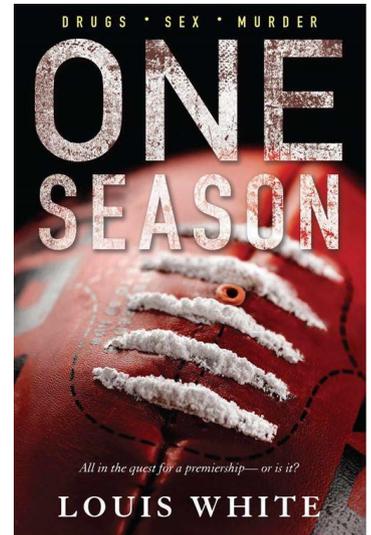


ONE SEASON

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Young players earning obscene amounts of money; clubs needing millions to meet overheads; players under pressure to perform using performance enhancing and recreational drugs. What is going on inside the world of Australian Rules Football? The heady mix of young players and vast amounts of money as well as the mostly male executive teams who operate behind closed doors provide a prime breeding ground for corruption. *One Season* is the fictional account of life in the Tassie Devils, the newest club in the National Australian Rules Football Competition (NARC).

In *One Season* journalist Louis White has created a work of fiction so real, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was.

As a young boy, author Louis White was lucky enough to be selected in a developmental Aussie Rules squad for one of the local Western Australian Football League clubs. Working as a journalist for over 25 years both here and in Japan and England, White has covered sport internationally and it is this experience that closely informed the writing of *One Season*.

About the book -

Angelo Astone has just been recruited to the Tassie Devils in the National Australian Rules Football Competition (NARC). He is an 18-year-old boy from country Victoria. Todd Thomson is the star of the competition, captain of the Tassie Devils who has been recruited from Western Australia to help lift the team. There is only one problem - Thomson has a serious drug problem and can't control it. Not only that but he is coercing other players, especially new recruits, to sell drugs for him as he grows his drug empire. The Tassie Devils are struggling. In debt to the tune of \$20 million, they haven't played finals in five years and revenue in all areas is falling. The club's chairman, Geoffrey Bush, a successful businessman, thinks the only way out of the debt is to float the club on the stockmarket.

As the season unfolds drama after drama encapsulates the club with Thomson's behaviour growing more reckless and young Angelo falling in love for the first time. Thomson's network of drug suppliers grows causing mayhem in and out of the club who are more than willing to turn a blind eye in the quest for a premiership. What are the consequences? And what price will the club play? *One Season* depicts one topsy turvy ride of a professional sporting club who think the only boundaries that exist are the ones marking the oval.

About the author –

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