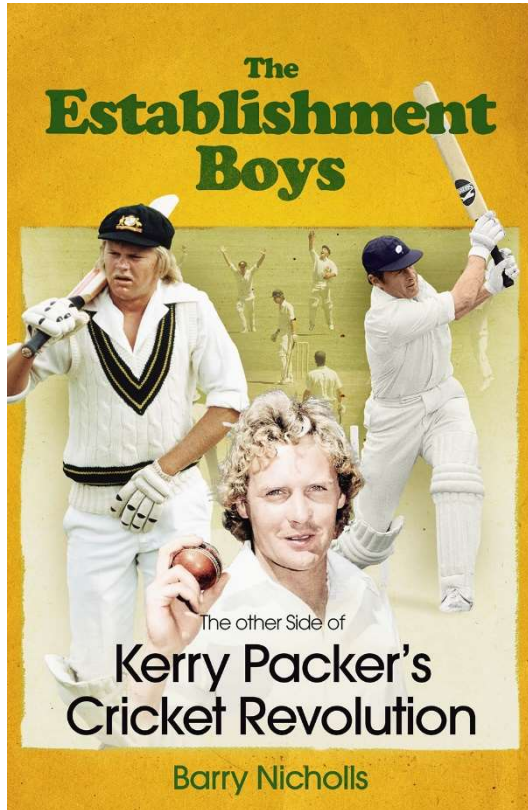




Title information



The Establishment Boys

The Other Side of Kerry Packer's Cricket Revolution

By Barry Nicholls

Key features

- First detailed study of Australian Test cricket during the Kerry Packer revolution, one of the most tumultuous periods in the game's history
- Traces all the 'Establishment Boys', how they fared during the cricket war and where they are now
- This fast-paced narrative covers five Test match series, numerous one-day fixtures and a World Cup, with personal stories and observations interwoven throughout
- Unearths previously untold tales about this period in Australian cricket history, revealing the uncertainty and an atmosphere of distrust within the game
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Set during Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket revolution, this book tells the story of the Australian Test cricketers plucked from the backwaters of the domestic game to take on full-strength international sides. Some became cricketing greats. Others were lost in the footnotes of history. But all have important stories to share. From 1977/78 to the reconciliation, two Australian sides competed in parallel universes: World Series Cricket's glamorous rock star realm and the attritional reality of Test cricket fought by predominantly younger, poorly paid men honouring the baggy green. Friendships were broken, and new bonds formed, as the public first sided with the traditional game before backing World Series Cricket in greater numbers. Kerry Packer eventually won the cricketing war. However, Test cricket survived because of those who carried the Australian banner for the game. These players became known as the 'Establishment Boys' and until now they have barely been acknowledged.

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