



Palio

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- **PALIO** is the official publication launched in conjunction with the release of the award-winning film
- The Palio, the famous bare-back horse race, is the most important event in Siena, taking place on July 2 and August 16 every year
- Directed by Cosima Spender, written by John Hunt, and produced by James Gay-Rees

"A compelling tale of Italian community, machismo, bribery and ambition." *Financial Times*

The Greatest Story Never Told **PALIO** is a richly illustrated celebration of the legendary horse race which has united the people of Siena for centuries. Showcasing never before seen imagery from specially commissioned photography, together with epic film stills and rare archival images, **PALIO** is Italy in microcosm.

This authoritative volume explains not only the civic ritualism and rich symbolism of this extraordinary event, but how "the game" is played both on and off the racetrack. For the "assassin" jockeys and the passionate Sienese - *il Palio e vita* - the Palio is life. **PALIO** is the official publication launched in conjunction with the release of award-winning film, *PALIO*, directed by Cosima Spender, written by John Hunt and Cosima Spender, and produced by John Hunt and James Gay-Rees.

John Hunt is an Irishman with a boundless passion for creating and storytelling. Described by the *Financial Times* as 'a renaissance man and serial entrepreneur', he has active and diverse interests in art, commerce, education, food, philanthropy, technology and wine and has been an aficionado of the Palio for over twenty years.