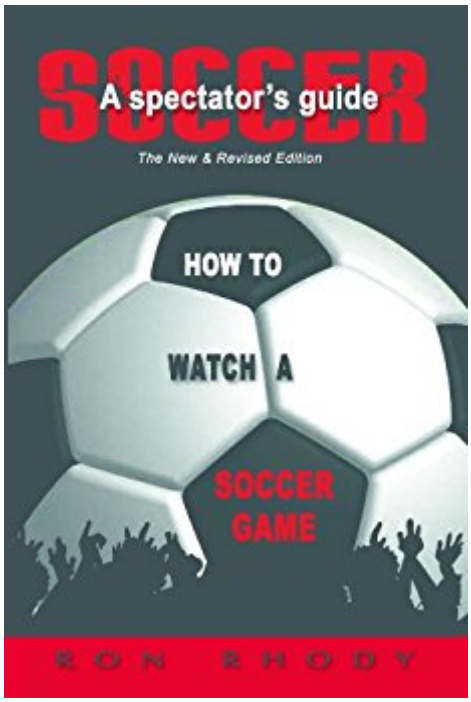
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Synopsis

This book is for all those who find themselves at soccer games and not fully understanding what’s going on. It clearly explains the "beautiful game" so that none of the excitement is missed. It spells out what each player at each position is supposed to do, describes the skills and talents needed to perform well, and lays out the basic offensive and defensive strategies teams employ to secure a win. Books currently available on soccer focus on how to play or how to coach the game. This is the only book written for those watching a game.About the authors:Former sportswriter and columnist Ron Rhody, and Chris Rhody, a Division I player at Georgetown University and nationally licensed coach, combine their experience to provide a clear and understandable explanation of soccer for all. Nothing else like it is available.

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Customer Reviews

I have lived overseas (outside the U.S.) for years, but never really got interested in soccer -- excuse me, "association football" until the 2014 FIFA World Cup. I finally decided I’d like to understand what

all the fuss was about, and this little book was just the thing. I have read it during this World Cup, and have enjoyed each game more than the previous one. I think I might just become a real soccer fan -- especially since I found out that my home town, Kansas City, has a Major League Soccer club, so now I have a team to support!I'd recommend this book to anybody who, like me, never played soccer as a kid, but now as an adult has become interested enough to want to know what's going on with all those guys running around out there. :-)

This is a really well-written book, and I recommend it to anyone who would like a systematic introduction of the game. I have been from time to time watching the soccer game in the past 20 years, and recently would like to know some more. This book really helped me to correct some misunderstandings I long hold, and it has a good section after each sector on what to watch. Therefore it serves as a good reference as well. It is useful to readers who are like me, having watched the game casually but would like to get more serious.

Written for those who don't know anything about soccer but, for one reason or another (children or grand-children who play, for example), ended up being soccer spectators, or for those who want to understand what all the fuss is about during World Cups. . Unpretentious and written in a flowing and good-humoured style, the book is successful in showing why this sport is loved by billions of people all over the world and how you can learn to love it too. Each chapter ends with a helpful list of "things to watch for" as a beginner spectator. Makes you want to keep learning more and more about the Beautiful Game!

I got hooked on soccer thru the World Cup. Unfortunately, I didn't have a clue about what was going on.All of the books I could find were those that tought coaching or playing. Then I tripped over this one that explained, starting from watching games at the fourth grade level, how to watch. It worked for me.Now I am watching the final games with some degree of knowledge. The book is on my level. Which is very low.

This is a great, great book to read if you want to know more and appreciate soccer. Clear, simple, but with enough detail to make the game really interesting. I'm so glad I bought it. Even after watching soccer for quite a few years, this increased my appreciation of the game tremendously.

I recently fell in love with Soccer, but admittedly did not understand everything that was going on.

This book really explained what I was missing. It’s straightforward, concise, and written with great love. I would and have recommended it to anyone wanting to learn the sport.

The book takes soccer newbies to an appreciation for the subtleties inherent in the game. It can also help more experienced fans appreciate the tactics employed..

I feel more at ease watching th game now. I even understand ’offsides’ now.

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