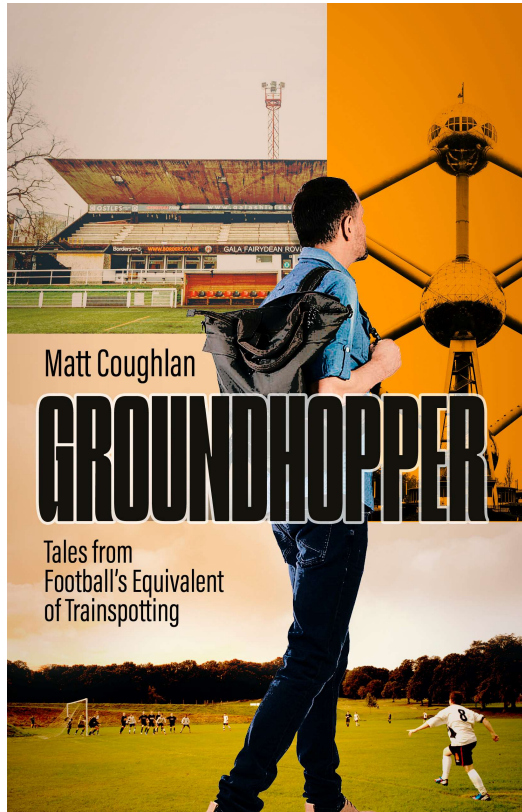




Title information



Groundhopper

Tales from Football's Equivalent of Trainspotting

By Matt Coughlan

Key features

- Humorous look at the subculture of groundhopping, taking in grounds with historic features, non-league games and everything else that brings the tally up to 100 grounds
- Matt visits the oldest ground, the oldest club, clubs renowned for their hospitality, famous names in non-league and obscure outposts of the game
- Men's football, women's football, Belgian football, Scottish football – it doesn't matter, Matt takes in a mixed bag of games to reach his tally
- Matt writes about the nature of obsession and the importance of clubs and grounds to local communities
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Matt Coughlan steps into the wonderful world of the groundhopper: in short, the collector of football grounds. While taking a light-hearted look at this growing cultural phenomenon, can Coughlan cement his own groundhopping credentials? With the aim of boosting his groundhopping tally to at least 100 grounds, Coughlan sets out on a journey of discovery. Whether foregoing the cultural highlights of Bruges to sit in a concrete stadium, choosing the worst ground in London over watching the World Cup on TV or travelling to various footballing outposts with a vintage grandstand, he does whatever it takes to reach his milestone. Along the way, he ends up doing some opposition scouting, samples corporate hospitality, spends too long reading the FA's ground-grading regulations and discovers a host of great non-league clubs. He joins a groundhopping weekend to try to enhance his status. But will he fall foul of the unwritten rules of groundhopping?

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