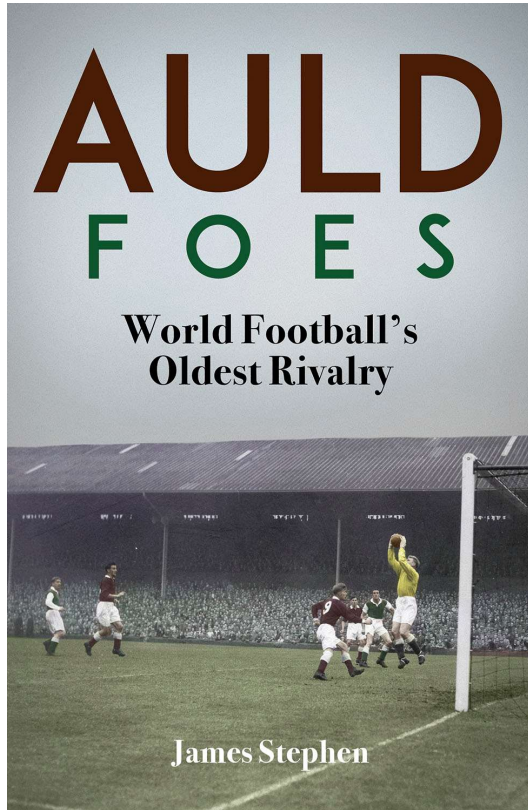




Title information



Auld Foes

World Football's Oldest Rivalry

By James Stephen

Key features

- First book to explore the world's oldest football rivalry, Heart of Midlothian v Hibernian – filled with fascinating stories to celebrate its 150th anniversary
- Includes the extraordinary tale of the first and only time anywhere in the world that a football club attempted a hostile takeover of its main rival
- Edinburgh, the backdrop of the story, is a historic and incredibly complex place, full of history and contradictions, and these are manifested in the football clubs and the rivalry
- From a 'mixed' football supporting family, James Stephen was born and bred in Edinburgh and is steeped in the rivalry, as well as in the intricacies of the city itself
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Auld Foes is the remarkable story of the world's oldest football rivalry – Heart of Midlothian v Hibernian – interwoven with a fascinating 150-year Edinburgh history. For more than a century the rivalry ebbed and flowed, culminating in a hostile takeover bid in 1990. While this raised hostilities off the pitch to a new high, animosity between the Edinburgh sides was nothing new. There is a rivalry as complex and historic as Edinburgh itself, encompassing World Wars and sacrifice, Scottish society, religious and ethnic hatred, social class, football hooliganism, clubs on the brink of death saved by amazing feats of fan devotion, and the dubious financial dealings – and characters – that took them to the edge of ruin. This is a story with exhilarating highs, innovations, world firsts and trailblazing in Europe; plus the wretched lows of relegations, agonising near-misses and everything in between. *Auld Foes* shines a vital spotlight on a captivating football rivalry that is poorly understood.

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