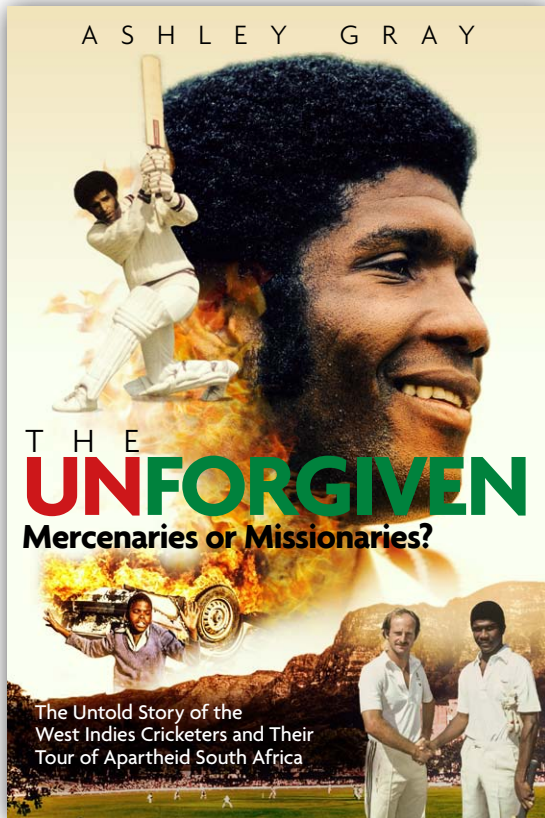




## Title information



### The Unforgiven

Missionaries or Mercenaries? The Tragic Story of the Rebel West Indian Cricketers Who Toured Apartheid South Africa

By Ashley Gray

#### Key features

- The story of a tragic fall from grace, with appeal to both sporting and mainstream readerships
- The first time all living members of the WI rebel sides have been contacted to speak about their South Africa experiences
- Shocking revelations on how the experience affected their lives and previously unheard testimony from players confined to the scrapheap of history – and society
- Written by Ashley Gray, respected sports journalist writing for *Wisden* and *The Guardian* (Australia)
- Colour photo section including up-to-date pictures of the players taken during the author's Caribbean travels
- Publicity campaign planned

#### Description

In the early 80s, 20 black West Indian cricketers were paid more than \$100,000 each to take part in rebel tours of apartheid South Africa. Some, such as Lawrence Rowe and Alvin Kallicharran, were household names in the Caribbean and around the world, while others were fringe players seeking a short cut out of poverty. All would be condemned by the international cricketing fraternity. Accused of pocketing 'blood money' in order to prop up a regime that systematically discriminated against people of their own colour, they were banned for life from playing the sport they loved. In many cases, they were shunned by their fellow countrymen. A few turned to drugs and gangs, some turned to God – and others found themselves begging on the streets and dealing with mental illness. Forgotten and neglected for close to four decades, *The Unforgiven* tells their often-tragic stories through face-to-face interviews that explore the human cost of an onerous decision made early in these young men's lives.

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