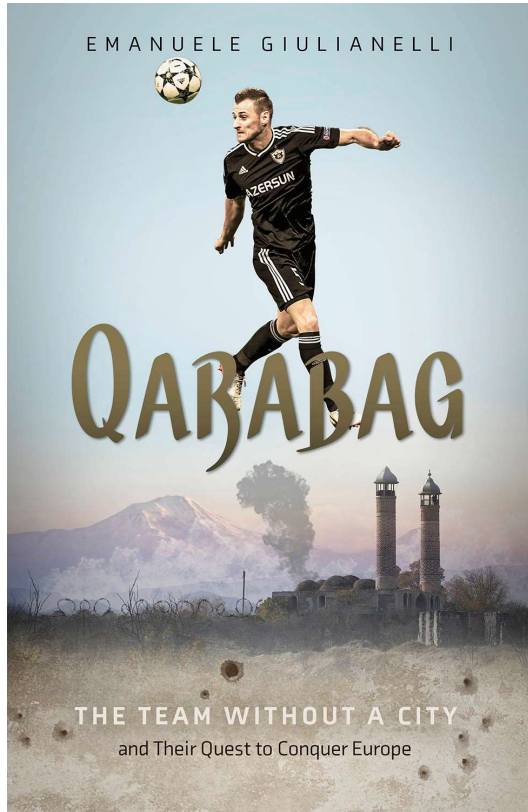




Title information



Qarabag

The Team without a City and their Quest to Conquer Europe

By Emanuele Giulianielli

Key features

- More than just a football book, this is the story of a people, a lost city and the struggles of a dispossessed nation
- In-depth look at the war of Nagorno-Karabakh – this is one of the most detailed explorations of the conflict
- Exclusive interviews with footballers, coaches, journalists and politicians, including Mario Raffaeli, chief international mediator in the First Armenian-Azerbaijani War
- Draws on many original Soviet documents, translated to explain the background of the conflict
- Looks at the current situation, with the cessation of the second conflict, the return of Agdam to the Azerbaijani borders and the plans for a rebirth of the city
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

On 23 July 1993, under the rain of artillery fire from the army of the self-proclaimed republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, the city of Agdam was levelled to the ground. The population fled to other villages or to the capital of Baku, while 60,000 of Agdam's inhabitants – their homes reduced to rubble – were forced to become refugees in their own country. The last standard-bearer of the once-bustling and historically important city of Agdam was its football team. Qarabag instantly became the embodiment of this obsolete city, and took on the role of keeping it alive for a population that had lost everything – a beacon of light in the darkest of times. The team, led by coach Gurban Gurbanov, would amaze the whole of Europe, first reaching the Europa League groups and then the Champions League group stage. This book tells the story of that incredible sporting feat and how the club's two-horse logo has become the emblem of an entire people, of a nation that struggles, suffers and holds tight to the dream of one day returning home.

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