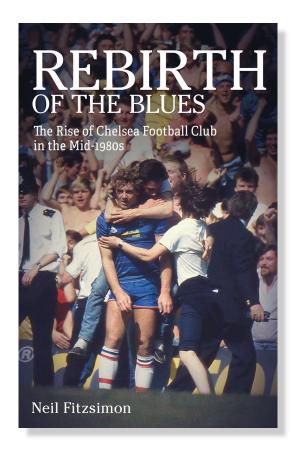


Title information



Rebirth of the Blues

The Rise of Chelsea Football Club in the Mid-1980s

By Neil Fitzsimon

Key features

- Memoir of a Chelsea fan growing up in the late 1970s to mid-80s – one of the most turbulent times the club has endured
- Author shares his experiences of living through the political unrest of Thatcherite Britain and how excess and greed were viewed as ideals to be admired
- Details his first tentative steps with girlfriends, the changing face of the music scene and what it was like to be single and one of the lads
- Third part of a popular trilogy on Chelsea FC, following the acclaimed *Rhapsody in Blue* and *A Deeper Shade of Blue*
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Rebirth of the Blues is the third instalment in Neil Fitzsimon's acclaimed trilogy on Chelsea FC. The book considers one of the most exciting eras in the club's history – 1977 to 1985. It was a period when Chelsea narrowly escaped relegation into the Third Division in 1983, before being resurrected under the management of John Neal when the likes of Kerry Dixon, Pat Nevin and others catapulted the club to new glories. The next year, Chelsea took the Second Division by storm with their new brand of quicksilver flowing football to make a triumphant return to the top flight as champions. But Rebirth of the Blues is more than just a chronicle of football history. It's a gripping memoir of a Chelsea fan growing up in the late 1970s to mid-80s and his experiences of living through the political unrest of Thatcherite Britain when excess and greed were seen as ideals to be admired. Fitzsimon recalls his tentative first steps with girlfriends, the changing face of the music scene and what it was like to be single and one of the lads.

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