



### **Villains The Inside Story of Aston Villa's Hooligan Gangs**

This book isn't only for Aston Villa or even football fans generally; it's for anyone who likes a good story, well told, about an interesting group of characters growing up in the 70's and 80's who for various reasons became football hooligans. As for the violence - well we know it went on and probably still does; books like this don't make it right nor in my opinion did the writers try to justify or glorify the violence that took place. Without doubt critics will say these people shouldn't make money from violence. Maybe they are right but I wonder if those same people have watched the Godfather or all the other "real life" crime and violence shows currently on TV on a nightly basis. The stand out quote from the book for me is where Danny Brown states "This (the violence) was my heroin and it became my addiction. The unfair thing is that they send football hooligans to prison eventually; not to some cushy rehab clinic where they try to cure you".