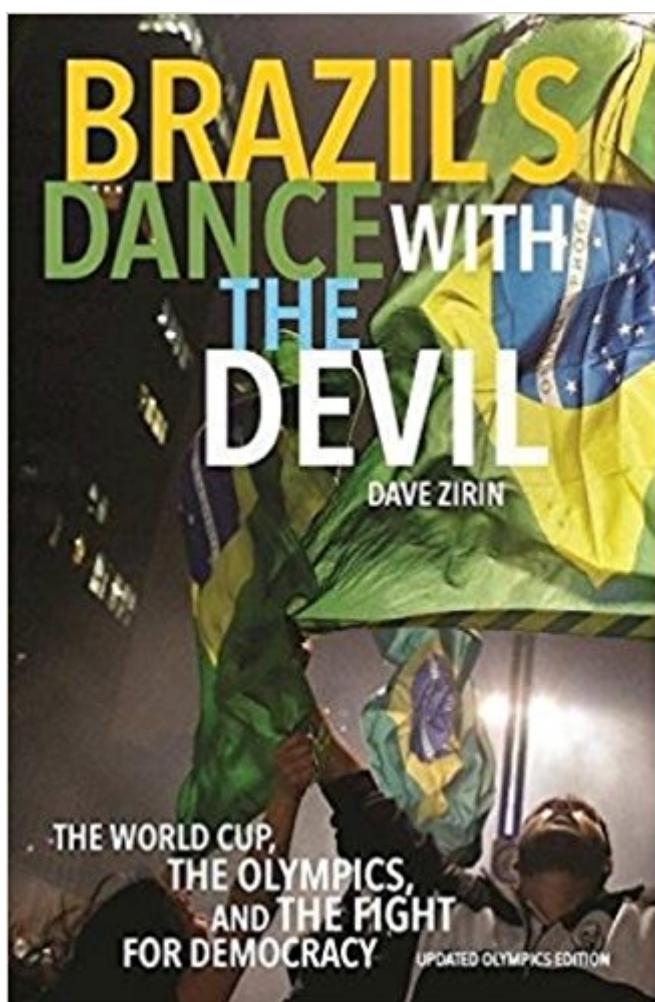


The book was found

# Brazil's Dance With The Devil (Updated Olympics Edition): The World Cup, The Olympics, And The Fight For Democracy



## Synopsis

"People think speaking truth to power is easy, but if it was easy everyone would do it. This book does it. . . . It speaks truth to the powers that be, from Brazil to the US to FIFA to the IOC. It hits you like an uppercut that rattles your brain and sets it straight. I cannot recommend this book highly enough." —John Carlos, 1968 Olympic medalist

The people of Brazil celebrated when they learned that in the space of two years their country would host the world's two largest sporting events: the World Cup in 2014 and the Olympics in 2016. Now they are protesting in numbers the country hasn't seen in decades. Dave Zirin relies on fieldwork from the most dangerous corners of Rio to the halls of power in Washington, DC, exposing how sports and politics have collided in spectacular fashion. One of the Boston Globe's "Best Sports Books of 2014," this edition has been newly updated to assess the final tally of debt and displacement that accompanied the 2014 World Cup, eyewitness accounts of the militarized police crackdown, and new reporting on the pre-Olympic plans furthering immiseration in cities across Brazil. Dave Zirin is sports correspondent for the *A Nation* magazine and the author of nine books on the intersection of sports and politics. Named one of *UTNE Reader's* "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World," Zirin is a frequent guest on MSNBC, ESPN, and Democracy Now! He also hosts his own weekly Sirius XM show, Edge of Sports Radio.

## Book Information

Paperback: 296 pages

Publisher: Haymarket Books; Updated Olympics ed. edition (June 21, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1608465896

ISBN-13: 978-1608465897

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.9 x 8.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #280,991 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #61 in Books > History > Americas > South America > Brazil #74 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Miscellaneous > Olympic Games #137 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Miscellaneous > Sociology of Sports

## Customer Reviews

"Brother Dave Zirin is the finest, most important writer on sports and politics in America." —Dr. Cornel West

Dave Zirin: Dave Zirin, The Nation's sports correspondent, is the author, most recently, of *Game Over: How Politics Has Turned the Sports World Upside Down*. Named one of *UTNE Reader's 50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Our World*, Zirin is a frequent guest on MSNBC, ESPN and Democracy Now! He also hosts his own weekly Sirius XM show, *Edge of Sports Radio*.

