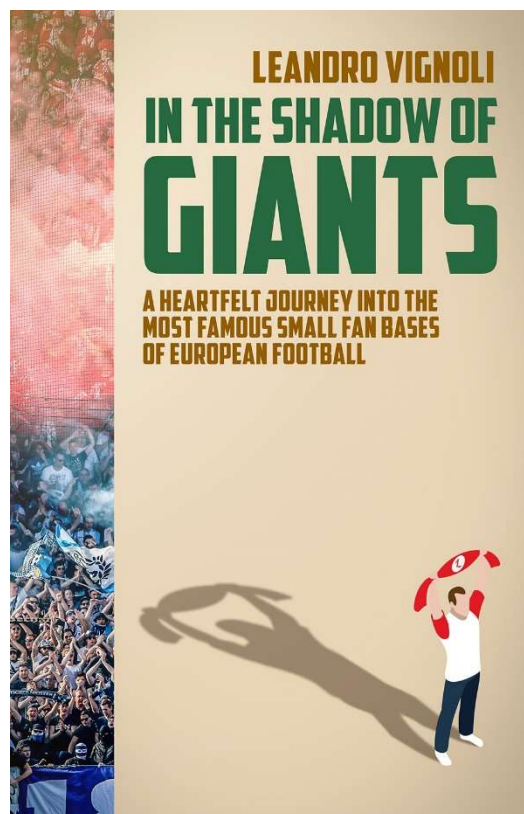




## Title information



### In the Shadow of Giants

By Leandro Vignoli

#### Key features

- Fascinating 'on the road' narrative, telling the stories of 13 football fan bases from across Europe living in the shadow of a footballing giant
- Shows the grittier side of the beautiful game – a far cry from the splendour of 'the billionaire's club'
- Delves into the psyche of fans to understand why people choose to support a club that will never win a big trophy
- Explores the history and sociological factors underpinning the fan bases – such as Catalan identity, East Germany's socialism and Rayo Vallecano's working-class roots
- Leandro Vignoli is an experienced sports journalist with a Brazilian background, who has covered two World Cups but is proud to be a voice for the subculture of small football teams
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

What is it like to support a small team in a city where a footballing giant lurks? Leandro Vignoli spent 50 days on the road, getting up close and personal with the fans of 13 football clubs from ten of Europe's big cities to bring you the inside story. This book isn't about glitz and glamour – it's a celebration of each club's identity peppered with a sprinkling of history. From St Pauli's social activism to Millwall's struggle with hooliganism, from Rayo Vallecano's working-class roots to Torino's glory and tragedy, from the Catalan identity to East Germany's socialist past, no stone is left unturned as Vignoli visits teams in Barcelona, Madrid, Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Lisbon, Paris, Turin, Glasgow and London. Each chapter has a game as a backdrop alongside interviews with fans. A football fanatic himself, Vignoli weaves a narrative filled with passion and understanding that gets to the root of what it's really like to support an underdog side dwarfed by a footballing giant. Already a big success in Portuguese, this is the eagerly awaited English translation.

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