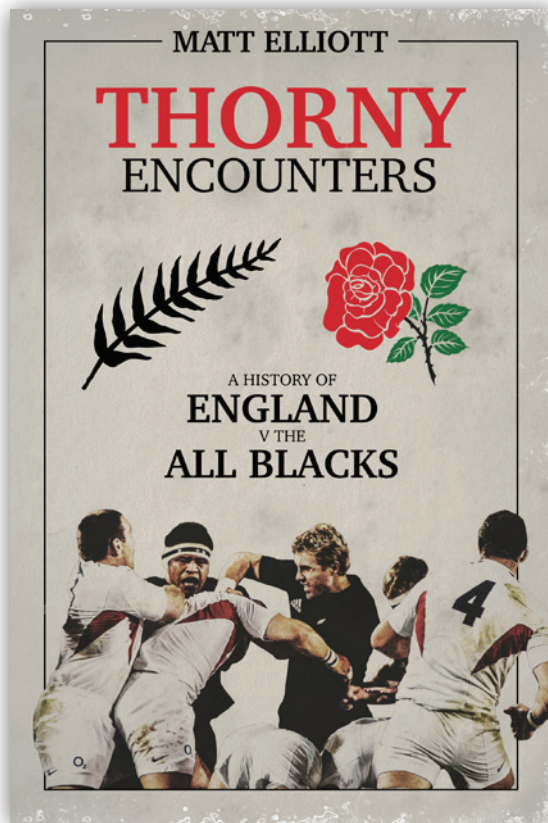




## Title information



### Thorny Encounters

A History of England v The All Blacks

By Matt Elliott

#### Key features

- The first rugby history devoted solely to Test matches between England and New Zealand's All Blacks
- Features in-depth coverage of each match, player reminiscences, excerpts from media reports, team lists, statistics and trivia
- Written by award-winning, best-selling rugby author, Matt Elliott
- Includes images from iconic matches
- Timed for release just before the much-anticipated November 2018 meeting between England and the All Blacks at Twickenham
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

#### Description

In 1905, Vic Cartwright's England rugby team lined up against Dave Gallaher's touring All Blacks at Crystal Palace – the first ever meeting of two national teams. Ensuing matches, in both the amateur and professional eras, have been dramatic and controversial, steeped in the historical rivalry between the traditional home of the game for the nation that has claimed rugby as its own. Men in white (such as Wakefield, Beaumont, Carling, Leonard and Johnson) versus men in black (Meads, Lochore, Fitzpatrick, Lomu, McCaw). Hakas drowned out by rousing renditions of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'. Grinding forward tussles on cold, murky afternoons and sweeping back-line movements on sun-lit grounds. *Thorny Encounters* chronicles the first 40 Test matches between England and New Zealand, in which giants of the sport have measured themselves against each other. In the professional era, the match has become the clash of the hemispheres.

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