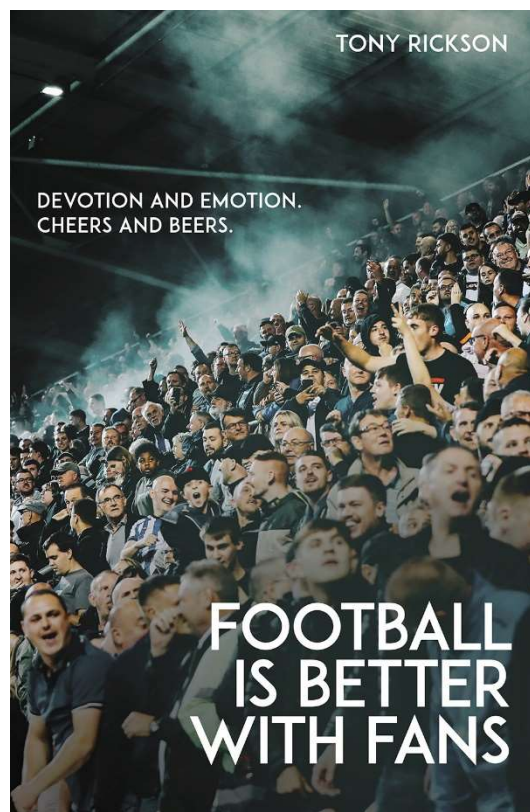




Title information



Football's Better with Fans

Devotion and Emotion, Cheers and Beers

By Tony Rickson

Key features

- Explores how football fans have coped with not being able to go to games during the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns
- Reveals what it's been like for clubs, managers and players, and whether the absence of fans has affected results
- Features light-hearted stories of football fans' devotion and passion as well as their banter, traditions and songs, plus their tattoos
- Packed with colourful and humorous tales – like the day Harry Redknapp brought on a mouthy fan as a sub in a friendly
- Veteran journalist Tony Rickson has written about football at every level and seen games at hundreds of grounds
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines, with a book tour also planned

Description

Football stadiums are supposed to be packed with cheering fans. It was that way for more than 100 years until the coronavirus pandemic changed all our lives. Football managed to struggle on at some levels but without crowds – just cardboard cut-outs and fake noise instead. There was even a half measure for a while with a couple of thousand spectators allowed in. A banner at Old Trafford read, 'Football is nothing without fans', but what we discovered is that it isn't nothing, it's just better with fans there. Filled with fascinating stories, anecdotes, opinions and social media comments, *Football's Better with Fans* explores what it means to be a supporter. It's a light-hearted and highly dipable look at the lives of loyal fans, the fun and games they've enjoyed, their songs, banter, commitment, tattoos and traditions. The book doesn't shy away from tragedies, hooliganism or racism, but mainly it's a joyful celebration of football fandom and how we all survived when we couldn't go to games.

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