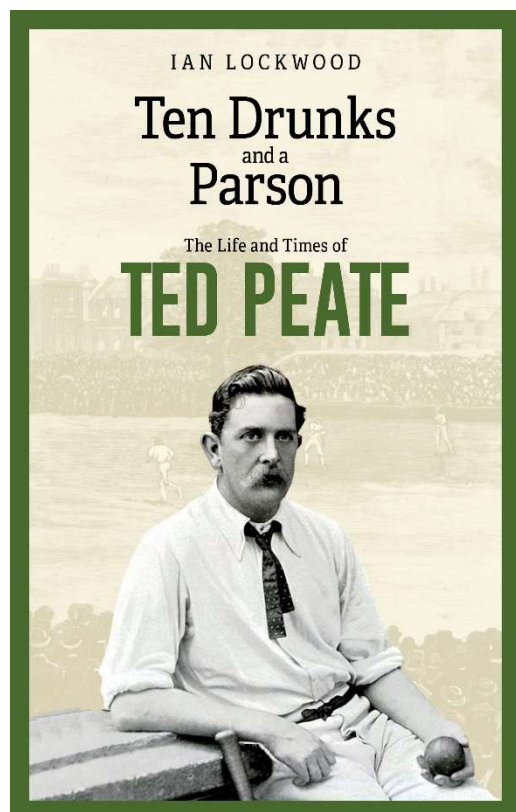




Title information



Ten Drunks and a Parson

The Life and Times of Ted Peate

By Ian Lockwood

Key features

- Fascinating life of a top Victorian cricketer hailed by W. G. Grace as the world's best spin bowler
- First biography of a man who had a pivotal role in the famous Test that gave birth to the Ashes
- Investigates the murky world of the professional cricketer and exposes new details about the scandal-ridden 1882 England tour to Australia
- Examines the truth behind the character flaws that led to Peate being sacked from Yorkshire
- With its emphasis on Peate's life and times, the book will appeal to lovers of Yorkshire county cricket and those interested in the emergence of the England cricket team or the development of sport in Britain
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Ten Drunks and a Parson uncovers the fascinating life story of Ted Peate, a top Victorian cricketer hailed by W. G. Grace as the world's best spin bowler. Peate is the cricketer whose name heads the Lord's honours board, yet he ended his life broke and is buried in an unmarked grave at the side of the runway at Leeds-Bradford airport. He was the last man out in the famous first 'Ashes' Test when Australia beat England at The Oval in 1882. But Peate had a weakness for drink, and when the autocratic Lord Hawke took over as captain of Yorkshire, with a brief to transform the under-performing team, he famously described them as 'ten drunks and a parson'. The first man he got rid of was the England Test player Peate, to the amazement of the cricketing world. From there it was a downward spiral as Peate drifted around club cricket and his eyesight grew progressively worse. This first-ever biography of Peate explores his working-class origins, his season touring local fetes with a group of clowns and the dramatic breakthrough that led to a tour of Australia after just one full season.

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