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Cazaly

The Legend

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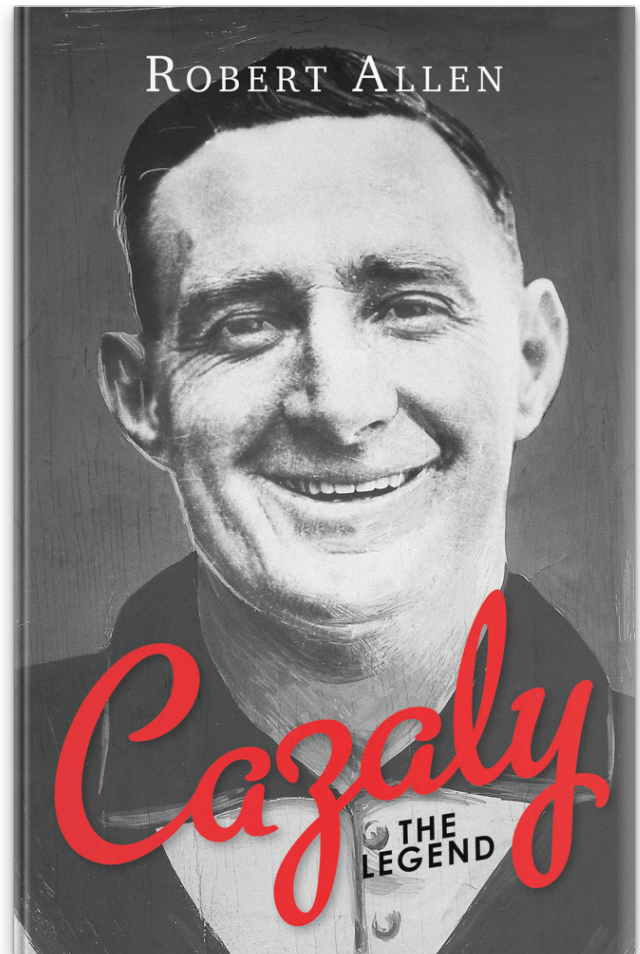
Roy Cazaly's extraordinary story is one of the great tales in the history of Australian Football.

Born in the depths of a depression, he overcame humble beginnings and personal setbacks to become one of the game's most celebrated players. His sublime skills and thrilling aerial feats made him a legend, with his name carried into the modern era via Mike Brady's hymn to football, 'Up There Cazaly'.

In 1996 he became one of 12 inaugural Legends of the Australian Football Hall of Fame. A relentless self-improver, Cazaly shaped the game's development, applied his own theories to fitness, training and teamwork, and coached teams to premiership success.

Away from the field, he enriched the lives of many more as a physiotherapist, horse trainer, philosopher and family man.

Robert Allen's meticulous research, gathered over 10 years, reveals in great detail the story of the man behind the catchcry. Drawing on contemporary accounts, extensive interviews and rare family images, he pays tribute to a man whose crowded life coincided with the evolution of Australian Rules during the first half of the twentieth century. "I wanted to write not only about a sporting icon, but to put his life into the context of what was happening around him - locally, nationally and even internationally," said Allen.



Cazaly, The Legend, is part homage and part social history, combining academic research with popular writing. It is the life story of an Aussie Rules football hero which chronicles the forces which shaped him and his enduring influence on our national game. *Cazaly, The Legend*, a Slattery Media Publication, has 428 pages and is beautifully presented in hardcover. **RRP \$39.95.**

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