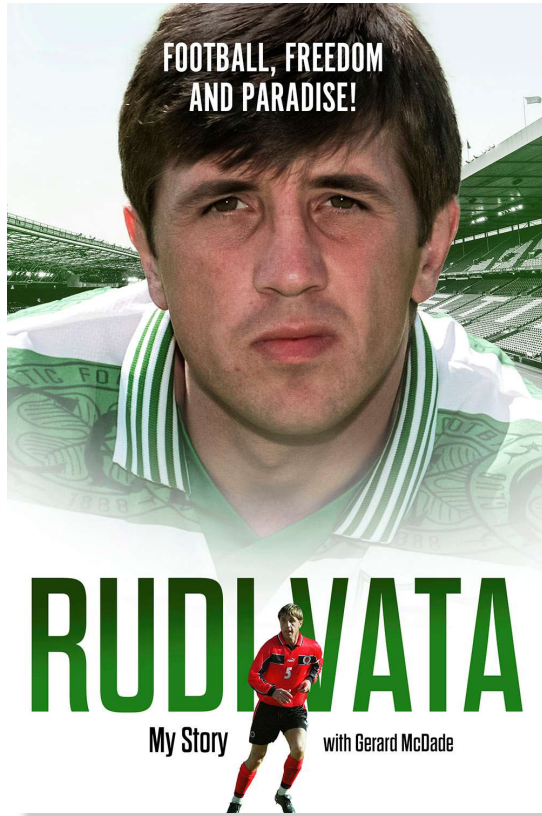




Title information



Football, Freedom and Paradise!

My Story by Rudi Vata

By Rudi Vata and Gerard McDade

Key features

- Fascinating first-hand account of Rudi Vata's two lives: the one lived under communism and the other as a free man
- Success story of a man who played on the same pitch as Eric Cantona, Jean-Pierre Papin, Paul McStay, Jurgen Klinsmann and other legends, and who overcame the political odds to captain his country
- Rudi wrote his book with acclaimed ghostwriter Gerard McDade
- Gerard has previously been nominated in the Irish Book Awards
- Colour photo section featuring exclusive images from Rudi's own collection including famous players
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Football, Freedom and Paradise! is the fascinating and inspirational autobiography of former footballer Rudi Vata, a man who overcame state oppression to attain the most basic of human necessities – his freedom. Born in Albania in 1969, he was raised under the oppressive communist dictatorship that ruled the country for decades. In a regime that curtailed all the basic freedoms of civilised society, Rudi determined that, 'You do not choose to be born under a dictatorship, but you choose whether to live under it.' Rudi devoted himself to football – the sport that would provide his road to freedom and self-determination. After playing for his country in France in 1991, he defected and sought political asylum. Thus began the adventure that would take him around the world to play the beautiful game, most notably in a successful spell at Celtic FC, and live as a free man. This is not just a football story – it's the tale of a man who fought for his freedom, and who to this day never takes that freedom for granted.

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