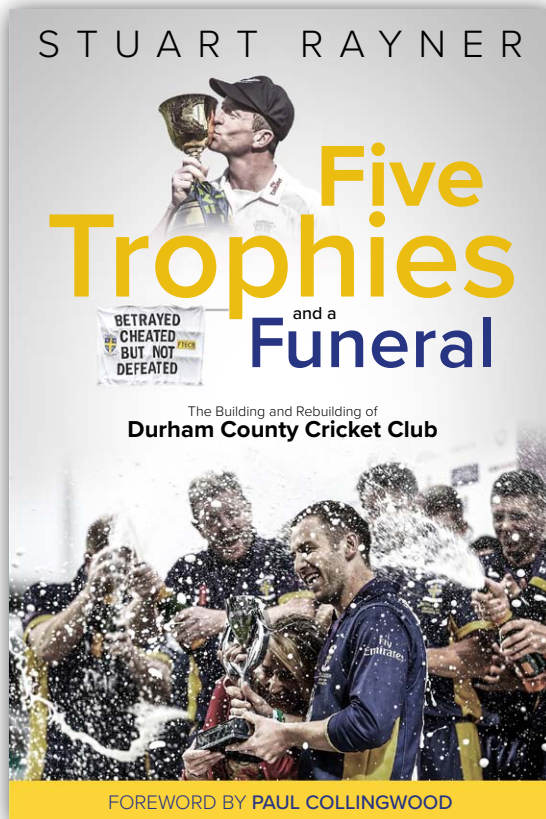




## Title information



### Five Trophies and a Funeral

The Building and Rebuilding of  
Durham County Cricket Club

By Stuart Rayner

#### Key features

- Interviews with many of the players and officials involved in the rise and fall of Durham CCC
- Of interest not only as a rollercoaster cricket story, but also as a cautionary tale for any ambitious sports club
- Written by experienced cricket writer and journalist Stuart Rayner, who currently covers the first-class game for *The Journal* in the North East
- Stuart's *The War of the White Roses* was nominated for the Cricket Writers' Club Book of the Year and described by *The Telegraph* as 'excellent'
- Colour photo section including a number of important and iconic images from the time

#### Description

*Five Trophies and a Funeral: The Building and Rebuilding of Durham County Cricket Club* is the story of how English cricket's youngest first-class county quickly became the country's top team, before overstretching themselves financially to the brink of extinction. When Durham joined the professional game in 1992 they aspired to be a major on-field force and a home to top international cricket. The high demands put on them as a condition of entry, together with their own lofty ambitions, pushed the club to five major trophies in seven seasons while providing England with top-quality players reared in the North East. But striving for ever more at a time of economic downturn led them to live beyond their means, and they were heavily punished for overspending that the authorities partly encouraged. Now they are looking to restore past glories under the chairmanship of Sir Ian Botham. Part fairy tale, part cautionary story, *Five Trophies* explains how Durham arrived where they are, and where they aim to go next.

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