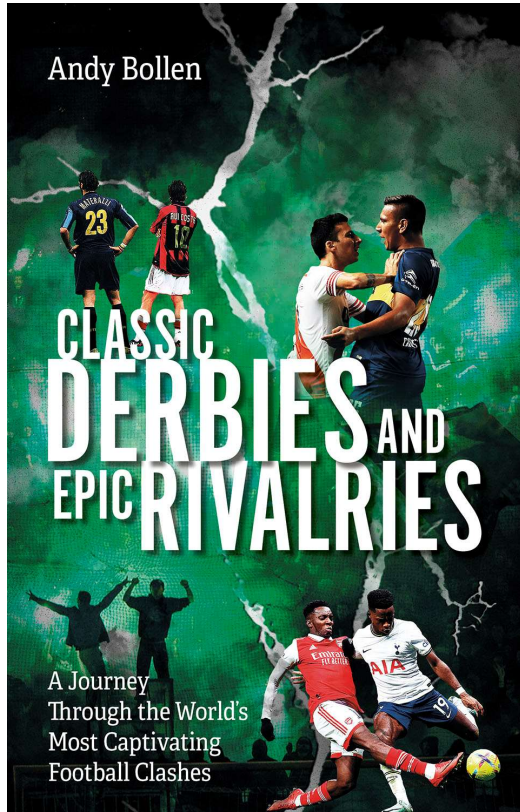




Title information



Classic Derbies and Epic Rivalries

A Journey Through the World's Most Captivating Football Clashes

By Andy Bollen

Key features

- Unique look at not just the games but the history behind the contests and why they are so divisive
- From South America to Africa, Asia to Europe, the book explores examples from across the globe
- Potentially the definitive book on football rivalries
- As an established comedy writer, Bollen has written for BBC football TV and radio shows for the last three decades, as well as for the *Sunday Mail*, the *Glasgow Herald* and *The Guardian*
- Bollen has a proven track record in football and has carved out a niche with his detailed knowledge of the history of players and clubs – he is an expert in his field
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Andy Bollen explores the history, tradition and violent nature of football's biggest clashes. In unravelling the history of these infamous feuds, Bollen gets to the crux of each conflict, exploring why the fans dislike each other so vehemently. From bragging rights over noisy neighbours to deep-rooted hatred, these fierce rivalries are traditionally based on economic, political and religious factors. Football is often a search for political identity, as in Spain's *El Clásico* between Barcelona and Real Madrid, while in Buenos Aires' *Superclásico*, it's poverty and privilege at the heart of the rivalry between working-class Boca Juniors and bourgeois River Plate. Whether it's the Cairo derby with Al Ahly and Zamalek, the Croatian chaos of Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split or Turkey's Intercontinental derby with Galatasaray and Fenerbahçe, these clashes are a potent mix of fanatical zealot, political rally and crazed ultras preparing for war. Showcasing and detailing football's great games, names and most memorable moments, Bollen has penned an important work on classic derbies and epic rivalries.

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