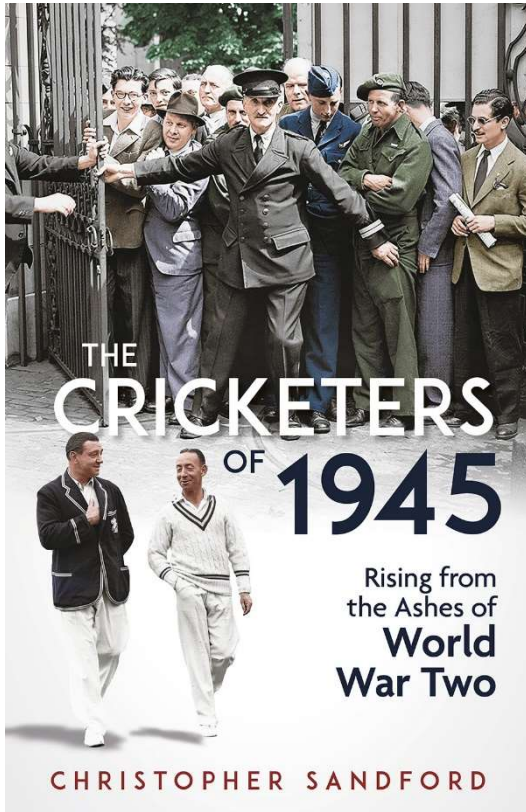




Title information



The Cricketers of 1945

Rising from the Ashes of World War Two

By Christopher Sandford

Key features

- Previously unpublished diary entries, personal correspondence and other fresh material illuminate daily life in the United Kingdom as it emerged from the shadow of war
- Exclusive interviews with a number of the then-living players who returned to the field in 1945
- Len Hutton, Keith Miller, Godfrey Evans – who between them did so much to distinguish the sport in the years ahead – bring the era to life
- Published to coincide with the event's 80th anniversary
- Christopher Sandford has published 30 previous books and writes for newspapers and magazines on both sides of the Atlantic; his book *The Final Innings* was joint winner of the 2020 Cricket Society/MCC Book of the Year award
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Cricketers of 1945 is the compelling, poignant, and above all human, story of the reawakening of English cricket in the immediate aftermath of the world's most destructive war. The book brings to life the summer's Victory Tests, played on home soil between England and Australia, as well as the personal stories of the players and their families, plus those of some of the hundreds of thousands of spectators who flocked to the matches to celebrate the return of something approaching normal life after the ordeal and sacrifice of the war years. This vivid account is illuminated by fresh archival research, encompassing the diaries and personal letters of both cricketers and cricket lovers, giving the reader a strong sense of what it was like to be alive at this unique time as much of the world awoke, or was still awakening, from the nightmare ordeal of the long years of conflict.

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