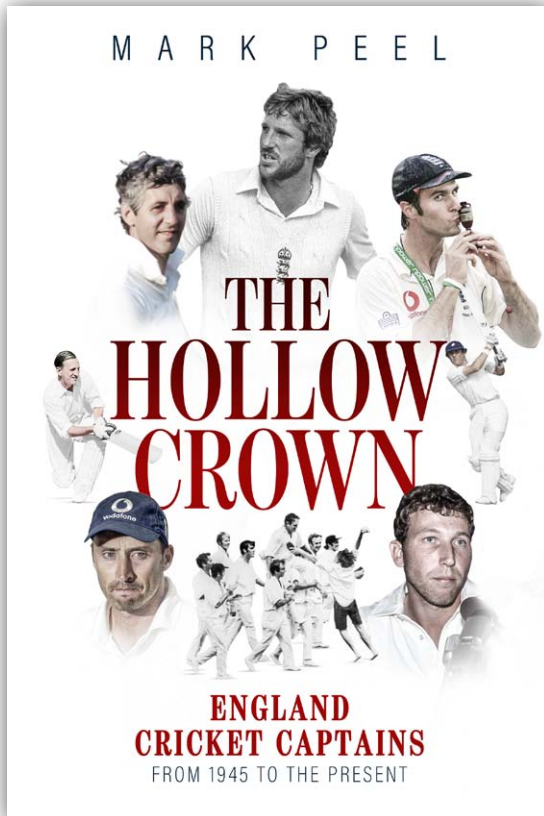




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The Hollow Crown

England Cricket Captains from 1945 to Present

Mark Peel

Key features

- The first major study of the England cricket captaincy for nearly three decades
- Discusses the changing role of the captaincy from the autocratic amateurs of the post-war years to the present
- Profiles every captain, exploring backgrounds, philosophy, strengths and weaknesses, and assesses their legacy
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- Explores the growing demands of the job, which have seen even the most successful captains fall prey to physical and mental fatigue and looks at the growing importance of the coach's role alongside the captain
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

Award-winning cricket writer Mark Peel charts the development of the England captaincy – from the autocratic captains of the post-war years to the dual captaincy of the present, where power is shared between captain and coach. Peel examines the huge demands the England captaincy imposes on the occupant and why few leave office with their reputation enhanced. You'll learn about the long-lasting legacy of the Hutton captaincy of the mid-1950s, the downfall of mavericks such as Brian Close, Tony Greig and Mike Gatting, the success of the Illingworth and Brearley eras and the chaos of the 1980s, when captains came and went with regular abandon, and finally the glory years of Michael Vaughan and Andrew Strauss. *The Hollow Crown* contains individual portraits of the 43 England captains, exploring their background, philosophy, strengths, weaknesses and the legacy they left, with special attention given to the likes of Hutton, May, Illingworth, Brearley, Atherton, Hussain, Vaughan and Strauss.

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