



A book about home—no matter how far we wonder—about community, characters, and, most importantly, the friendships that evolve through a shared passion for “the beautiful game.”

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“A football fanatic refusing to cut the umbilical cord between himself and his beloved Man Utd . . . no matter what!”

— Ray Hudson, commentator and host of *The Football Show* on SiriusXM FC

“Written with boundless enthusiasm and nearly-breathless detail . . . fans will marvel at the lengths France went to—and lovingly recounts—to keep the embers of affection for his team aglow.”

— Phil West, author, *The United States of Soccer* and *I Believe That We Will Win*

“About adapting to new environments and retaining time-honored rituals in a foreign land—and gracefully finding life-long bonds within the joyful rabble of trash talk . . . a story of resilience and sacrifice, and holding on to family from across a vast ocean . . . embodies the fanatic sports fan in all of us!”

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It is said that you don’t choose your team—your team chooses you. On April 5, 1975 Manchester United Football Club chooses a young football fanatic growing up on England’s North West coast. On this day Gary B. France becomes “United.”

Twenty years later, Gary relocates to the United States—destination Detroit. Blue collar. Motor City. Hockeytown. Where *football* means Detroit Lions—and *soccer* is virtually nonexistent. Embarking on a journey thousands of miles from home, Gary is determined to reconnect with the team and the game he left behind. Before long, he is thrust into an early morning underground subculture of soccer fanatics.

Could America be waking up to soccer?

“Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of United” isn’t simply about one man’s dedication to soccer and his team. It’s about fans and the lengths to which we go to remain connected; it’s about *home*, where it all starts, and remembering those roots no matter how far we wander; and it’s about community, characters, and—most importantly—the friendships that evolve through a shared passion for the “beautiful game.”



GARY B. FRANCE has been a Manchester United fanatic for over forty years. He has worked as a medical healthcare professional since 1987. Gary has a passion for music, which led him to becoming a radio DJ in Ann Arbor, MI in the mid-90s, with his Saturday morning show “The British Invasion.” An avid writer, Gary has always maintained a diary to reflect on his journey. He has turned many of these recollections into “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of United,” a twenty-year labor of love.

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