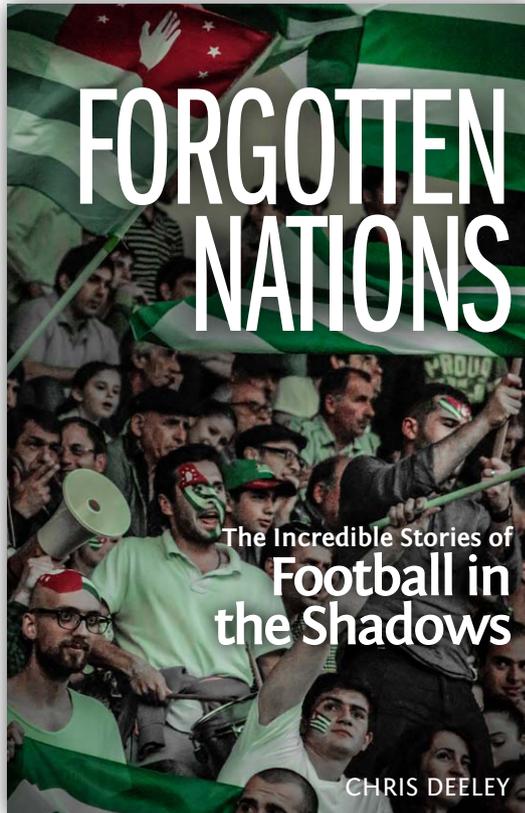




## Title information



### Forgotten Nations

The Incredible Stories of Football in the Shadows

By Chris Deeley

#### Key features

- Features original interviews with players, coaches, CONIFA officials and academics
- Incredible range of passionate sporting stories, following teams from five continents with different backgrounds
- Written by journalist Chris Deeley, who has written for *Sports Illustrated* and 90min.com
- The most in-depth look at CONIFA football available
- Colour photo section including pictures from the 2018 World Football Cup
- Appeal to mainstream and alternative football cultures, as well as those looking for fascinating human stories
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

#### Description

*Forgotten Nations* tells the stories of the international football teams that are unable to break into FIFA's ranks, from the self-funded minnows of Barawa in south-western Sudan to Tibet's Dalai Lama-backed national side, and new media darlings Yorkshire. They play under the auspices of CONIFA – the Confederation of Independent Football Associations – created to help express the cultural identities of football's 'stateless peoples', fighting for recognition on the biggest stage of all. Here are incredible human and sporting stories from diverse regions: from Matabeleland in Zimbabwe, still recovering from massacres 30 years ago, to Tuvalu in the South Pacific, threatened with inundation. Aided by wonderful behind-the-scenes access at London's 2018 CONIFA World Football Cup, and the irresistible willpower of sportsmen and women trying to make their stories heard, *Forgotten Nations* explains why 11,000 people crammed into a tiny stadium on the Black Sea coast in 2016 to watch two teams that most of the world has never heard of.

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