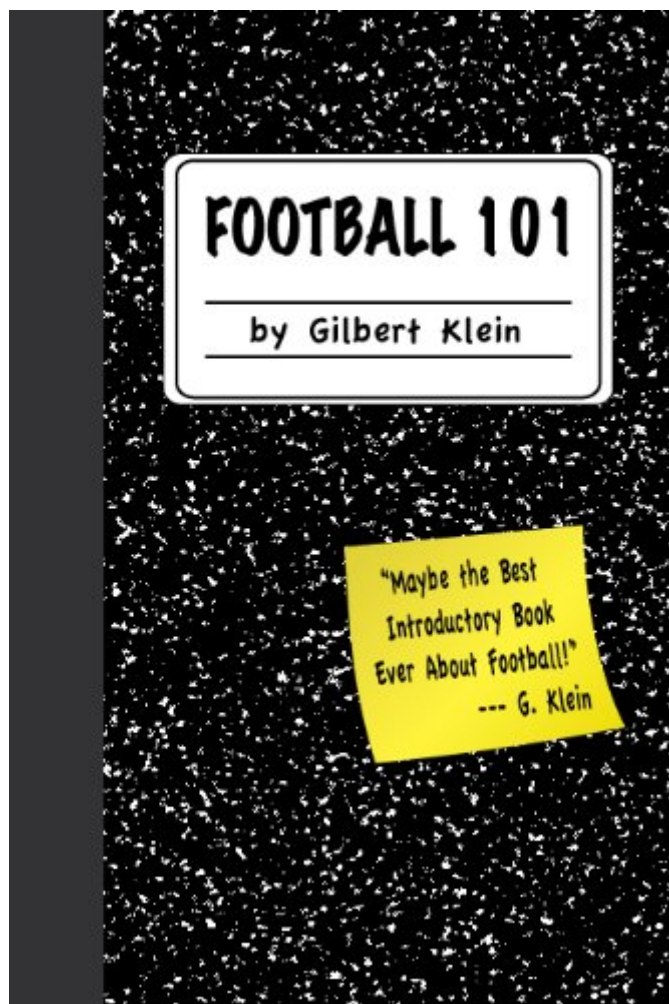


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Football 101



Synopsis

This is an entertaining, informative beginner's guide to understanding football. Also, I guarantee* that this is the most enjoyable introductory book ever about football, and that after reading this book you will know and love the game.* Any guarantees mentioned in this book are imaginary and not enforceable by law.

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Customer Reviews

Wow! I've been watching football for years with various football fans (guys), and pretending I knew what was going on. But I never realized how much I didn't know until I read Football 101 by Gilbert Klein. Funny and personable, Klein knows his stuff! This author clearly explains in detail the strategies and intensely complicated roles, and rules, for what I used to consider a simple bonehead game of football. As a gal, I have developed a new interest in watching football now that I know all the insider scoop about what is happening during those critical split seconds in the game. Best five bucks I've ever spent!

For those of you that were so fortunate to know of or hear KFAT radio when it existed, I lived in the

SF Bay Area when KFAT radio was at its zenith. I listened to Gilbert Klein's program "Chewing the Fat". I have my computer set to pick off anything on the internet on KFAT and found out that Gilbert is writing a book about the KFAT years. So I was surprised to find this little book pop up, and even happier because I have lost a couple of my football watching buddies to relocations and was not being very successful at getting my wife (who I still love and talk to) to watch. So, I bought this book for her. Success!!! She loved the book, as did I. Good, easy to understand information, organized nicely, with the same wry humor I remember about Gilbert. Now my wife is ready to watch football, and I have been advised that she will take no instruction from me. I am grateful for this little gem of a book, well worth the cost, since my wife would go shopping when I was watching football. And I have been released from explaining everything!

I grew up playing a little football with friends. I was the one they fought over in choosing up teams: "You take him." No, you." I was a nerd. Over the years, I have had my revenge, but I digress. Suffice to say, I did not learn to appreciate football early in life and subsequently, have felt an occasional lack of belonging when guys get together to either watch or discuss the game. At college games, I could cheer when we made first downs, interceptions or goals, but never understood the finer points. I never felt motivated to sit in front of a TV to learn more, so didn't watch many games. There was no resource to turn to for a quick review of this potential source of entertainment and male bonding. Today, the statement: "How 'bout those Seahawks?" fills me with an instant mixture of mild anxiety, regret and boredom. I found Mr. Klein's book a refreshing and non-threatening antidote to this historical dilemma. It was very readable, enjoyable, funny and informative. What more can one ask from a subject previously seeming too arcane to understand and moving too rapidly to fully enjoy? Now, I can at least ask more intelligent questions. I can watch the game with some anticipation and understanding of what is happening and what comes next. This book was written for me. The occasional lack of more detail in certain areas, and the occasional missing word does not significantly interfere with my enjoyment of the whole. Thank you, Gilbert Klein

Football. for decades, I loathed the very word. By temperament, I'm football-resistant feminist (testosterone on steroids? huge turn-off), intellectual (announcer telling viewer what to see, think and understand? no way!) and creative (big oafs blasting into each other as sport? Not so fun). After reading Klein's book, I beg to differ with myself. This is not a "how to understand football for dummies" book, but rather, an experience more akin to sitting in the bleachers with your favorite every droll and witty cousin who earnestly wants YOU to share his appreciation of the intrigue, nuance and

beauty of the game. And he succeeds. Klein's book is philosophy, intrigue and a practical detailed blow-by-blow of the game. Like a terrific murder mystery, the book brilliantly lays out the need-to-know nitty-gritty details (the field, the positions, the role of the announcer (yes, he's important), anticipates where the reader might go astray, and then Klein kicks up a conversation with the reader, coaching them HOW to watch the game, what to focus on, when and why. Motive, means and purpose all made clear and compelling. Before I read Klein's book, I didn't even know how clueless I was. I didn't understand that football is a game of great intrigue and balance. Nor did I understand that what appears to be huge oafs colliding into each other is actually a detailed choreography requiring strategy, skill and power. And I sure didn't know how much fun watching a game could be. The question now is.. when the season starts, will I watch it on TV or in the stadium?

The information presented in this book is so basic, it could only be useful to someone who didn't grow up in the U.S., and knows absolutely nothing about football. I was born and raised in the U.S., but never followed football. I recently became interested in learning more about the game, so purchased this book. I already knew everything in this book just from the incidental exposure I've had to football over the years. You get what you pay for, and in this case, \$0.99 is about right.

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