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## The Other Side of the Hand of God

Inside the Most Notorious Match in World Cup History

By Asif Burhan

### Key features

- The definitive behind-the-scenes story of the most famous match in World Cup history
- Features exclusive insight from players, commentators, photographers, journalists and supporters
- Explores the Falklands War context and its emotional impact on Argentina and England
- Reveals untold narratives behind Maradona's preparation, mindset and enduring mythology
- Includes the extraordinary story of the £7m Sotheby's sale of Maradona's match-worn shirt
- Rich with new research, vivid detail and first-hand testimony from those who lived the moment
- Publicity planned across radio, print, digital media, podcasts and major football platforms

## Description

*The Other Side of the Hand of God* is the inside story of football's most mythologised match. On 22 June 1986, before 114,580 fans at the Estadio Azteca, Diego Maradona scored two unforgettable goals against England – one illegal, one immortal – redefining the 1986 World Cup and the modern game. For Argentina it was redemption; for England, devastation; for football, lasting change. Asif Burhan traces the build-up, fallout and cultural shockwaves of that quarter-final, drawing on first-hand insight from players including Terry Butcher, John Barnes and Chris Waddle, broadcasters Martin Tyler and Barry Davies, and the photographers, journalists and officials who witnessed history. He explores Maradona's upbringing, genius and flaws, the shadow of the Falklands War, and England's turbulent campaign behind closed doors. Told from every angle and drawing on Burhan's meticulous research, *The Other Side of the Hand of God* is the definitive account of how four minutes in Mexico forged a legend, reshaped two nations' footballing futures and sealed Maradona's status as the game's most controversial genius.

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