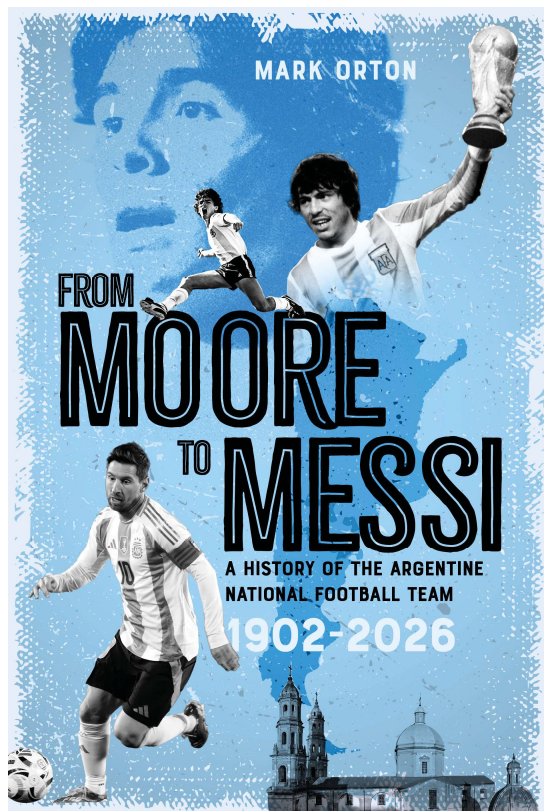




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Description

From Moore to Messi is the fascinating story of the Argentine national football team, and how it became a major symbol of national identity for the people of Argentina. You'll learn about the team's British and Irish roots at the turn of the 1900s, and how it soon included Italian and other immigrants, helping to forge a new distinctive Criollo identity through football. The book examines everything from how the team became a political tool under Juan Perón and various military dictatorships to the Argentine women's team's long struggle for recognition. Discover the mavericks who shone for Argentina in the pre-Maradona days, such as Harry Hayes, José Manuel Moreno and Oreste Corbatta. And find out about the national team's lesser-known stories, including the player who died twice and the 'ghost squad' of unknowns abandoned for weeks in the Andes. The book concludes with a look at how La Scaloneta was constructed to help Lionel Messi finally become a world champion and build a team that the Argentine people could fall in love with again.

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Key features

- First book to focus exclusively on the history of the Argentine national team while encompassing both the men's and women's sides
- Using Argentine FA archives and period newspapers and magazines, the author gets beneath the skin of the team to create a new understanding of its history
- As well as charting Argentina's triumphs and tribulations at world and South American level, the book highlights unusual facts about the team and forgotten stories
- Author is an expert on Argentine football who completed a PhD on its link with national identity, and has written on the subject for *These Football Times* and *La Reina*
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