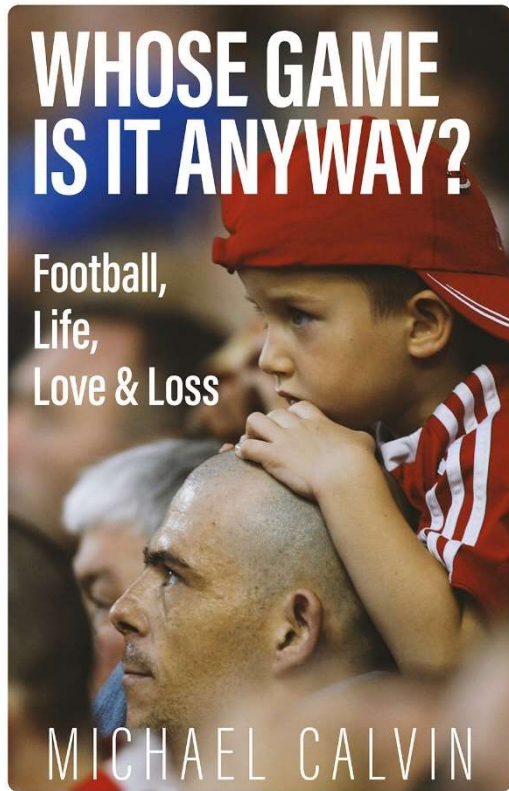




## Title information



### Whose Game Is It Anyway?

Football, Life, Love & Loss

By Michael Calvin

#### Key features

- Award-winning sportswriter and *Sunday Times* best-selling author Michael Calvin shares the lessons of observing sport in more than 80 countries, over 40 years
- Unique insight into modern football, and the wider sporting world, written in unique times, by a uniquely experienced author
- Legendary managers, from Bill Shankly to Bobby Robson, come to life in a story that links pop stars and politicians
- Calvin had an awful premonition of football's future when summoned to 10 Downing Street by Margaret Thatcher; helped Tony Blair set up a sports foundation and watched as Boris Johnson failed to manipulate sport for his own ends
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

Football has never seemed so distant from its fans. Many have been alienated by the greed and shameless self-interest of the Premier League, and no one can predict how the global game will look post-pandemic. In *Whose Game Is It Anyway?*, *Sunday Times* best-selling author Michael Calvin searches for a reason to believe. Written at the height of the Covid-19 crisis, the book is a thought-provoking, deeply personal account of the role sport – and particularly football – plays in everyday life. Part memoir, part manifesto, it takes the reader on a tour of the world's greatest sporting occasions and into its outposts in sub-Saharan Africa, the Amazon Basin and the Southern Ocean. Drawn from Calvin's experience as an award-winning sportswriter, covering every major sports event over 40 years in more than 80 countries, it offers first-hand insight into such icons as Muhammad Ali, Nelson Mandela, Diego Maradona and Sir Bobby Charlton. With settings ranging from a jungle clearing to a township in apartheid South Africa, this is sport as you've never seen it before.

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