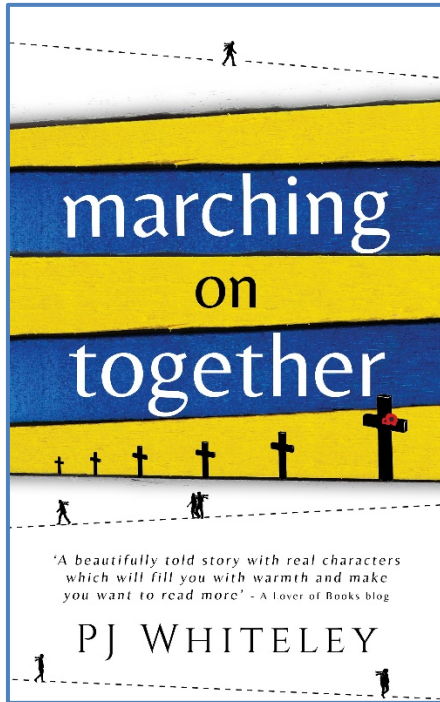


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Very much in the style of Nick Hornby, 'Marching On Together' is the most Yorkshire book ever to be set in Belgium, and follows a motley group of football fans as they visit the continent and share secrets, lies and their love of the game....

6 Leeds United supporters set off for a short break in Bruges. Two brothers Allan and Johnny Collins, the former a successful businessman, the latter just out of prison, are visiting great-granddad's grave on the Western Front. They're joined by Johnny's bandmates, Craig and Terry; the tomboy Petra and the out-of-sorts Yvonne, who failed to persuade estranged husband Tony to accompany her. For all the political events, historic and current, that surround them, they find it difficult to avoid discussion of their beloved football club as it languishes in the second tier of English football. Meanwhile other obsessions, secrets and ambitions lie within the heart of each, and as their trip progresses they find it is more than just the club that binds them together.

- Close of Play was shortlisted for the People's Book Award and selected for a WHS recommends promotion
- Full support of Leeds football club – book will launch there
- Will appeal to fans of Nick Hornby, Jon Rance, Graham Swift and Jonathan Harvey

PJ Whiteley, who writes non-fiction as Philip Whiteley, is an experienced author, principally about management. He has written extensively about how low wages are bad for business, as part of a bid to try to convince economists that society consists of people. Taking a break from this Quixotic task, he has turned his hand to contemporary fiction and romantic comedy, seizing on the potential of men preferring to play or watch sport than talk about their feelings and stuff. *Marching Together* is his follow up to *Close of Play*. The book is set in Leeds, but the author is based in Amphill, Beds.

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