



Finn McCool's Football Club: The Birth, Death, and Resurrection of a Pub Soccer Team in the City of the Dead

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SportsBooks Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Finn McCool's Football Club: The Birth, Death, and Resurrection of a Pub Soccer Team in the City of the Dead, Stephen Rea, After jetting around the world, Stephen Rea left his hometown of Belfast with his American wife to settle in New Orleans in 2004. Not surprisingly, life in the Deep South proved to be startlingly different from that in Northern Ireland, and Rea struggled to find an outlet for his love of football. But before long the Ulsterman stumbled upon Finn McCool's pub and the wonderfully eccentric, international crowd that gathers there to watch European football games. Frank 'the Tank', the pot-growing Dutch national; Dave 'the Rave' Ashton, a forty-six-year-old physiotherapist from Manchester dubbed 'the world's oldest teenager'; and Benji Haswell, a former political activist from South Africa, are three of the rare and vibrant characters who populated the pub. Soon Rea and this idiosyncratic mix of locals and ex-pat regulars formed a pub soccer team, joined a league, and began dreaming of victory. On August 27, 2005, with former pro footballer Scottish Steve 'Macca' McAnespie as their coach, members of the team sat in the pub discussing their upcoming match. The next...



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