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The people of Brazil celebrated when it was announced that they were hosting the twentieth World Cup (June 12–July 13, 2014), the world's most-viewed sporting tournament, and the thirty-first Summer Olympics (August 5–21, 2016).

Now they are protesting in numbers the country hasn't seen in decades, with Brazilians taking to the streets to try to reclaim the sports they love but see being corrupted by powerful corporate interests, profiteering, and greed. In this compelling new book, relying on original reporting from the most dangerous corners of Rio to the halls of power in Washington, DC, Dave Zirin examines how sports and politics are colliding in remarkable fashion in Brazil, opening up an international conversation on the culture, economics, and politics of sports.

One of "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World" (*Utne*), **Dave Zirin** is a columnist for the *Nation*, *SLAM*, and *SI.com*. He is host of Sirius XM's popular weekly show *Edge of Sports Radio* and a regular guest on ESPN's *Outside the Lines*, *Democracy Now!*, and on MSNBC. His previous books include *The John Carlos Story* and *What's My Name Fool?* He lives near Washington, DC.

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