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Contrary to the popular belief that sport is an arena largely free from the corrosive effects of racism, this book argues that racism is evident throughout British sport. From playing fields and boardrooms of sports organisations, to the offices of sports policy makers and the media, this book breaks new ground in showing how discourses of 'race' and nation continue to pervade our sporting life.

Looking at a range of sports, including football, rugby league and cricket, this book covers key topics such as:

- * British nationalism and nationalist ideology
- * racial science and the images of Asian and black physicality
- * sport, racism and the law
- * black feminism and the issues of race, gender and sport
- * the role of the media in perpetuating and challenging racial stereotypes.

Challenging the prevailing liberal view that sport is one area of society where 'good race-relations' are developed, this book offers a wealth of research material, and a strong theoretical perspective on contemporary British sport. It will therefore be of vital interest to sociologists, sports studies students, sport policy-makers and anyone with an interest in contemporary British sport.



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