

Sold To The Sheikh Club Volare 1 Chloe Cox

When Izzy catches Sheikh Hassan's eye at the airport, she doesn't think anything of it. After all, they're never going to see each other again. At least, that's what she thinks. Sheikh Hassan likes what he sees, and he always gets what he wants. Sparring no expense, he uses his private jet, considerable charm, and muscular body to do everything in his power to make sure Izzy gives him everything he wants, rough, unprotected, and with no pulling out.

This timely book provides an engaging, clear view of the interrelationships within key globalization processes and the international sport of football. Intelligently combining the conceptual and methodological aspects of global studies with the specific cultural conditions of the 'beautiful game' Giulianotti and Robertson illuminate its social history and diffusion, as well as wider cultural, economic, political and social dimensions. Using football to chart an increasing global connectivity, or globality, the authors explore how the game may be understood as a metric, mirror, motor and metaphor of globalization. Issues discussed include: - Transnational Identities and the Global Civil Society, - Cosmopolitanism & Americanization, - Neo-Liberalism, Inequalities and Transnational Clubs, - Politics, Nations, and International Governance, Ideal for students and lecturers concerned with the sociology of sport, globalization and international cultural studies - the book will be of interest to anyone keen to map the intricate ways in which transnational processes may impact upon particular domains of social life.

As Liverpool F.C. reach their 125th anniversary, amidst the celebrations, doubts persist. Are they still elite? Can their prolonged title drought be ended? Foreign owners say they came to win but the trophy cabinet lies bare. Where to next for the reds? *Lost?* explores the gloried past, the moneyed present and the uncertain future of both Liverpool F.C. and the English game at large. Have they lost their way? Liverpool F.C.'s most famous manager, Bill Shankly, declared that the club 'exists to win trophies' and for many years this maxim proved true, as Liverpool became one of the most successful clubs in European football and dominated the scene in England for over two decades. Yet recently, the victories have dried up and Liverpool have not won the league title in over a quarter of a century. Football is also in a state of flux as major TV deals have made the Premier league the wealthiest in the world, but the gap between the elite clubs and those striving to catch up widens. Has the game lost its soul? Who will rise and who will fall as a new uncharted era in football unfolds? *Lost?* captures exclusive interviews with key figures including former Liverpool managers, Brendan Rogers and Roy Evans, the Shankly family and a whole host of footballing legends, past and present. The book also includes reflective pieces on an array of Premier League clubs from both a sporting and cultural perspective, looking not just at the team in isolation, but also at the communities and landscapes that shape them. Love was definitely not in the air the day Yaseen Hasan, Prince of Raihan, and American Kara Shaw got married. One night of passion led to a pregnancy, and under Raihani law, Yaseen had to marry Kara. After the pregnancy debacle, Yaseen needs to prove to his family that he can be responsible, and he's convinced he can keep things on a business level with Kara, even though his attraction to her is nearly combustible. His one consolation is that the two of them will divorce after their child is born. Easy. Clean. This marriage of convenience is the perfect solution for both of them. Yaseen

can continue with his numerous business ventures, and Kara can continue working for the underprivileged. But though they may have started out as virtual strangers, as Yaseen gets to know Kara and sees her dedication to her cause, things get a bit complicated. It seems saying good-bye to his beautiful wife won't be as easy as he'd initially thought. Kara doesn't know what to make of her new husband. On the outside, Yaseen's all business. Cold facts, numbers, and balance sheets seem to be his only interests. Yet underneath, Kara begins to see a softer side, a side that makes her wonder if there is more to him. And though she'd initially agreed that their marriage would be nothing more than a business transaction, it's not long before Kara is yearning for something more, something...permanent. All her life, she's secretly longed for that proverbial white knight to sweep her away. Just when she thinks Yaseen is that man, she gets hit with harsh reality. Maybe Yaseen isn't that knight, or maybe Kara will discover a sexy sheikh is even better.

This book offers an original Marxist critique of the European football business. It argues that the Marxist account of the difference between profits and surplus value is crucial to an understanding of the fluid and contradictory nature of the commodification of football. Section one analyses the nature of modern professional football and section two highlights attempts, via government agency and football clubs, to corral fans into ever greater identification with business logic aimed at breaking traditional social relations. Section three draws on a number of cases studies across Europe, to analyse how some fans are attempting to mount a counter ideological response to the assault of neo-liberalism on the game.

One night with a sheikh leads to a secret baby surprise! Billionaire sheikh Rafiq "Rafe" bin Saleed has come to Royal, Texas, to buy the town--and get even with his former best friend. But Rafe's plans are pushed aside for one amazing night with a stranger--and then nearly derailed when he discovers the identity of his mystery woman. For not only is Violet McCallum his enemy's cherished little sister, she's now pregnant with Rafe's child! Rafe knows he has the upper hand; all he has to do is walk away. But there's something about Violet that won't let him leave without her...

Captive in the sheikh's harem! Tilda was regretting her short-lived romance with Rashad, the crown prince of Bakhar. Now, with her impoverished family indebted to him, Rashad was blackmailing Tilda by insisting she pay up...as his concubine! Soon Tilda was the arrogant sheikh's captive in his faraway desert kingdom. Then Rashad publicly acknowledged her as his woman... and under the law of Bakhar they were now bound together forever...as husband and wife!

HOT PURSUIT Tracker Darin Shakir worked alone. The mysterious Cattleman's Club member had been burned in the past and he wasn't about to see innocents hurt on this mission. But plans had gone awry—he'd wound up injured, and in bartender Fiona Powers's capable hands. The feisty redhead was more than a match for this brooding sheikh and insisted on helping Darin. But his temporary, sexy new partner was a very tempting distraction Darin didn't want, even as he yearned to show Fiona the fiery attraction blazing inside.

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press has the story totally correct. To save their relationship, Chadil has to do the hardest thing he's ever done: be honest with himself, with the press...and with Raina.

Leading authority on the Islamic world and influential advisor to the Obama administration Vali Nasr shows that the West's best hope of winning the battle against Islamic extremists is to foster the growth of a vibrant new Muslim middle class. This flourishing of Muslim bourgeoisie is reshaping the mind-set, politics, and even the religious values of Muslims in much the same way the Western bourgeoisie led the capitalist and democratic revolution in Europe. Whereas extremism has grown out of the dismal economic failures of the authoritarian Islamic regimes, Nasr explains, the wealth and aspirations of this Islamic "critical middle" put them squarely at odds with extremism. They have ushered in remarkable transformations already in Dubai, Turkey, and Indonesia, and they are the key to tipping the balance in both Iran and Pakistan. As he writes "the great battle for the soul of the Muslim world will be fought not over religion but over market capitalism."

Two veteran sports writers and editors take readers inside the history of the most-watched sports league on earth -- England's Premier League.

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her art. Though the marriage of convenience was his idea, he can't help but start to wish it was the real deal. No way can he ignore the simmering chemistry that's driving them both a bit crazy. He's much better at ignoring what's in his heart—until he realizes it just might break if he can't convince Laila to stay with him forever...

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