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No-Balls and Googlies A Cricket Companion

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Description

Cricket is undoubtedly *the* elegant game, occupying a long-established and distinguished position in the annals of sporting history. Played by gentlemen the world over, the word cricket may derive from the Anglo-Saxon word *cricc*, meaning a staff or crutch - giving us a game played with a long wooden implement - and the first (reliable) mention dates back to Guildford in the 16th century.

No-Balls and Googlies uncovers the origins of this captivating game, and explores its traditions, records, milestones and memorable moments through a fascinating array of facts and figures, anecdotes and curiosities.

For example, did you know that the Hambledon Club of Hampshire, founded around 1767, is generally perceived as cricket's spiritual home? Or that British and Australian troops conducted their own Desert Ashes series in Iraq in 2005? Or perhaps an England XI's first overseas tour was to the United States?

From the leg glance to leg before, king pair to cover drive, and from the no-ball to the googly, this book is sure to entertain, inform and delight.

Sales Points

- *No-Balls and Googlies* uncovers the origins of the captivating game of cricket and explores its traditions, records, milestones and most memorable moments
- Provides an amusing insight into cricket's quirky characters, and presents a wealth of facts, trivia, quotations and stories, as well as outlining the basics of the game
- The perfect gift for any cricket fan!
- Published to tie in with the Ashes, commencing in July 2013

Reviews

- 'Full of amusing anecdotes, statistics and a history of the game' - *Best of British*
- 'From the leg glance to the leg before, this informs and delights' - *Lancashire Evening Post*

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Geoff Tibballs is the author of many bestselling books. His titles for Michael O'Mara Books include *Crap Teams*, *Is It Just Me Or Is Everything Great?*, *The Seniors' Survival Guide*, *Senior Jokes (The Ones You Can Remember)*, *Seriously Senior Moments (Or, Have You Bought This Book Before?)* and *A Book for Grandad*.

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