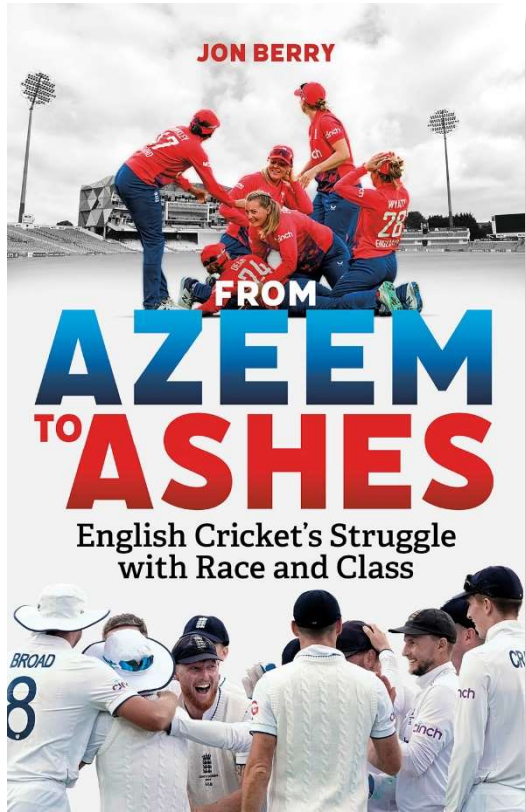




Title information



From Azeem to Ashes

English Cricket's Struggle with Race and Class

By Jon Berry

Key features

- Written for lovers of cricket who want to protect the game's future
- Unsentimental but affectionate analysis of how cricket needs to face up to its problems with race and class
- An inclusive overview of modern cricket with sections devoted to the women's game and grassroots developments
- Input and endorsement from ACE, cricket's major quest for talent from the inner cities led by Ebony Rainford-Brent
- Authoritative and impeccably researched: serious content with a light touch
- Colour photo section with images of historical, grassroots and topical interest
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

From Azeem to Ashes charts the last, miserable days of Joe Root's captaincy in early 2022 through to the T20 World Cup victory before the breathless Bazball Ashes finale at the Oval. It's a book written for cricket lovers by a cricket lover, with voices from clubs, the boardroom and the commentary box. September 2020: cricket is in the headlines for the first time since the 2005 Ashes. But the focus is racism, not runs or wickets. Azeem Rafiq's treatment has ignited fierce debate about prejudice and class. The book never ducks uncomfortable questions posed by the Rafiq affair. Why do England's cricket teams – men's and women's – look so unlike the nation they represent? How can grassroots participation be developed and preserved? In the franchise-driven, global circus of modern cricket, what place is there for Tests – or even 50-over games? *From Azeem to Ashes* rejects sentimentality, taking a hard-nosed – but affectionate and humorous – look at the game. It's a book written for those who want to protect its future.

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