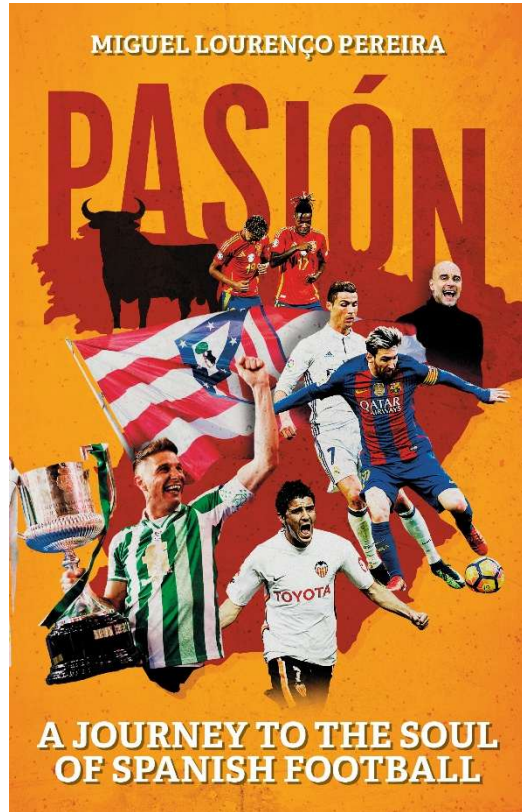




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Pasión

A Journey to the Soul of Spanish Football

By Miguel Lourenço Pereira

Key features

- Journeys across space and time in search of the true nature of Spain's football identity and the day-to-day connection with its culture, gastronomy and society
- Revisits the love story between Real Madrid and the Champions League and the renewed sense of identity shaped by Johan Cruyff at FC Barcelona
- Fairy-tale stories of Spanish footballing minnows and the importance of its geographical diversity
- Interviews with World Cup-winning manager Vicente del Bosque as well as iconic Spanish players
- Exclusive insight and opinions from some of the world's leading sportswriters and journalists
- Eighth book by the author after writing on the identity of Portuguese football as well as other football histories

Description

Pasión journeys into the heart and soul of Spanish football, examining the rich diversity of the country's footballing culture and how the game unites the nation. Taking you on a road trip through space and time, the author sets out to understand what has made Spain the greatest continental football power this century. Whether talking to World Cup-winning managers, elite players, writers and journalists or travelling around dozens of cities and football grounds, he presents Spain as one of the most complex and diverse nations in Europe – a place where football is one of the few things that is loved by all in equal measure. Melding football with wider analysis, the book tells of the love story between Real Madrid and the Champions League and fairy tales involving footballing minnows. But it also investigates the origins of Iniesta, the political and social struggles that left an imprint on Basque, Galician and Valencian football, plus the cultural nature of vanguard managers like Pep Guardiola and the social relevance of Spain's sporting press.

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