



Title information



Why Are We Always Indoors?

(...unless we're off to Barnard Castle)

By Paul Armstrong

Key features

- Paul Armstrong spent much of his career running *Match of the Day*, and wrote *Why Are We Always On Last?* in 2019
- A first-hand, brutally honest and darkly humorous account of the 105 days between *Match of the Days*, from its ex-editor, trapped in coronavirus-hit lockdown London
- Musings on sport, TV, music and lockdown against the strangest of backdrops
- A critical analysis of how the pandemic was handled at the highest level, informed by a lifetime of studying and following politics
- A live social history, chronicled in real time, from a place and time which will be discussed and dissected for years to come
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Why Are We Always Indoors? (...unless we're off to Barnard Castle) is a personal chronicle of the strangest and darkest football close season in modern history. In March 2020, former *Match of the Day* editor and author of *Why Are We Always on Last?* Paul Armstrong embarked on a journal of London lockdown life against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic. This eventually spanned the 105 days between *MOTD*'s Premier League highlights being removed from the schedules and returning in June. Musings and anecdotes about sport, TV, music and life under lockdown became increasingly overshadowed by the mounting tragedy, and a sense of despair and anger at how the crisis was handled at the highest level. This was informed by a lifetime of studying and following politics and by a network of contacts from television and sport, and in various other affected walks of life. A first-hand account of a slice of living history, conveyed with dark humour and a sense of urgency and immediacy.

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