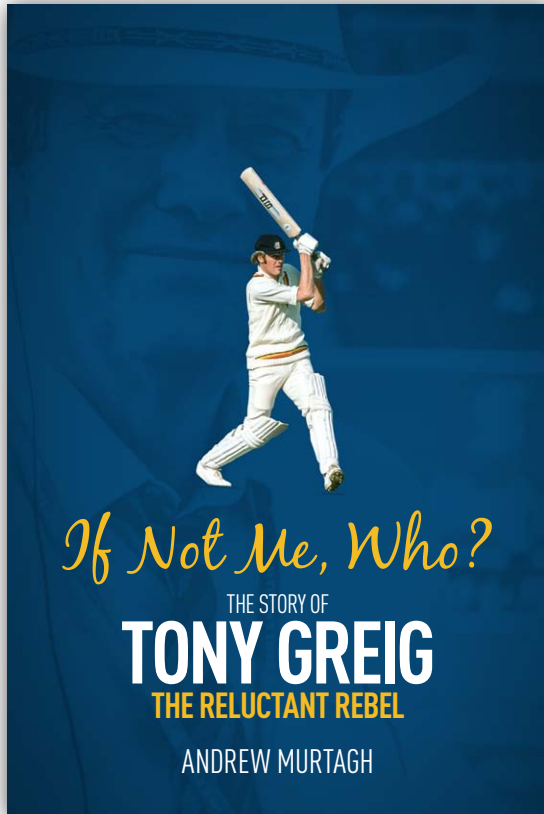




Title information



If Not Me, Who?

The Story of Tony Greig, the Reluctant Rebel

By Andrew Murtagh

Key features

- A towering figure with a personality to match, Greig played against the greats of the golden age, and was the undisputed number-one all-rounder in world cricket for a time
- Greig is seen as controversial due to his involvement with Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket; Murtagh separates facts from myths and examines Greig's true influence on momentous events that changed cricket forever
- The book seeks to do Greig justice – far from being reviled as a 'traitor' as the media portrayed him, he was liked and respected by all who knew him, almost without exception
- As a county cricketer who played with and against all the major personalities of Greig's era, the author is uniquely placed to tell Greig's story, gaining exclusive interviews
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

In March 1977, England cricket captain Tony Greig was arguably the most famous and popular sportsman in the country, and the best all-rounder in world cricket. He had recently led England to a famous series victory in India, her first successful campaign on the subcontinent since the Second World War. Then he had conjured a doughty performance from his travel-weary troops in the dramatic, one-off Centenary Test in Melbourne, narrowly losing by 45 runs. Within weeks, though, his reputation was in tatters. He was branded a traitor and mercenary, stripped of the England captaincy and excluded from the national side. He was also relieved of the Sussex captaincy and banned from first-class cricket for eight weeks. His involvement in the controversial Packer Revolution had caused his fall from grace. Soon afterwards, he left England for good for a commentary career in Australia. At 6ft 7in, Greig was a giant of the game both figuratively and literally. His life story is every bit as fascinating as the controversy that engulfed him.

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