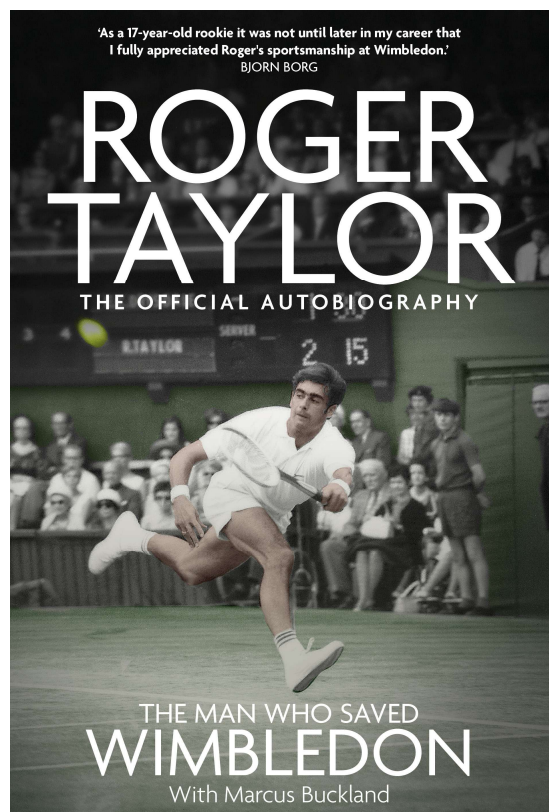




## Title information



### The Man Who Saved Wimbledon

Roger Taylor's Official Biography

By Roger Taylor, with Marcus Buckland

#### Key features

- Unique story from former British number one Roger Taylor – vilified by some but hugely respected by many more
- Written with experienced sports broadcaster Marcus Buckland
- Roger's background was far removed from the world of professional tennis: he never received any coaching yet became one of the finest players in the world
- Roger found himself engulfed in controversy when he defied the 1973 Wimbledon boycott implemented by the recently formed players' union
- Now 83, he has witnessed the transformation of tennis across the post-war period – from the days of Fred Perry to the Andy Murray era and beyond
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

In this intimate account, former British tennis number one Roger Taylor shares the highs and lows of a dramatic career that brought success and heartache on and off the court. This working-class lad from Sheffield reached three Wimbledon semi-finals and was twice US Open doubles champion. Awarded an MBE for his services to the sport, Roger found himself engulfed in controversy through his defiance of the 1973 Wimbledon boycott, which almost tore his world apart. In this revealing book, Roger reflects on his near-misses at Wimbledon, his explosive clashes with a number of contemporaries and how, after becoming one of the 'Handsome 8', he reinvented himself as a pioneer of tennis holidays in the sun while coping with a number of personal issues. Vilified by some but hugely respected by many more, Roger had to fight battles on and off court at a turbulent time in the history of tennis and went on to make his mark outside the sport as well.

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