it's great to read about someone that your kids can actually look up to. Kaka is a great read especially for kids that are really into soccer and if they want to have a good role model to emulate. I would recommend that any parent or coach purchase this book for their kids - especially - if they think they may have a future in soccer. it's a short and easy read and the writer mixes good soccer stories with insights into Brazilian culture, soccer culture, and the rise of Kaka. I was glad to just read a book about someone that you love to cheer for and see succeed because of their great work ethic, moral integrity, and Christ-like character. May Kaka's tribe increase mightily in a world that desperately needs hero's!

Kaka is a young Football (Soccer if you're from America) player from Brazil. He loves sports & he loves God. When he is seriously injured as a young teen, the doctors were surprised he wasn't paralysed, and were sure that he would never play sports again. But God is bigger than injuries, and Kaka went on to play football, in fact playing football very well!! This book is written for preteens(9-12), with a great message of faith. It also talks about working hard for your goals. I like how the book is set up with story and background information. Without seeming like a 'school book' the author adds a few paragraphs at the end of each chapter about different topics (Brazil, history of soccer, world cup records ect), so you learn something new!! It was very fun. I also like how the author added the first round info for the 2010 World Cup, letting you know that Kaka's story isn't finished yet!! If you have a preteen that likes sports, check out this book!! (I actually checked into it because I have friends who have a preteen, and they are missionaries in Brazil!!!, makes me feel a bit closer to them :) )\* NOTE - This book was provided to me by Zondervan free for review purposes. I was not asked to write a positive or negative review, all opinions are my own.

My eight year old read this book and thought it was a good book. He says that people who like soccer should read it and find it exciting. He really liked the beginning of the book where it describes how Kaka became the best player of the year in 2005.

This is a really good book about the amazing soccer (football) player. I am a big fan of the sport and the player I really enjoyed reading about him and his life. Also this book was interesting because I didn't know how he became famous or even before that. This book is a really good book for all ages. I am in the fourth grade and I got the whole story. Again this book is awesome.

Purchased this book for my 7 year old son because he loves soccer and Kaka'. Great inspiring story of the life of Kaka'. Wish more athletes lived a life of integrity and boldness for God....

This book was inspirational for me and taught me lots about one of my favorite soccer player's. To me, an 11 year old soccer player this was a fun book to read.

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