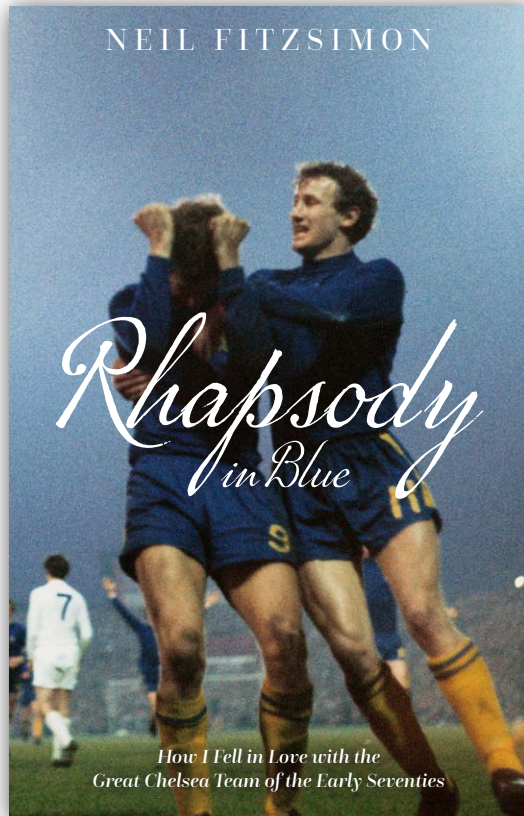




# Title information



## Rhapsody in Blue

How I Fell in Love with the Great Chelsea Team of the Early Seventies

By Neil Fitzsimon

### Key features

- Lovingly crafted memoir of life and football culture in the late 1960s and early 1970s
- Nostalgic account of the rites of passage of a young Chelsea fan who lived through that golden era
- Poignant and captivating life story that appeals not only to football fans but students of social history
- Unique insight into the lost world and culture of street football, with tales of bitter rivalries between neighbouring streets and games played with savage passion and no rules
- Published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Chelsea's historic first FA Cup win in 1970
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

### Description

*Rhapsody in Blue* is a joyous celebration of growing up in the late 1960s and early 70s in the aftermath of England's 1966 World Cup victory. It was a time when football and pop culture merged – an era of smoke-filled pubs, when Fray Bentos pies and fry-ups were consumed without guilt and parents had no fear of letting their kids stay out after dark. It was also a time without live TV football, when being a fan meant traipsing through the turnstiles every week. The book vividly recalls how a boy fell in love with Chelsea Football Club, cheering the Blues on week after week, while at the same time becoming immersed in the culture of street football. Neil Fitzsimon skilfully transports us to the Stamford Bridge of his youth, when the likes of Ian Hutchinson and Peter Houseman lit up the pitch. Away from the terraces, he played in his own street team in bitterly contested games against rival street sides. *Rhapsody in Blue* is a moving and nostalgic tribute to a lost era and way of life.

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