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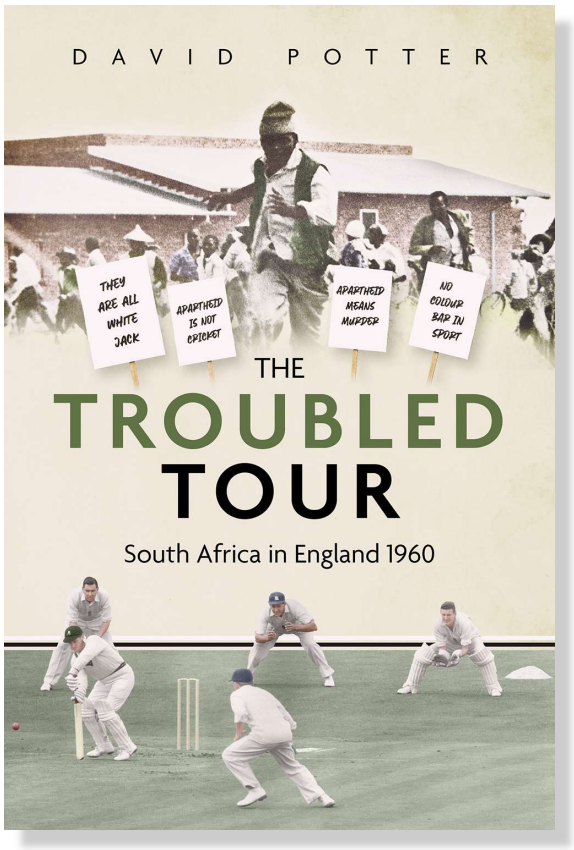

The Troubled Tour

South Africa in England 1960

By David Potter

Key features

- Vivid and detailed account of the South African tour to England in 1960
- Assesses the reaction in Great Britain to what was happening in South Africa, and the effect it had on the cricket
- Analyses the 'no ball' controversy involving Geoff Griffin, and the suspicion that there was more to it than Griffin's unfortunate action
- Depicts the remarkable events of the Lord's Test in which Griffin was effectively 'no-balled' out of the game, yet managed to take a hat-trick
- Celebrates the fine cricket played by England in some of the Test matches, particularly the fast bowling of Brian Statham and Fred Trueman
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The South African tour of England in 1960 was far from ordinary. The Springboks, under captain Jackie McGlew – and with fine players like Roy McLean, Hugh Tayfield and Neil Adcock – arrived full of confidence, but that confidence was quickly shaken. The tour began a few weeks after the Sharpeville massacre of April that year, and the cricket took place just as the world was waking up to the evils of apartheid. Then there was the 'no-balling' of Geoff Griffin, a controversy that had a great deal more to it than met the eye, revealing the sometimes unfortunate intervention of administrators into umpiring decisions. It may also have decided the series, for England won rather easily, but this of course was the era of the great English bowlers Brian Statham and Fred Trueman. All this took place before the all-seeing eyes of the new medium of television, and it was one of the first tours to be featured in detail on BBC TV. *The Troubled Tour* leaves no stone unturned to bring you the full story of that extraordinary tour.

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