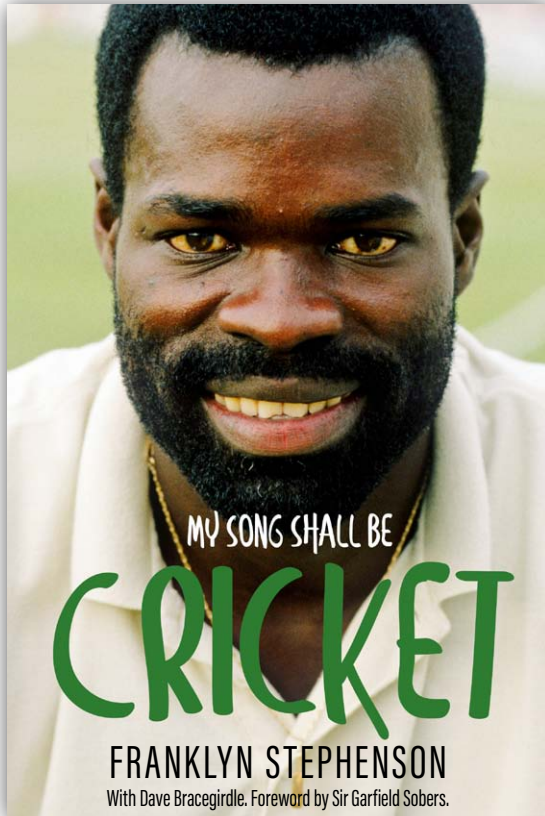




## Title information



### **My Song Shall Be Cricket**

The Autobiography of Franklyn Stephenson

By Franklyn Stephenson,  
with Dave Bracegirdle

#### **Key features**

- A hugely popular figure in cricket, known for his beaming smile and incomparable skills as an all-rounder
- A controversial personal take on the 'rebel' tour of apartheid South Africa – did Franklyn really 'see right from wrong' or was he a naive political pawn?
- Overcame bans, personal slurs, authority and question marks against character to become a cricketing great
- Written by Franklyn Stephenson in collaboration with Dave Bracegirdle, respected sports broadcaster, author and journalist
- Colour photo section includes pictures from Franklyn's own personal collection
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

#### **Description**

One of cricket's great characters, Franklyn Stephenson was branded a 'rebel' for touring in apartheid South Africa with a West Indian XI. As a black sportsman, he knew his actions went against the wishes of the authorities and that there would be consequences, yet he overcame the character slurs and subsequent bans from both his beloved Barbados and the West Indian Test selectors. Recognised as the first fast bowler to develop a cunning slower ball, Stephenson became one of the world's top all-rounders. The beaming Barbadian achieved cricketing immortality in 1988 by completing the domestic Double of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets during an English summer – a feat that is unlikely to be repeated. Read about encounters, on and off the field, with household names such as Viv Richards, Andy Roberts, Clive Lloyd and Desmond Haynes – and a lifelong friendship with Sir Garfield Sobers. From a childhood full of dramatic life experiences to the heights of one-day finals at Lord's, here is the story of an amiable cricketing giant.

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