



## Title information



### Do They Play Cricket in Ireland?

A 25-year Journey to a Test Match at Lord's

By David Townsend

#### Key features

- Compelling inside story of how a talented bunch of amateurs joined the top table of world cricket
- Fascinating tale, full of anecdotes and insights, which will appeal not only to Irish fans but to all lovers of the game
- David Townsend is well known as cricket writer for the *Irish Independent*, the biggest-selling newspaper on the island, for 12 years
- He has also written for the *Belfast Telegraph* and reported for RTE and Radio Ulster, the two main radio stations
- Colour photo section courtesy of Barry Chambers, the former Ireland media manager
- David has contacts throughout the cricket world including on various BBC platforms as well as extensively in Ireland
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Do They Play Cricket in Ireland* is the inside story of a rollercoaster ride that took the Boys in Green from rank amateurs to playing Test matches, and dismissing England for 85. Every stage of the journey is charted by a writer who was at the heart of the action: instrumental in Ed Joyce joining Middlesex and the tactician who helped Ireland win their first global tournament. Read about stunning victories over Pakistan, England and the West Indies, Eoin Morgan's debut at Eton, an annoying redhead's spiky spats with Brian Lara, Kevin Pietersen and the Namibian farming community, the fastest century in World Cup history, a cricket-loving former IRA commander and a six-hitting sheep strangler. As friend and confidant to many of the players and coaches who took Ireland to the top table of world cricket, David Townsend is uniquely placed to tell this remarkable story. Written in diary format, in a chatty, humorous style, the book is part travelogue as it follows the team through more than 20 countries and across five continents.

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