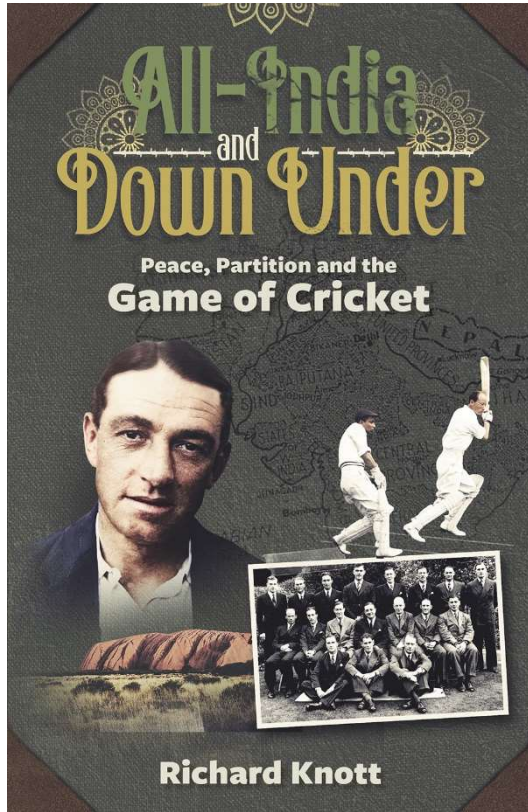




Title information



All-India and Down-Under

Peace, Partition and the Game of Cricket

By Richard Knott

Key features

- The story of two dramatic cricket tours set against a sombre post-war backdrop
- Examines cricket's return in 1946, describes the war's impact on cricketers' lives and sets cricket in a wider political context
- Reveals the drama of Tests played in the period and the reality of cricketing tours
- Focuses on key cricketers of the time, including the fading Walter Hammond, Don Bradman's renaissance and how the Nawab of Pataudi fared against England
- Features diverse figures John Arlott, Hedley Verity, Dylan Thomas, 'Dickie' Moubatten and Mahatma Gandhi
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

All-India and Down-Under is the dramatic story of two cricket tours undertaken in the aftermath of the Second World War. For seven years the war had put the careers of England's cricketers on hold. Then, in 1946, England played three Tests against 'All-India'. However, it proved to be the last such tour: by mid-1947, Indian partition had cut the country in two, a process that was violent and bloody. While the tourists were in England, struggling in a cold, wet summer, their own country was in turmoil. As that tour drew to a close in September, the MCC sent a party of war-weary cricketers to Australia to play the first Ashes series since 1938. The English were ill-prepared, some scarcely out of uniform, while others carried the physical and mental scars of the war years. For the aging captain, Walter Hammond, it would prove a tour too far. The book follows the cricketing drama of both tours amid the political uncertainty of the time, with a Labour government struggling to disentangle Britain from its Empire.

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