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Renaldo:
A Tale of World Cup Soccer, Terrorism and Love
by James S. McCreath

A CAPTIVATING TALE OF LOVE, HOPE AND FUTBOL

Argentina, 1978. A brutal military junta has suspended civil liberties for anyone who opposes it. Distraught, mothers of ‘The Disappeared’ parade daily in front of the capital building. In retaliation, violent acts of terrorism shatter what is left of normal life. Only one thing can unite all the people in the nation and the world: the World Cup of football.

Renaldo: A Tale of World Cup Soccer, Terrorism, and Love [Scottish Laddie Publications, Available June 2018] is a powerful story of love, political and cultural tensions and of the forging bond that sports - namely national teams like soccer - can develop in the crucible of life. ***Renaldo*** is also a story of hope and its author, James S. McCreath, wants readers to jump into it with both feet and get carried away by this unique tale.

1978 World Cup and Argentina is the host nation. Two brothers, Renaldo and Lonfranco De Seta decide to undertake a different path for their lives. They both fall in love with powerful women and Renaldo - a young soccer prodigy -strives to earn a place on Argentina's national team. Lonfranco, angry and disenchanting, is seduced into the dark world and becomes a Montonero terrorist. From the plains of the Pampas to the boudoirs, battlefields, dressing rooms and football pitches, ***Renaldo*** is a love story unlike any ever written, and novel shockingly relevant to the times we live in, set against the real world backdrop of the FIFA World Cup.

“I fell in love with soccer while touring Europe in the summer of 1966 and seeing firsthand the passion of the fans in each country we visited was like nothing I had ever seen before,” recalls McCreath. “I wanted to bring that to life in ***Renaldo***.”

Renaldo is an engaging read, exploring real-life issues set in a fictitious world, including:

- The tribe culture of sport as a bonding social experience
- The factors that radicalize certain young people to become terrorists
- The persecution of immigrants
- The strength and common sense knowledge of women
- The power of hope

“While my personal life has been touched by tragedy, I have a very positive outlook on life because I am blessed to have a close and loving family,” says McCreath. “This is why I believe in the power of hope so strongly. Hope matters. Hope helps. In the worst of times, hope is everything.”

James S. McCreath is a Canadian descendant of Italian and Scottish immigrants. This lineage has given him a passion for life, and the fortitude to overcome the tragic events that compelled him to write this novel.

He became a soccer fan in 1966 when he traveled through Europe during the time that England was hosting (and eventually winning) the World Cup. His years in the sports and entertainment industries have afforded him a behind the scenes insight into the story’s major plot lines.

Learn more about James McCreath at www.jamesmccreath.com and more about *Renaldo* at www.renaldo.com

***Renaldo* will be available in June 2018**

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