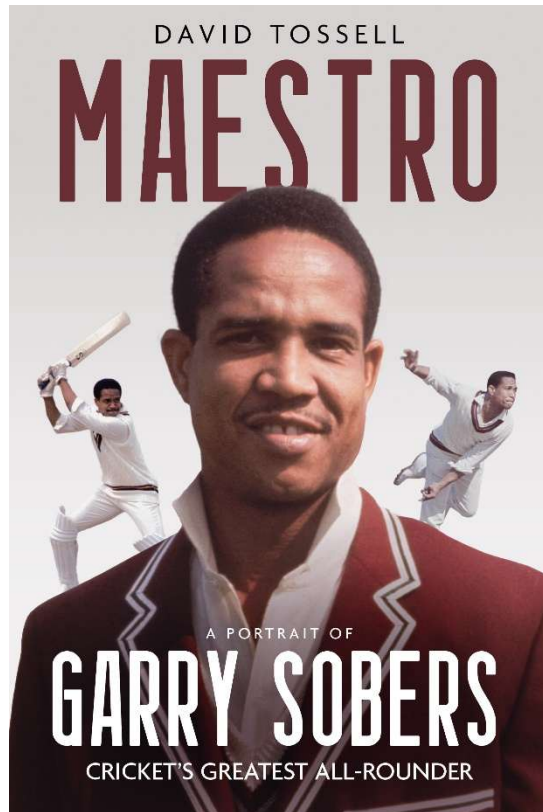




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Maestro

A Portrait of Garry Sobers, Cricket's Greatest All-Rounder

By David Tossell

Key features

- Definitive story of cricketing great Garry Sobers
- Traces his boyhood in Barbados, where he grew up in poverty after the wartime death of his father at sea
- Shows how Sobers developed from a left-arm spinner into the premier all-rounder and recalls his finest achievements
- Discusses the significance of Sobers's appointment as West Indies captain
- Dissects the political storm Sobers ignited by playing in Rhodesia, creating a diplomatic incident
- Sobers's wild lifestyle: the all-night drinking and gambling that rarely prevented him from performing great feats
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Description

Garry Sobers was the greatest cricketer of his generation, perhaps any generation. Devastating with the bat, a three-dimensional bowler and a casually brilliant fielder, he was named one of *Wisden's* Five Cricketers of the 20th Century, having risen from poverty in Barbados to become West Indies captain and receive a knighthood. An international debutant at 17, he set a new Test record by scoring 365 against Pakistan and went on to lift his nation to the top of the cricketing world for much of the 1960s. He marked his entry into English county cricket in 1968 by becoming the first man to smash six sixes in a single over. Yet his life was not without drama and controversy. His captaincy was deeply scrutinised, especially after a rash declaration in Trinidad led to defeat against England, while his decision to play in Rhodesia thrust him into a political and diplomatic storm that split the Caribbean and almost cost him his job. *Maestro* offers a full and impartial study of Sir Garfield Sobers, including his feats and his flaws, and celebrates perhaps the greatest talent ever seen on a cricket field.

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