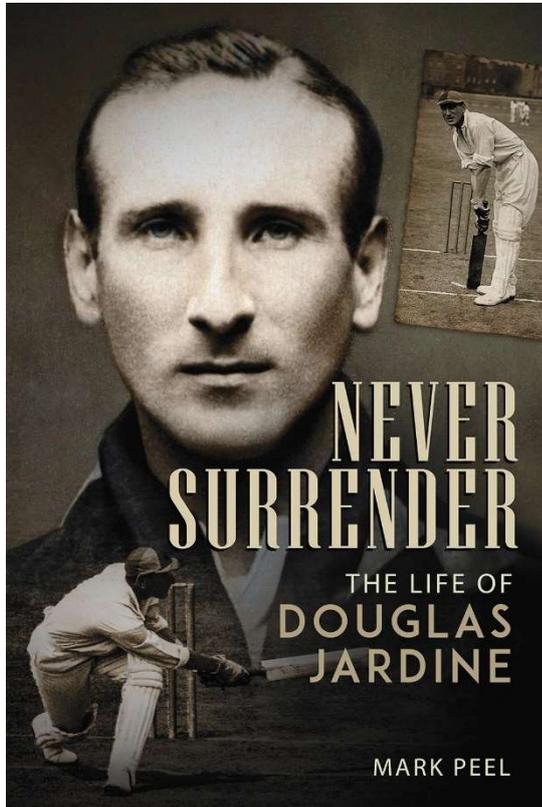




## Title information



### Never Surrender

The Life of Douglas Jardine

By Mark Peel

#### Key features

- Reassesses the image of Jardine as a heartless English snob, as he was portrayed in the Australian mini-series *Bodyline*
- Examines whether Jardine overthrew the game's values
- Investigates Jardine's lifelong feud with Australian legend Don Bradman
- Draws on fresh material in the MCC Archives that examines Jardine's captaincy of MCC in India in 1933/34
- Written by acclaimed cricket author Mark Peel, whose previous books include *England Expects: A Biography of Ken Barrington* (winner of the 1993 Cricket Society Literary Award) and *Ambassadors of Goodwill* (shortlisted for the MCC/Cricket Society Book of the Year 2018)
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Never Surrender: The Life of Douglas Jardine* is the enthralling story of England's most controversial cricket captain, forever associated with bodyline bowling on MCC's tour to Australia in 1932/33. Despite his privileged upbringing and amateur status, Jardine's steely personality and win-at-all-costs ethos was more akin to the professional game. Confronted with the run-making genius of Australia's Don Bradman in 1932/33, Jardine resorted to a form of intimidatory bowling that helped England regain the Ashes, but his tactics shocked Australia and brought relations between the two countries to the point of collapse. To restore harmony, Jardine was disowned by the MCC cricket establishment and shunned thereafter, but now – in a more modern, competitive age – his reputation has undergone a rehabilitation, not least in Australia. Drawing on fresh material, award-winning cricket author Mark Peel reappraises an outstanding leader whose care for those he valued knew no bounds.

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