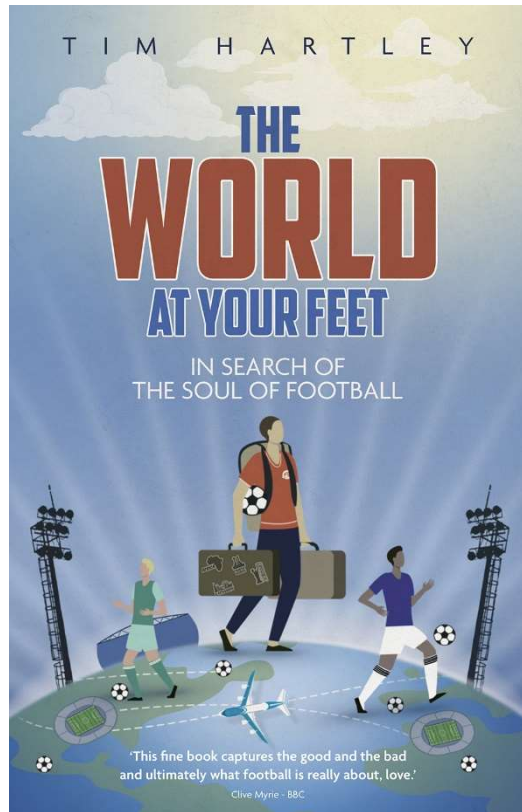




Title information



The World at Your Feet

In Search of the Soul of Football

By Tim Hartley

Key features

- First-class, first-hand reportage from across the world showing why we love but sometimes loathe football
- Football sociology at its best – not simply about goals and players, this book asks ‘why?’ ... Why do we play the game? Why do we watch it, and why do we love our teams so dearly?
- Examines the impact of the game on people, politics and culture – *The World at Your Feet* is far more than a football read and has appeal beyond a traditional sports audience
- A former 5 Live reporter, Hartley has written for the *Guardian*, *When Saturday Comes*, *Late Tackle* and various other newspapers and websites; this is his third football book
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

In *The World at Your Feet: In Search of the Soul of Football*, Tim Hartley takes us on a footballing world tour. We meet fans in Hong Kong who refuse to bow to China, help clear the goats off a pitch in Africa and kick off the chanting at a bizarre game in North Korea. Back home, Hartley visits all 92 Football League grounds and watches a prisoners’ team desperate to play a competitive match. Using wry observation and detailed research, *The World at Your Feet* unfurls the good, the bad and the ugly of football. It is brutally honest, informative and often very funny. This is a rough guide with a difference. The power of football across the world is put in the balance and measured, its successes raised up, its failings laid bare. Hartley rails against the excesses of professional football but he never loses faith and through his travels he finds the soul of the game is still alive and kicking. If you want a global health check of the game we sometimes struggle to love, then you really need *The World at Your Feet*.

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