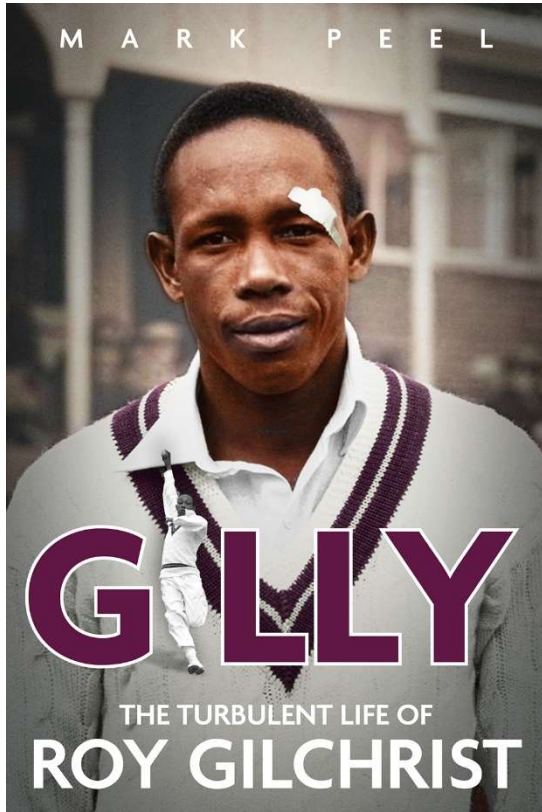




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Gilly

The Turbulent Life of Roy Gilchrist

By Mark Peel

Key features

- First ever biography of a turbulent life touched by prejudice and poor judgment
- Gripping story that uncovers much fresh material about Gilchrist, not least why he was sent home from India in disgrace and why he was never reinstated
- Destroys the myth that cricket is a gentleman's game
- Leans heavily on the testimony of fellow Jamaican and West Indian fast bowler Chester Watson, who tried to save Gilchrist from his inner demons
- A book that adds to the current debate about racism in cricket
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Gilly: The Turbulent Life of Roy Gilchrist is the tragic account of a cricket meteor who crashed to earth all too quickly because of his flawed temperament. Born into grinding poverty in rural Jamaica in 1934, Gilchrist's prowess as a phenomenal fast bowler quickly gained international recognition, but the failure to curb his unstable temperament saw him sent home from the West Indies tour of India in 1959 for dangerous bowling. A victim of the class-ridden clique that ran West Indies cricket, Gilchrist hardly helped his cause by refusing to alter his aggressive demeanour. Excessive gamesmanship and constant fights on and off the field, culminating in a prison sentence for attacking his wife with a hot iron, not only put paid to any hopes of reviving his Test career, it also tainted his reputation irrevocably. Sadly, he lived his final years as a pauper afflicted by disease.

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