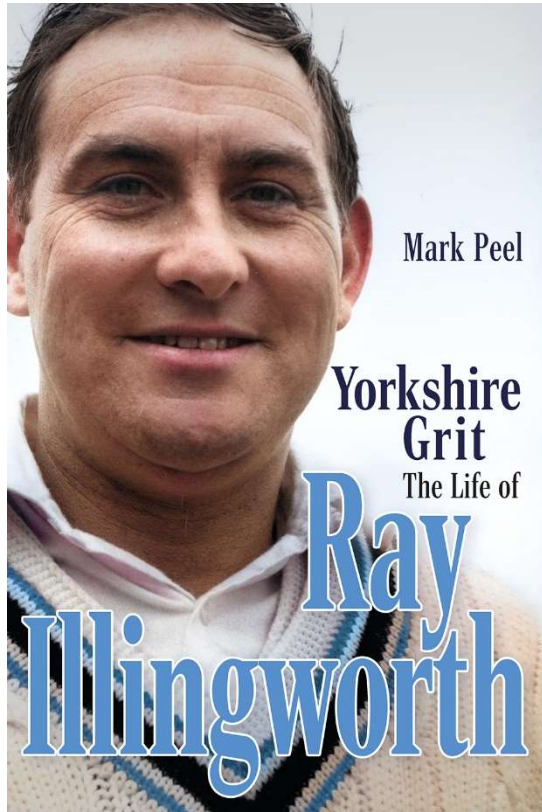




## Title information



### Yorkshire Grit

The Life of Ray Illingworth

By Mark Peel

#### Key features

- Reveals how Illingworth's tough Yorkshire upbringing shaped his combative character and win-at-all-costs ethos
- Charts Illingworth's major contribution to the great Yorkshire sides of the 1950s and 60s
- Learn how his anti-establishment views helped keep him out of the England side for most of the 1960s
- Explores his success as captain of England and Leicestershire
- Looks at the circumstances behind his appointment and dismissal as manager of Yorkshire
- Examines the autocratic personality and outdated views that caused his failure as England's chairman of selectors
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Yorkshire Grit: The Life of Ray Illingworth* is a fascinating account of one of English cricket's most outstanding figures told by award-winning writer Mark Peel. Raised in the harsh world of Yorkshire cricket, Illingworth's all-round ability and tactical acumen made him an indispensable member of their great sides of the 1950s and 60s. Leaving Yorkshire in 1968, he went on to captain Leicestershire to unprecedented success, and also became one of England's finest captains and the first man since Douglas Jardine nearly 40 years earlier to regain the Ashes in Australia. Yet for all his success on the field, Illingworth's attritional tactics and refusal to compromise made him a controversial figure. His return to Yorkshire as manager was marred by a clash with Geoff Boycott, while his time as England's chairman of selectors and manager saw clashes with Mike Atherton and other top players. In this first biography of Illingworth for nearly 50 years, Peel reappraises a dominant personality who never shied away from controversy.

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