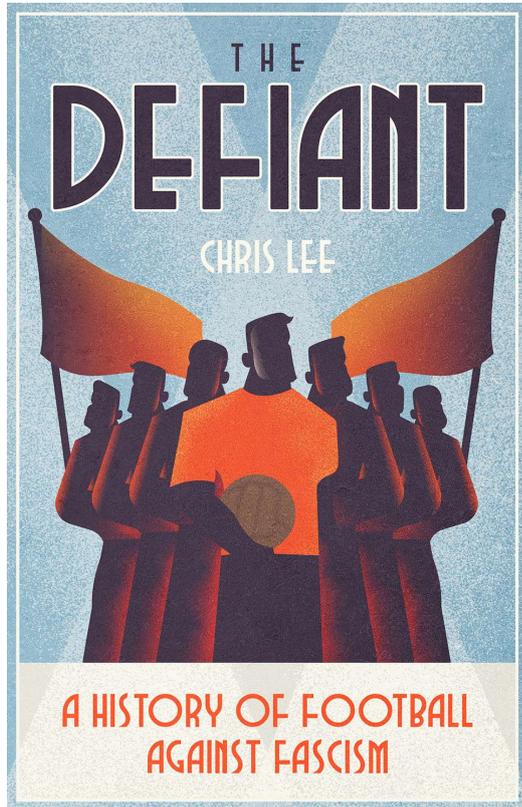




## Title information



### The Defiant

A History of Football Against Fascism

By Chris Lee

#### Key features

- Gripping and comprehensive account of football against fascism and the far right – from the 1920s to the present day
- The most thorough history ever published of football's global struggle against the extreme right
- Draws on exclusive interviews with leading authors, academics and progressive football clubs
- Features stories from around the world not covered widely before in English, from across Europe and Latin America
- Second book by football historian and podcaster Chris Lee
- Chris is founder and editor of the popular football culture blog and podcast, Outside Write, and will promote the book extensively via that platform
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*The Defiant: A History of Football Against Fascism* uncovers the role that footballers and fans have played in the fight against fascism and the far right. Follow the path of football activism from the turbulent 1920s to the culture wars of the 21st century. What role did footballers play in World War Two? How did a Portuguese Cup Final help bring down Western Europe's longest-running dictatorship? What impact did the football community have in bringing the atrocities of Latin America's cruellest dictators to global attention? Football historian and author Chris Lee shines a spotlight on the roles of players, fans, coaches and officials in the fight against the dictatorships of Mussolini, Hitler, Franco, Salazar and authoritarian states in Latin America, bringing us an intriguing cast of rebels, partisans, spies and activists. Featuring interviews with leading authors and academics, fans and progressive football clubs, *The Defiant* shows that football and politics cannot be separated and asks what the future holds.

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