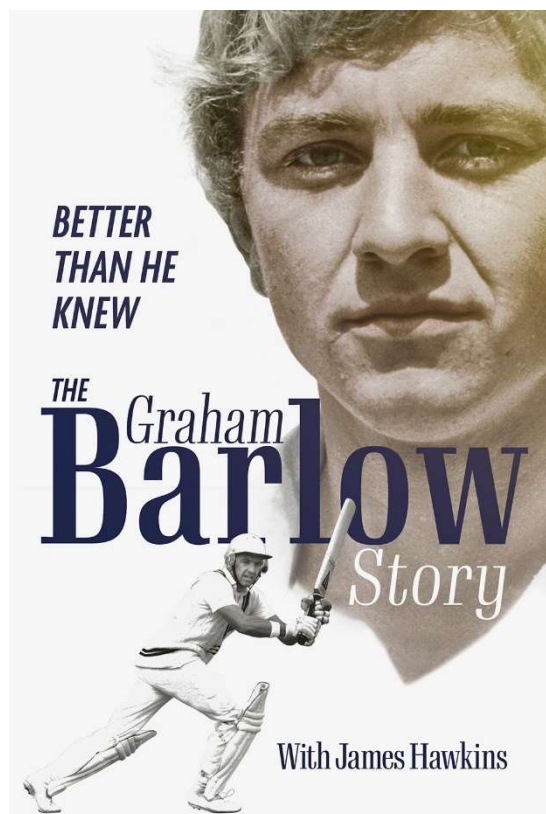




## Title information



### Better Than He Knew

The Graham Barlow Story

With James Hawkins

#### Key features

- Graham shares his memories and thoughts to peel back the layers of his life, from early childhood to the present day
- Celebrates a golden age of success for Middlesex CCC, describing the many events and characters that Graham encountered
- Reveals how this talented schoolboy cricketer struggled to adjust to becoming professional
- Analyses Graham's impact on pre-season fitness and preparation after his time at Loughborough College
- Recalls the build-up and aftermath of a 300-day England career
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

*Better Than He Knew: The Graham Barlow Story* recalls the cricketing life of Graham Barlow, a talented all-round sportsman and largely unsung member of the Middlesex team that dominated domestic cricket from 1976 to 1985. Emerging from schoolboy cricket, seven years passed before he established himself in 1976. Cast aside after a 300-day international career, his focus on fitness and fielding often overshadowed his pugnacious batting. After a disastrous 1982, promotion to the top of the order to open with Wilf Slack provided the stability that he longed for and triggered the most successful period of his career until injury forced retirement. A global coaching career followed with success in New Zealand as head coach of Central Districts. *Better Than He Knew* is a deeply personal tribute that includes Graham's memoirs and synchronistic thoughts about the ups and downs of his life and career. There's also insight from former team-mates, whose stories celebrate this likeable cricketer and a golden era of county cricket.

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