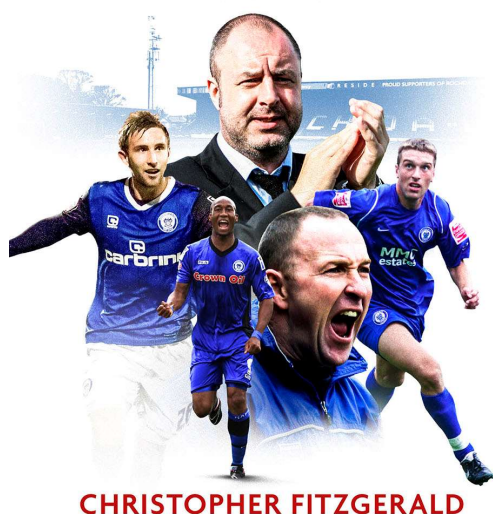




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### Key features

- First-hand accounts from managers and players of the struggles and joys of being at a traditionally unfashionable football club at the bottom end of the English setup
- Exclusive content never before shared with the media or any other platforms
- Unique insight into the workings of a football club at the other end of the spectrum during the Premier League era
- Written by an experienced journalist and lifelong Rochdale supporter who has lived through and witnessed the 30 years of joy and pain described by the interviewees
- Colour photos covering the past 30 years
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

Rochdale AFC had occupied the fourth tier of English football for so long that the division was unofficially named after them. In 2006, manager Keith Hill took charge and transformed the unfashionable, cash-strapped club into a side known for flowing football and overachievement. But what about the other Rochdale bosses? Those who sought to rid The Dale of its tiresome fourth-tier anchor? *The Rochdale Division* is told by the managers and players, who reveal the struggles and joys of life at an out-of-step club in the modern football age. It features managers such as Hill himself, Mick Docherty, Graham Barrow, Paul Simpson, Steve Parkin, Steve Eyre and John Coleman, plus the players they led. The book shares insights from cultured centre-half Alan Reeves, Rochdale's sons Craig Dawson and Matt Gilks, prolific strikers Rickie Lambert and Adam Le Fondre, fleet-footed Will Buckley and Paddy McCourt, plus powerhouse Glenn Murray. Alongside them are cult heroes Steve Whitehall, Shaun Reid, Gary Jones, Calvin Andrew and Ian Henderson.

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