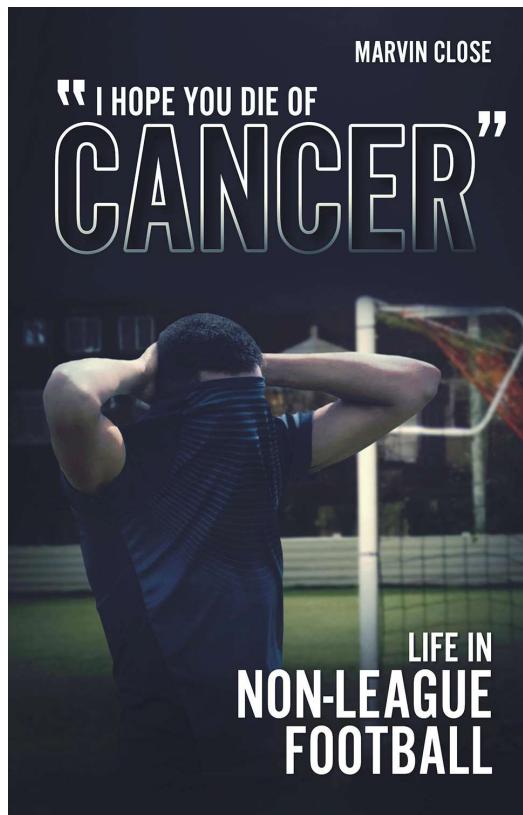




Title information



'I Hope You Die of Cancer'

Life in Non-League Football

By Marvin Close

Key features

- Unique under-the-bonnet insider view of how non-league football has changed and developed over the past decade – and where it goes from here
- One of the first books to explore how much Covid-19 has affected lower-level football clubs
- As with the *Secret Footballer* books, the anonymity of our player allows us to gain a deeper understanding of the 'real world' of sport
- Marvin Close co-wrote *More Than Just A Game: Football vs Apartheid*, published in seven languages and was book of the week in *The Irish Times* and *Independent on Sunday*
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines
- The 'guessing game' surrounding the identity of our player will help generate interest

Description

A million miles away from the rich uplands of the Premier League lies the Poundland world of non-league football. A far grittier version of the beautiful game, it's a glorious ragbag of former EFL clubs on the down, impoverished minnows and ambitious outfits on the make, played by a mix of full-time, part-time and amateur performers. This is the inside story of life in the lower reaches of English football, seen through the eyes of a player with over a decade's experience in the Conference and National Leagues. Footballer X lifts the lid on never-before-told stories of dust-ups, bust-ups, backhanders and betting scandals, the players lucky enough to get contracts and the rest who live precariously from game to game. It's a story of constant financial struggle, big sacrifices and small victories from owners, fans and players alike. Our footballer is still playing, so the cloak of anonymity allows him to give us a true picture of what life is really like playing as a non-league footballer today.

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