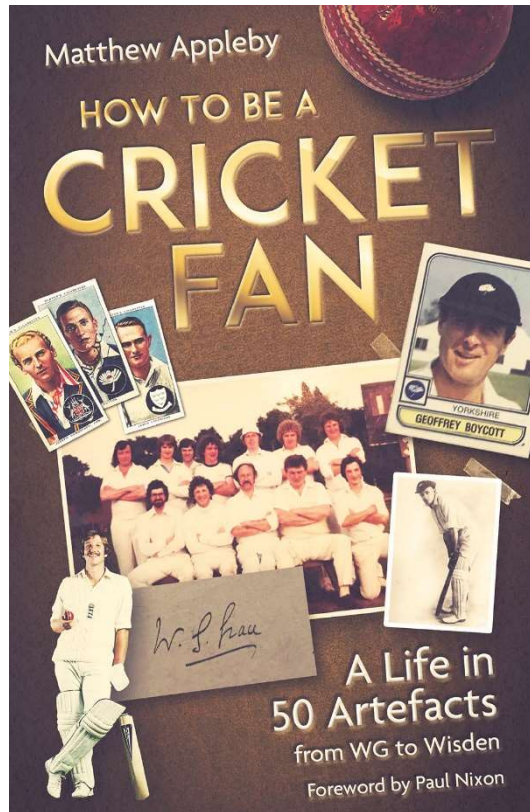




Title information



How to be a Cricket Fan

A Life in Fifty Artefacts from WG to Wisden

By Matthew Appleby

Key features

- One-of-a-kind, warm, nostalgic, funny take on an obsessive zeal for cricket by an author with a talent for finding the universal among cricket's byways
- First-hand entertaining accounts of Don Bradman's last Test, Geoff Boycott's 100th century, Ian Botham's Headingley heroics and Keswick CC's Cumberland Cup triumphs
- Enjoy the stories of Hansie Cronje's cap, WG's stalker, JWHT Douglas's autograph album, Plum Warner's anti-Bodyline book and *Private Eye* editor Richard Ingrams's brother's suitcase full of mouse-dropping-covered *Wisdens*
- Writer and broadcaster Matthew Appleby has covered cricket worldwide for 20 years
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

How to be a Cricket Fan: A Life in 50 Artefacts from WG to Wisden is a unique, nostalgic take on supporting the greatest sport, pre-internet. This relatable, universal story records how one cricketing obsessive encounters players from WG Grace to Ben Stokes, plus plenty of characters you're unlikely to have come across. With running themes of *Wisden*, sportsman's dinners and otterhounds, the book's hero meets Ian Botham and Linda Lusardi on the A6, drinks red wine while showing Fred Trueman his priceless collection and drives his family mad by taking them on summer holidays to buy John Arlott's old books. The colourful images on cigarette cards and the yellow linen cover of *Wisden* succoured a wartime evacuee who spent a lifetime trying to bring back those memories. After facing ruin, his passion culminated in him finding happiness in a dream career. This is the story of an English eccentric's journey from cricketing backwaters to entertaining the stars and becoming a leading authority on the game.

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