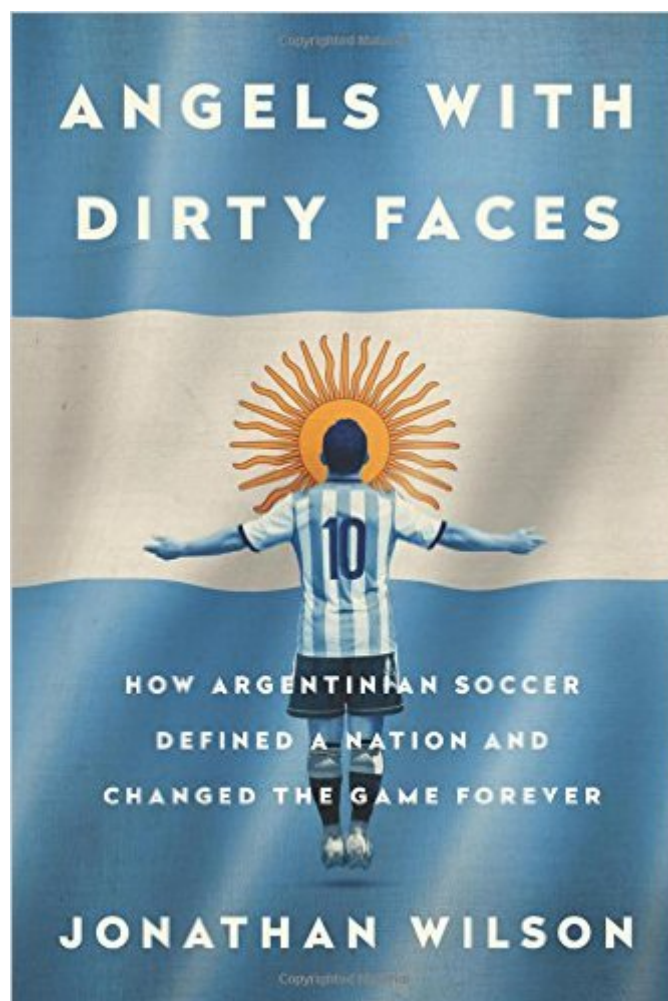


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# Angels With Dirty Faces: How Argentinian Soccer Defined A Nation And Changed The Game Forever



## Synopsis

Argentina has produced Alfredo Di Stéfano, Diego Maradona, and Lionel Messi; some of the greatest soccer players of all time. The country's rich, volatile history is by turns sublime and ruthlessly pragmatic. A nation obsessed with soccer, Argentina lives and breathes the game, its theories, and its myths. Jonathan Wilson lived in Buenos Aires, in an apartment between La Recoleta Cemetery; where the country's leading poets and politicians are buried; and the Huracán stadium. Like his apartment, *Angels with Dirty Faces* lies at the intersection of politics, literature, and sport. Here, he chronicles the evolution of Argentinian soccer: the appropriation of the British game, the golden age of *la nuestra*, the exuberant style of playing that developed as Juan Perón led the country into isolation, a hardening into the brutal methods of anti-fútbol, the fusing of beauty and efficacy under César Luis Menotti, and the emergence of all-time greats in Maradona and Messi against a backdrop of economic turbulence.

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My second Jonathan Wilson book after Inverting the pyramid, I wasn't disappointed. Painfully researched and beautifully written.

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