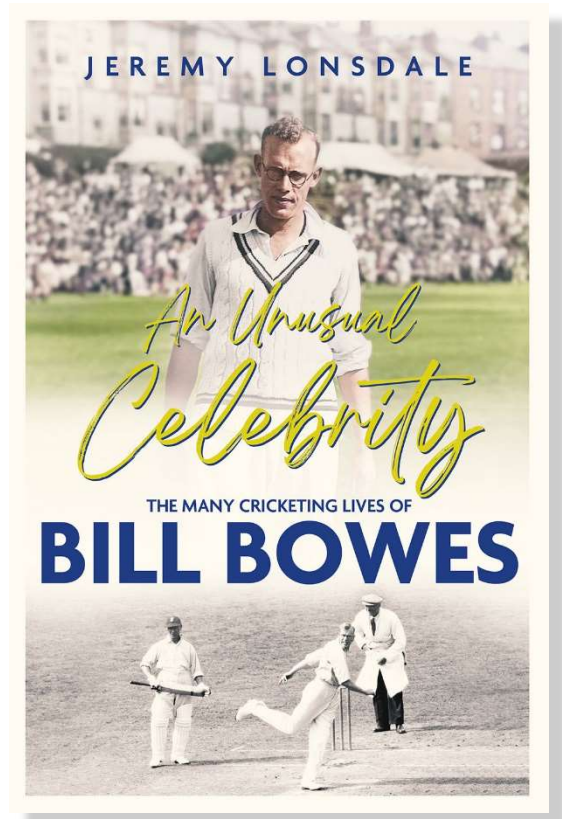




Title information



An Unusual Celebrity

The Many Cricketing Lives of Bill Bowes

By Jeremy Lonsdale

Key features

- First-ever biography of one of the most popular, respected and thoughtful cricketers of the 20th century
- Fascinating story of one man's lifelong devotion to cricket and cricketers as a Test player, coach, writer and advocate for the game and its true traditions
- Draws on multiple sources that help to illuminate every aspect of the life of a much-admired man
- Written by an author with a track record of respected writing on the history of Yorkshire cricket, two of whose previous books have been longlisted for the MCC/Cricket Society and The Cricket Writers' Club awards
- Illustrated with a range of images from a time when cricketers were at the peak of their popularity
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

An Unusual Celebrity: The Many Cricketing Lives of Bill Bowes is the inspiring story of one of English cricket's most popular personalities, who dedicated his life to the game from the 1920s to the 1980s. An often devastating bowler for Yorkshire in the 1930s, Bowes was a crucial part of one of the greatest ever county teams. He bowled Bradman first ball during the famous 'Bodyline' series but was tainted for some by his regular use of the 'bumper'. Tall, unathletic, modest and playing in glasses, Bowes did not fit the mould of the typical opening bowler. Captured in North Africa in 1942, he spent three years in prisoner-of-war camps, and helped others through the ordeal. On release, he played for two more seasons before serving as a respected and forthright journalist for 25 years. A man of many talents, as part of the Yorkshire coaching staff, he nurtured Fred Trueman and Brian Close, but he was also a broadcaster and popular public speaker, while his other interests included magic and film-making.

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