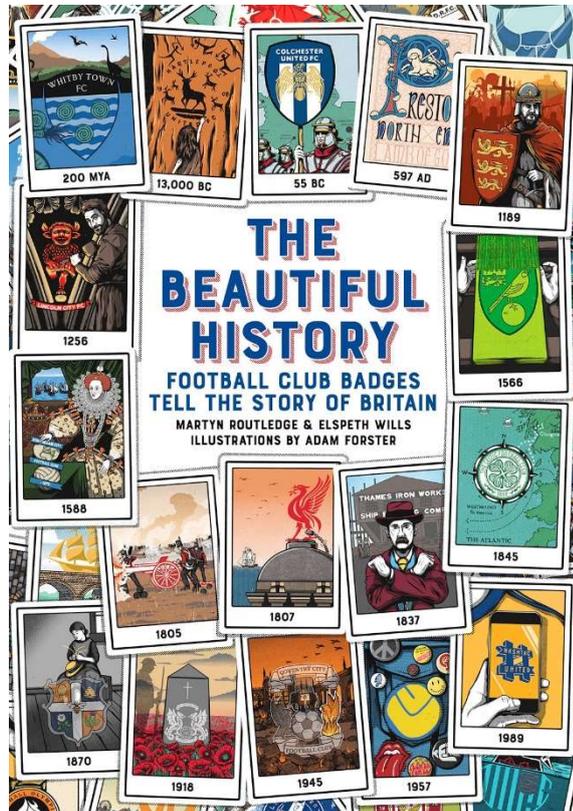




Title information



The Beautiful History

By Martyn Routledge and Elspeth Wills,
with illustrations by Adam Forster

Key features

- First book to cover the history of Britain through football badges – a new and innovative way to tell age-old stories
- Fun way to introduce football fans – young and old – to British history
- Covers events from volcanoes to the World Wide Web, as well as key dates like 1066 and 1588
- Explores quirky local stories like the Lincoln Imp and the origin of Crufts dog show
- Features eye-catching illustrations and over 60 spreads
- Includes activities, places to visit, football timeline and quiz
- Researched, written and designed by the authors of *The Beautiful Badge*, 'Illustrated Book of the Year' winner at the 2019 Sports Book Awards
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Beautiful History charts the fascinating history of Britain through its football badges. From Premier League giants to non-league sides, the book covers over 100 clubs, revealing the story behind each badge motif and linking it to an historical event. Delving deep into our nation's past, from early times to the present day, each badge is celebrated with a beautiful illustration to help bring the story to life. Why did a Viking standing on a thistle give the game away and end their occupation of mainland Scotland? What is the connection between canaries and 16th-century refugees? Which team celebrates the Battle of Britain on its badge and why? Ever wonder who Blackbeard was or why some badges incorporate a rose or bee? *The Beautiful History* holds all the answers and links football to key dates like 1066 and 1588, with tales that are often surprising, quirky or laugh-out-loud funny. An engaging, informative and fun book for fans of all ages, it includes activities, places to visit, a football timeline and quiz.

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