



One Game at a Time: How to Mix Sports and Politics (and Why it Matters So Much)

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AK Press, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 202 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The spirit of Walt Whitman, cheered on by the ghost of A. J. Liebling, moves Matt Hern's pen in this street-tough but joyful celebration of bodies electric and hopes defiant. The bottom line? Be kind, be tough. Mike Davis, author of *In Praise of Barbarians* Sports are serious stuff. Football, basketball, tennis, mixed martial arts, and beyond: these are arenas of immense power, with mass appeal, yet far too many of us have abandoned the sporting world as a legitimate site of contestation and innovation. Why? What do we gain by handing over the power of sports to the world of hyper-consumption, militarism, violence, sexism, and homophobia—the worst elements of our culture? As Matt Hern suggests, not a whole lot. On the basis of his forty-plus years of sports fanaticism, Hern makes an impassioned and entertaining plea for a more active engagement with sports, both physically and intellectually. His eye is critical, and his analysis is sharp, but this book is more than a critique—it's a celebration of what sports have taught us, and a map of how...



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