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The Ball: Discovering the Object of the Game

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HarperCollins Publishers Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Ball: Discovering the Object of the Game, John Fox, "The Ball" takes us to the farthest reaches of the globe and the deepest recesses of our ancient past to answer a question asked by every child on Earth: Why do we play ball? Inspired by the curiosity of his sports-obsessed 8-year-old son, anthropologist John Fox sets off on a global adventure to explore the untold history of our favorite ball games, investigate their origins and evolutionary tracks, and discern how one of humanity's simplest inventions - the humble, ubiquitous ball - has staked an unrivaled claim on our history, our passions, our money, and our lives. From the jungles of Mexico to the farm country of Ohio, from the courts of the ancient Pharaohs to the virtual playing fields of Second Life, Rolling Heads and Pigskins puts us center court for the gritty, ritualistic, violent, bizarre, primal drama of ball games as we've played them across the centuries. Part history, part travelogue, and part sportscast, "The Ball" spins tales of the ball itself as actor and instigator, a player who taps our human urge to hit, kick, throw, and tackle....

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Why do we play ball? As I turned it over in my mind in the days and weeks that followed, this basic question split into many more: How long has this love affair been going on? When and where and how did the games we play today first get started? How did something as inessential as chasing a ball around evolve into a \$500 billion global industry? How, I asked myself, did the ball come to stake an unrivaled claim on our money, our time, and our lives? The truth is I was naturally inclined and prepared to go deep on a question that most fathers would have shrugged off or turned into a cozy aphorism. The Ball: Discovering the has been added to your Cart. Add to Cart. Buy Now. A fun and anecdotal new book which uses the evolution of the ball itself to trace mankind's progress from prehistory through ancient Egypt and gladiatorial Rome to the births of modern sports like tennis and base-ball. (New York Post). In tracing the fascinating history of ball games from the primal contests between prehistoric tribes playing with stuffed balls of grass, to the hypercommercialized violence of twenty-first-century Super Bowls readers witness the evolution of more than just sports! A book for fans and scholars alike! (Booklist). Find many great new & used options and get the best deals for P. S.: The Ball : Discovering the Object of the Game by John Fox (2012, Paperback) at the best online prices at eBay! Free shipping for many products! The ball itself—whether made of grass and beeswax, opossum pelts, kangaroo scrotums or seal hides—is depicted freshly as an extraordinary invention of human happiness.", "John Fox is dauntless The Ball is a fascinating read that -- like a good ball game -- is both compelling and fun.", A fun and anecdotal new book which.

Discovering the Object of the Game. John Fox. Dedication. Why do we play ball? As I turned it over in my mind in the days and weeks that followed, this basic question split into many more: How long has this love affair been going on? When and where and how did the games we play today first get started? How did something as inessential as chasing a ball around evolve into a \$500 billion global industry? How, I asked myself, did the ball come to stake an unrivaled claim on our money, our time, and our lives? (Frank DeFord, author of *The Old Ball Game*), John Fox is equal parts historian, anthropologist, world traveler, sports nut, and storyteller. *The Ball* is a fascinating exploration not just of the games we play but why we play them-of what our ballgames tell us about ourselves., John Fox is dauntless. The Ball is a fascinating read that - like a good ball game - is both compelling and fun., [In *THE BALL*], a realm of behavior that we take for granted. Looking for something to watch? Choose an adventure below and discover your next favorite movie or TV show. What to Watch if You Love 'Inception'. Best Cold Opens From "The Office". Our Summer Love Picks. Visit our What to Watch page. Clear your history. Recently Viewed.