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Description

Faces on a Wall

An English County's Curious Collection of Captains

By Andrew Radd

Key features

- Unusual and distinctive take on the captains of an English cricket county, including extraordinary characters and top internationals
- Features insights and anecdotes from a number of the individuals involved, focusing on aspects of social history as well as the cricketing dimension
- Andrew is an acknowledged expert on Northamptonshire cricket and a familiar voice through his BBC commentaries; he has reported on the county for 40 years
- This is his eighth book; previous volumes include the club's official history with Matthew Engel and the authorised biography of David Steele
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

The 'faces on a wall' in this book are Northamptonshire's captains since 1878, whose portraits appear together in the pavilion at Wantage Road. An astonishingly diverse bunch, they represent the changing face of the county game over the past century and a half. As cricketers, they range from cheerfully hopeless to solidly competent, to world-beating. As characters they are an astoundingly varied group, encompassing a peer who went bankrupt, the husband of a famous artist's favourite model, an England football international, an outstanding bowler (but with woods and jack), a gallant leader who died on active service, the man who revitalised both Northamptonshire and England teams after the Second World War and the shrewd skipper described by Mike Selvey as the best county leader of his time. This book reflects the unique flavour of county cricket and the remarkable assortment of individuals who have led Northamptonshire over nearly a century and a half.

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