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Andrew Jennings, an award-winning investigative sports reporter, spent four years delving into the dark side of 'the beautiful game'. The result is this explosive and damning exposé of the officials that run football's world governing body, FIFA .

No individual has managed to penetrate the sanctified domain of FIFA and probed successfully into its often criticized yet unproven corruption of the world game. Until now.

Author Andrew Jennings argues how FIFA President Sepp Blatter and his associates have misappropriated their position at the head of the world game in their desire for power, control, and a lucrative pay-off. How did these bizarre characters manage to take such control? Foul! is the explosive story.

Jennings has undertaken unprecedented research in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas, interviewing hundreds of officials and amassing an extraordinary library of damning documents.

He tells how Blatter and his cronies built an invincible electoral machine to keep him in power forever. He revisits the 1970s and the privatization of international sport and its revenues by a close-knit group of officials and marketing agents working for their own self-interest.

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Mark says

Exposing the sordid world of life inside football's governing body, this book is enough to provoke rage in anyone who first became enchanted by football as a sport, not as a jolly and a means of stuffing pockets with wads of cash.

Simon Kostrava says

One important notice. If you love football and enjoy the beauty of game on pitch, do not read this book. You will be sad and you will understand that external beauty is balanced by shadow backstage.

If you are disgusted from events in your country football association, if you can not say anything good about your country football administration, then this book exactly for you. Unclean and behind the scenes practices are common for most of the football association, with Fifa at the forefront.

In more than 300 pages you will find complex picture of misusing of power, corruption and indemnity by law. Transnational organisation, which have more than 170 member states, have all the signs of undemocratic dictatorship. You can not be surprised as most of the 170 member states are not exactly democracy. If there is saying, that power corrupts, in case of Fifa this saying is absolutely true. Anybody who find his way to the top of organisation, find himself in position where he controls millions of dollars in revenues which football brings. And there is not so many people who could resist temptation of keeping this power forever. And you can keep this power if you will redistribute revenues in right way, to concrete persons with voting right. And that is it. Football association is about money. External independent control? Forget it.

Andrew Jennings is journalist, who writes about awkward practises in Fifa for years. He uses style when on small space you will be overwhelmed by plenty of informations and facts. Book "Foul!" contains facts and findings about Fifa from year 1974 till present. Sometimes reader is lost between names and relationships. Difference between newspaper article and book full of facts is seen. However if you read this book as statement about practices in Fifa, you will find lot of usefull information and you will get clear picture about state of Fifa.

Bill says

Interesting investigation, somewhat depressing if you're a footie fan. So many scum leading the Football world. But very interesting.

Daniel says

I found this book exceptional. It is written like a who done it, with a fast pace writing style and it includes a dastardly villian. The plot is also something out of fiction and without the events of the last few years

proving the author correct it would be beyond belief.

Dennis Fernandes says

FIFA is so corrupt...

The world needs more champions like Andrew Jennings. Well done.

Iain Cargill says

Fantasist rubbish

Diana says

Great book

Cris B says

Esclarecedor

Renato Muller says

After reading it, you'll never see soccer the same way. Around the soccer fields lies a web of corruption, big money and dirty disgusting businesses. Powerful work of Andrew Jennings!

Ipswichblade says

I can only give this book 3 stars but its not the books fault!! This was published in 2007 and I should have read it then rather than now. Anyone in the football world now knows Blatter is a crook, Jack warner is a crook and the whole of FIFA is broken. So wish I had read it earlier but still a decent read

Brad says

As a football fan, this book made me both angry and sad. If you like the 'beautiful' game, this book is unfortunately necessary reading.

Tim Evans says

Everyone involved in football should read it. Why this doesn't smash FIFA into pieces I have no idea.

Mase says

Informative so far

Nathan says

Good Lord. An utterly ridiculous collection of small-minded, petty, venal, grasping men.

Alfredo says

Completa descripción sobre la corrupción en la FIFA
