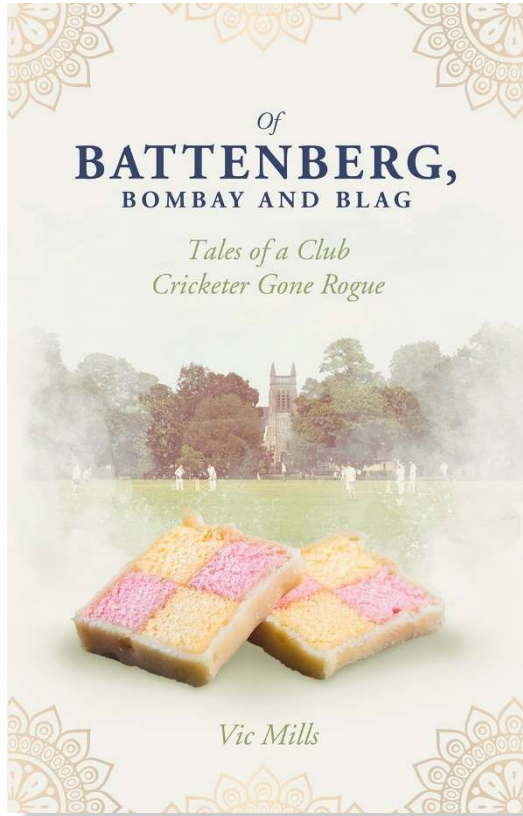




Title information



Of Battenberg, Bombay and Blag

Tales of a Club Cricketer Gone Rogue

By Victor Mills

Key features

- Captivating collection of quirky first-hand accounts and opinion pieces that will resonate with all club cricketers
- Rich in invention and satire-free to target cricket's traditions (ancient and modern), the book includes rewrites of *A Christmas Carol*, the traditional panto and the spoofing of *Spycatcher*
- Confronts the amateur game in Australia head-on and helmetless along with the rarefied atmosphere of the press box on Test days
- At the other end of the cricketing spectrum there is a decade-long project with Mumbai's slum kids, plus Brexit-busting Kit Aid for Europe's refugee cricketers
- Colour and black and white photos from Vic's personal collection and that of Project Front Foot
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Of Battenberg, Bombay and Blag is a blood, sweat and beers switch hit across the decades with first-hand accounts and opinion pieces on club cricket, Test matches, the Hundred and IPL. With a decade of club cricket under his belt, Vic Mills heads to Australia in search of adventure only to suffer a severe bout of sledging, but he is one of the few to witness World Series Cricket. With *Bodyline* almost forgotten, he turns out for the Bar & Bench of Melbourne, the Gentlemen of Ballarat and (his only cap) an Australian Embassy XI in Manila. Chaos ensues in the 1980s as he blags his way into Test grounds around Australia with a building industry union card doubling as a press pass. In the 1990s, he becomes a reluctant reporter, accredited to cricket's press corps courtesy of the *Times of India* and *Jakarta Post*. Fast forward to 2009 and Vic is the driving force behind Project Front Foot, a decade-long venture to create a cricket academy for the children of South Asia's largest slum. Today, the project supports refugee cricketers in Europe.

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