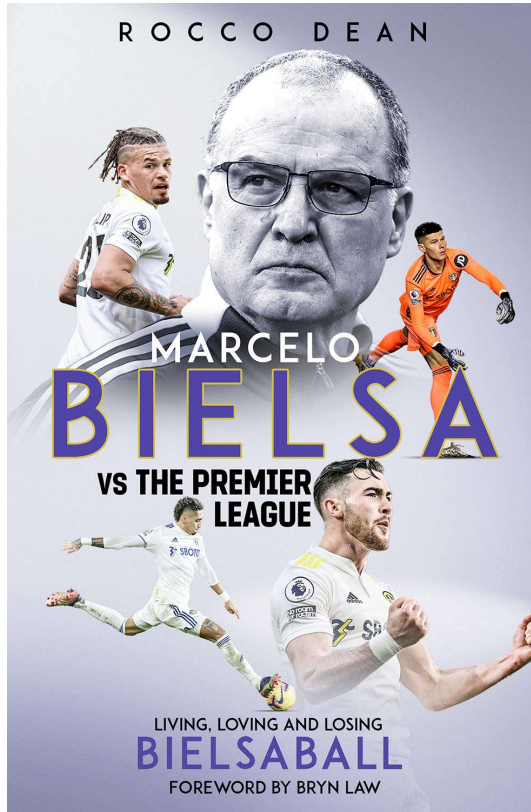




Title information



Marcelo Bielsa v The Premier League

Living, Loving and Losing Bielsaball

By Rocco Dean

Key features

- Match-by-match account of two wildly contrasting and unforgettable seasons for Leeds United
- Celebrates the glorious culmination of Bielsa's work at Elland Road, which brought global recognition and a FIFA Coach of the Year nomination
- Depicts the struggles of a passionate football fan in the 'behind-closed-doors' era
- Read about the author's emotional return to Elland Road, as one of the lucky 8,000 who attended the final match of the 2020/21 season
- Insight into the 'second-season syndrome' that brought the sacking of 'El Loco', plus the grieving process that paralysed the author until the season's dramatic finale
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Leeds United fanatic Rocco Dean brings us the next chapter in the Whites' recent history with a match-by-match account of two wildly contrasting and unforgettable seasons. Leeds' first two seasons back in the top flight after a 16-year absence were anything but dull. Bielsa's electrifying brand of breathless football took the Premier League by storm, but while their team stole the hearts of the neutrals, the Covid-19 pandemic robbed Leeds supporters of the chance to see the triumphant return in the flesh. In Season Two the fans returned but the team lost their zest, culminating in the sacking of Bielsa and a dramatic scrap for survival that was only settled with the last kick of the season. Looking beyond the intoxicating action on the pitch, this book captures the wisdom and unique nature of 'El Loco', the anguish of lockdowns and football behind closed doors, the joy of returning to stadiums, the despair of a relegation battle and the grief of becoming a 'Widow of Bielsa'. Fans of Rocco Dean's previous Bielsa book, *Marcelo Bielsa vs The Damned United*, will love this enthralling sequel.

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