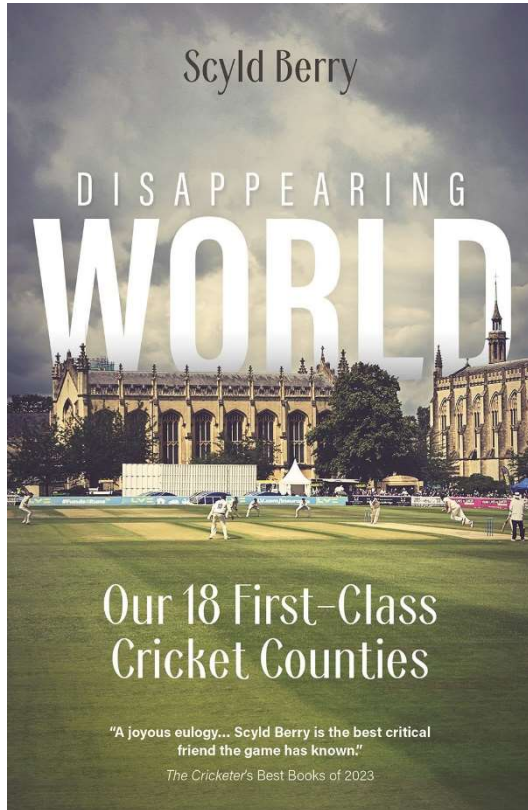




## Title information



### Disappearing World

Our 18 First-Class Counties

By Scyld Berry

#### Key features

- In-depth profiles of 18 first-class counties, fashioned from the author's personal observations over the last 60 years
- How county cricket took off, on the back of W.G. Grace, as the first professional team sport
- The key role of four extraordinary secretaries who created Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Worcestershire almost single-handedly
- Scyld won the SJA's Cricket Journalist of the Year award in 2018, has won several cricket book of the year awards and was editor of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* for four years; he is currently chief cricket writer at the *Telegraph*
- Colour photographs of the most beautiful grounds in England and Wales and of the greats who played there
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

Award-winning cricket writer Scyld Berry brings us a heartfelt celebration of what county cricket has been for more than a hundred years – an integral part of English life. Drawing on 60 years' experience of watching county cricket, the author provides an in-depth profile of each of the 18 first-class counties, delving into the past to explore how the game took off, in no small part thanks to the legendary W.G. Grace. With change and possible existential threat looming in the shape of The Hundred franchise, and the proliferation of T20 tournaments around the world, the England and Wales Cricket Board is looking to cut the County Championship to just ten games per season. There's never been a more pertinent time to unpick the workings of this centuries-old institution and examine why its survival is so important.

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