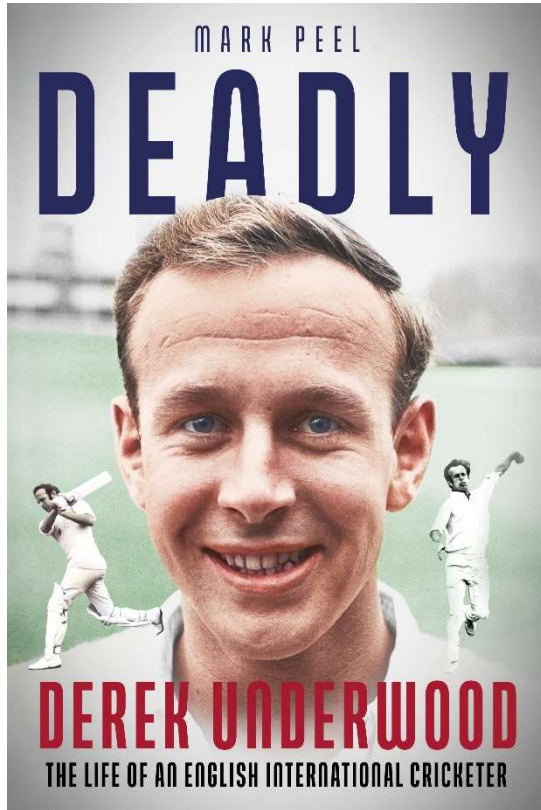




## Title information



### Deadly

The Life of English International Cricketer  
Derek Underwood

By Mark Peel

### Key features

- Assesses the influence of Les Ames, Colin Cowdrey and Kent on Underwood's burgeoning career
- Examines his unique style of bowling and why he was so destructive on certain types of pitch
- How he dealt with the pressure associated with the jibe that 'England would carry Underwood around in case of rain'
- Underwood's enormous contribution to the great Kent side of the 1970s
- The reasons behind his signing for Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket and the England rebel side to South Africa in 1982 and the controversy this attracted
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

*Deadly* is the first-ever biography of Kent and England cricketing legend Derek Underwood. A key member of Ray Illingworth's Ashes-winning side to Australia in 1970/71, he won further acclaim for his demolition of Australia at Headingley in 1972 when England retained the Ashes. In 1977, at the height of his powers, he courted controversy by joining Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket. Although restored to the England side following the outbreak of peace, Underwood was never the same bowler and after an unsuccessful tour of India in 1981/82 he faced further criticism for joining the England rebel tour to South Africa. Always a Kent stalwart and an invaluable member of their great side of the 1970s, he continued to give them sterling service until his retirement in 1987. This book brings you the inside track on Underwood's life and career through exclusive interviews with friends and team-mates, uncovering the secret of his phenomenal success and the endearing qualities that made him such a much-loved figure.

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