Love the new material about Zika and Brazil's political crisis. A must read and a dizzying account, stuffed with facts, history, stories, and on the ground reporting.

Great! It was an idea for a gift and it was a good one!

Finishing this book has left me a bit confused. Is it left to a sports writer to investigate the corruption surrounding not only the World Cup and the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, but also the history of corruption in the country as well as the Zika virus? And who knew that The Nation had a sports writer? I do not know how versed the author was in Brazil before he visited in 2012. Had he ever been there? How often has he been there? At least twice, I gather from the book. Has he studied Brazilian history? When, where? Does he speak Portuguese? I am sounding picky, so I had better hurry to say that this is a good book. Dave Zirin does hit the nail(s) on the head and gets to the root of the problems and shows an admiration for everyday Brazilians and their country. The scandal of a government turning its back on its people, stealing from them, and forcibly undoing much of what the country has worked is astounding. Brazilians have been so misled and abused. Yet the status quo hardly seems interrupted despite the indictments of some powerful politicians. The Olympics were largely a success, so now what? The answer is not in this book, although one can draw many possibilities from it. I don't think the author was the best candidate to write about Brazil politics and corruption. But since authors are not rushing to do so, he did a darn fine job in their place.

It's the perfect book to have sitting next to you (read it on commercials) during the Olympics. Dave Zirin brilliantly describes how neoliberalism collides with the World Cup & the Olympics. An apt analogy is drawn between the "Shock Doctrine" & the economic shock to countries (or cities) which host large sporting events like the Olympics. People are so taken in with the spectacle of sport that they miss the destruction of housing, attacks on the poor, deaths in constructing otherwise unusable stadiums and buildings, massive increase in police & security surveillance, and the building of

infrastructure which is rendered obsolete the day after the games end. Watch the Olympics - and READ THIS BOOK!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Brazil's Dance with the Devil (Updated Olympics Edition): The World Cup, the Olympics, and the Fight for Democracy Brazil's Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, The Olympics, and the Struggle for Democracy BrazilÃ¢ ¬â„¢s Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, the Olympics, and the Fight for Democracy Brazil: Experience Brazil! The Go Smart Guide To Getting The Most Out Of Brazil (A Brazil Travel Guide for Travelers, Adventurers, and Tourists) Wildlife Conservation Society Birds of Brazil: The Atlantic Forest of Southeast Brazil, including SÃƒÂ£o Paulo and Rio de Janeiro (WCS Birds of Brazil Field Guides) Brazil: Travel Guide for Men, Travel Brazil Like You Really Want to (Brazil Travel Book, Brazilian Escorts, Body Massages, Brazilian Girls, Rio De Janeiro Travel Guide) How to Dance: Learn How to Line Dance, Belly Dance, Ice Dance and More Chasing the Cup: My America's Cup Journey 4-Step Guide To Choosing A Menstrual Cup: Get Your "Goldilocks Cup" In 5 Minutes Or Less! Travel The River BRAZIL: Tour The Tropical Rainforest Easily & Economically During FIFA Soccer World Cup 2014 Circus Maximus: The Economic Gamble Behind Hosting the Olympics and the World Cup The Devil's Cup: A History of the World According to Coffee Popular Dance: From Ballroom to Hip-hop (World of Dance) (World of Dance (Chelsea House Paperback)) Devil's Cup BRAZIL: PORTUGUESE TRAVEL PHRASEBOOK The Complete Portuguese Phrasebook When Traveling to Brazil: + 1000 Phrases for Accommodations, Shopping, Eating, Traveling, and much more! Cruising Guide to the coast of Brazil Part 3: South Brazil : Espirito Santo State to Rio Grande do Sul State Single Guys First Trip To Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Helping You Find Those Sexy Brazilian Girls On Your First Vacation To Brazil Hello, Hello Brazil: Popular Music in the Making of Modern Brazil Cross-Country Ski Tours--Washington's South Cascades and Olympics: Washington's South Cascades and Olympics Ancient Greece and the Olympics: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #16: Hour of the Olympics (Magic Tree House (R) Fact Tracker)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)