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Welsh rugby has always been a passionate affair, but the past twelve years have been particularly tumultuous. From the highs of Grand Slam victories to the lows of off-field scandals, Welsh rugby has been through it all.

In his new book, *Seeing Red*, journalist **Tom Jenkins** tells the inside story of this turbulent period. Drawing on exclusive interviews with key figures, Jenkins provides a gripping account of the events that have shaped Welsh rugby in recent years.

The book begins with the appointment of Warren Gatland as head coach in 2007. Gatland quickly transformed the team's fortunes, leading them to a Grand Slam victory in 2008 and a World Cup semi-final in 2011.

However, Gatland's reign was not without its controversies. In 2013, he was accused of making homophobic comments, and in 2017, he was involved in a physical altercation with a player.

Despite these controversies, Gatland remained in charge until 2019. He left Welsh rugby in a strong position, with the team ranked fifth in the world.

Gatland's successor, Gareth Jenkins, was not as successful. Jenkins's team failed to win a single match in the 2020 Six Nations Championship, and he was sacked after just one year in charge.

Jenkins's sacking was followed by a period of turmoil for Welsh rugby. The team's form continued to decline, and there were a number of off-field scandals.

In 2021, Rob Howley, a former Wales international and assistant coach, was banned from rugby for 18 months for betting on matches.

Despite these challenges, Welsh rugby is now starting to rebuild. Wayne Pivac was appointed as head coach in 2019, and he has overseen a gradual improvement in the team's form.

In 2023, Wales won the Six Nations Championship for the first time since 2019. The victory was a sign that Welsh rugby is on the right track.

Seeing Red is a fascinating and insightful account of the turbulent years that have transformed Welsh rugby. Jenkins provides a unique perspective on the events that have shaped the game in recent years.

Whether you are a fan of Welsh rugby or simply interested in the history of the sport, Seeing Red is a must-read.

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## **About the author**

Tom Jenkins is a journalist who has covered Welsh rugby for over 20 years. He is the author of several books on the sport, including The Gareth Edwards Story and The Lions in Wales.

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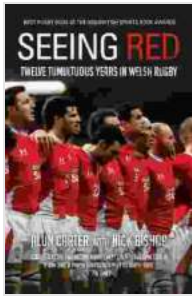
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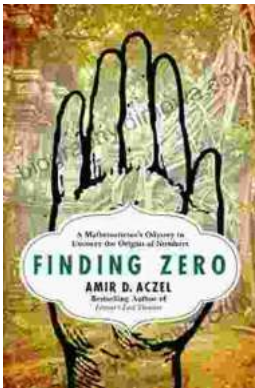


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