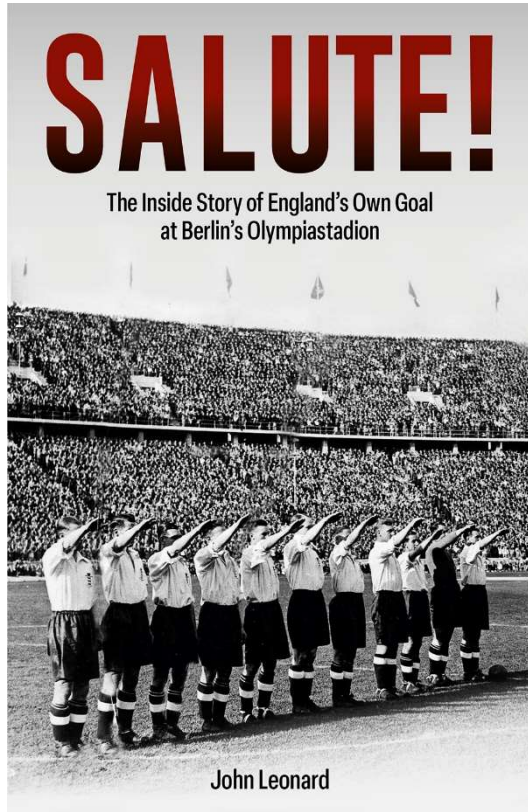




Title information



Salute

The Inside Story of England's Own Goal at Berlin's Olympiastadion

By John Leonard

Key features

- Gripping account of events culminating in the most infamous moment in English football history: England's players making the Nazi salute in Berlin
- How a group of working-class lads unwittingly became victims of cynical and clinically administered Nazi propaganda and botched British diplomacy
- An exclusive with the family of the German-Jewish refugee rescued by England player Bert Sproston in the immediate aftermath of his team's game in Berlin
- Author's previous book, *Flight to Bogotá* (also published by Pitch), was longlisted for Football Book of the Year at the 2021 British Sports Book Awards
- Features archive photos
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

One sporting image stands out as the most divisive and controversial in English football history: the sight of the England team making the Nazi salute in Berlin on 14 May 1938. This book examines how and why England's footballers made a gesture that would haunt them for the rest of their days. To Hitler, England's Nazi salute in the Olympic Stadium, Berlin, was a political victory. For the British government, it was passed off as a mere act of sporting courtesy. *Salute* explores botched British diplomacy, using sport as propaganda during the 1930s while pretending to do the opposite. Fascist dictators worked as overt and clinical propagandists. The book charts the political flashpoints of the 1930s, as English football established international relations with the fascist states of Italy and Germany. But it includes a tale of redemption: how one of the England players making the Nazi salute then rescued one of the fans watching him, a teenage German-Jewish refugee.

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