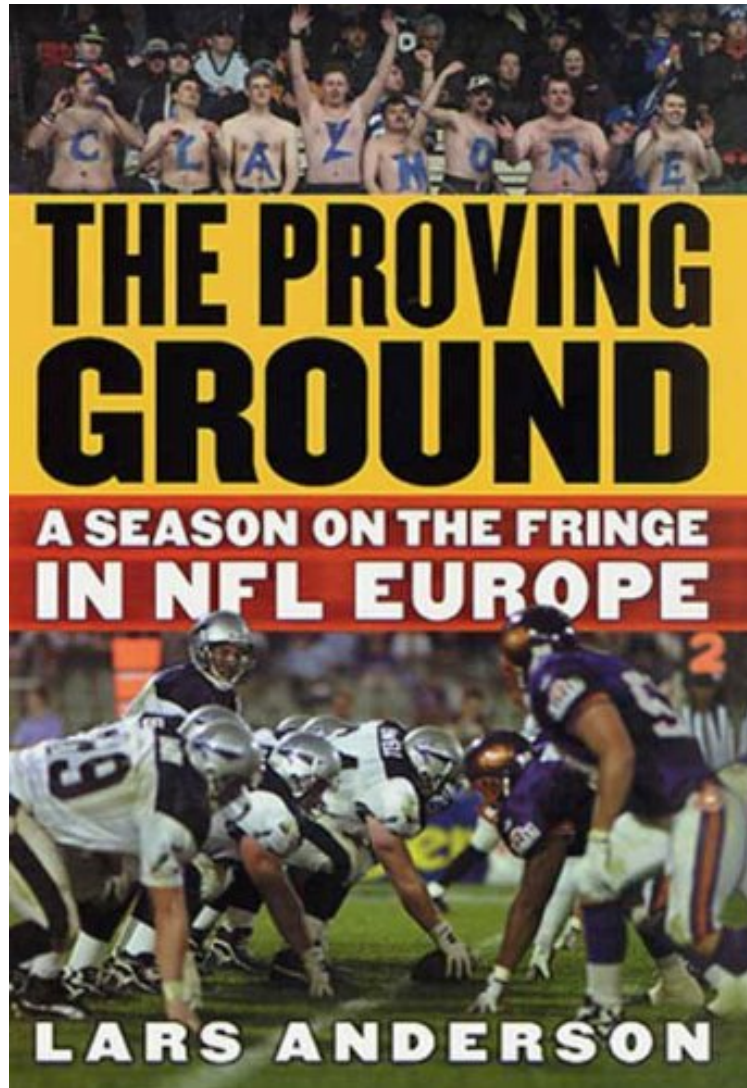


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**Von Lars Anderson : The Proving Ground: A Season on the Fringe in NFL Europe** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Proving Ground: A Season on the Fringe in NFL Europe:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Klasse Buch ber die NFL Europe !!!Von Ein KundeEndlich mal ein Buch ber die NFL Europe! Anderson begleitete eine Saison lang die Scottish Claymores und das Ergebnis kann sich wirklich sehen lassen. Innerhalb weniger las ich das Buch durch. ber einige kleinere Fehler, zum Beispiel dass Manfred Burgsmller frher fr das "soccer team German Bundesliga" spielte oder dass der Autor zahlreiche Namen falsch schreibt, lsst sich da hinwegsehen... Ein Muss fr alle

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KurzbeschreibungLife in the minor leagues of football, which NFL Europe was aptly dubbed, could be funny, sad, profound and ludicrous all at the same time. At its heart, this six-team league was a short-stop away from either the glamour of the NFL or the bottom of the professional football scrap pile--a crossroads full of real-life drama where the joy of "making it" was tempered by failure or injury with one misstep; where the difference between a multimillion dollar NFL contract and abject poverty may only be one play away. Just ask Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner. Author Lars Anderson brings to life the compelling drama of NFL Europe by spending a season with the Scottish Claymores. Anderson lived with the players at a hotel in Glasgow, Scotland, spending every waking minute with them-eating and heading out to the pubs as the Claymores made their championship run. Along with detailing the life and times of the Claymores, Anderson digs deep into the background of the players and coaches to help explain why some succeed and others fail in their quest to make it to that shining city on the hill--the NFL. Through the eyes of Anderson, the reader experiences what it meant and what it was like to be a football player in Europe. The men that make up the Claymores are the strength of this book-a funny and complex lot that face many of the same issues we tackle every day. An inspiring portrait of both new beginnings and bitter ends, *The Proving Ground* will shock and delight readers, while showing them another side of the professional football player. Of *The Proving Ground*, Frank Deford, award-winning author and commentator, says "Anderson deftly shows that you can take the football player out of America, but... he's the same creature, loving the game and scrambling for one more chance." deIn *The Proving Ground: A Season on the Fringe in NFL Europe*, Lars Anderson follows the Scottish Claymores, chronicling its players and their dreams of springing into the NFL from abroad. For football players who aren't in the NFL because they missed the cut, had a bad tryout, or are staging a comeback despite their age, injury, or attitude, playing elsewhere professionally, in the Canadian Football League or the NFL Europe, provides their shot at fulfilling a dream that won't die quietly. NFL notables such as Warren Moon and Kurt Warner cut their teeth elsewhere before the NFL would look at them. Rather than languish on the sidelines as a backup or be resigned to the practice squad, some gutsy players would rather start somewhere and build a rsum of action in real games, to be lucky enough to play football for a living. The Claymores' coach proved equally determined. Anderson describes him shortly after he suffered a horrible accident: "...here he was, trying to mold a team together that could win a championship. If he could coach through this, he believed he could coach pretty much through anything." And so the Claymores take on the food and weather of Scotland, live in a supposedly haunted hotel in Glasgow, and resist (or take advantage of) the excesses of European nightlife in Amsterdam and Frankfurt, all the while playing their hearts out for a winning season and an NFL audition that may never come. 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