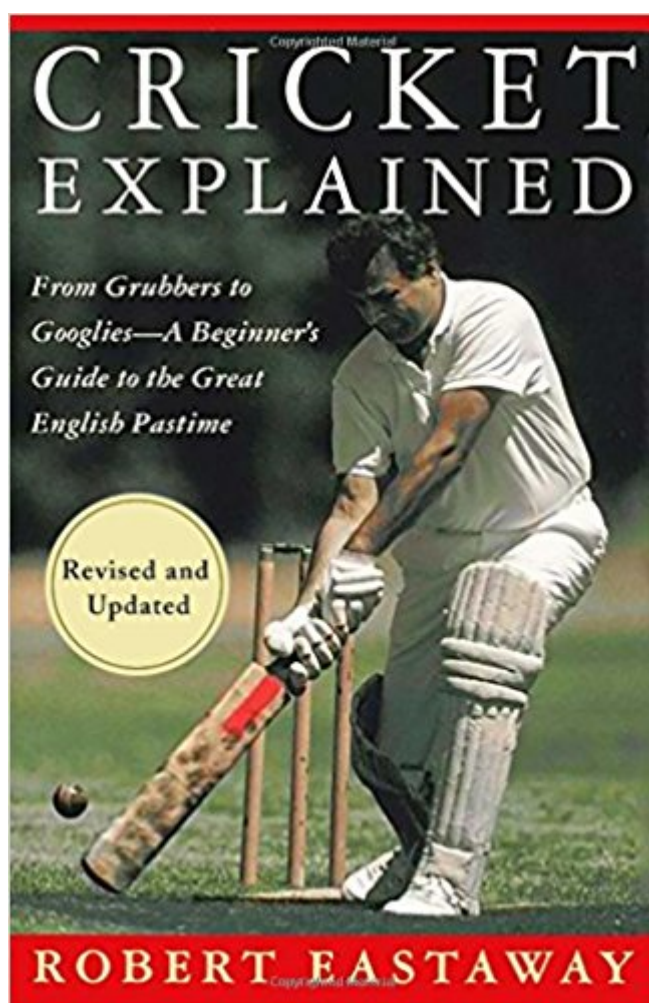


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Cricket Explained: From Grubbers To Googlies - A Beginner's Guide To The Great English Pastime



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The complexities of the game of cricket are lost on most Americans. Eastaway, an avid cricketer, attempts to remedy this situation in a short yet inclusive look at a sport that is popular in Great Britain as well as numerous nations around the world, usually former British colonies. In addition to dispensing some basic history, the author attempts to show exactly what happens on the playing

field, which player does what and why, and what all the baffling terminology (googly, flipper, cow corner, tonk, etc.) means. Those already bitten by the cricket "bug" (pun intended) will find this work helpful, but if readers don't have much interest in cricket to begin with, this book will probably not instill any. Written mostly in a question-and-answer format, with illustrations that are more cutesy than useful, this title will probably be of limited interest. Libraries that maintain in-depth sports collections should consider purchasing. Others can get by with a good sports or general encyclopedia.- David M. Turkalo, Social Law Lib., BostonCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Easy read and nicely illustrated with simple drawings to explain many of the finer (and confusing) points of cricket. Over the years I've had a number of my English friends try to explain the game of cricket to me, but all in vain. Invariably it ended in complete confusion. However, having read and studied this little book, the curtain has lifted on some of confusion just a bit. Yet, though reasonably enlightened, I think the real problem lies in the fact that the game of cricket was never meant to be understood fully by the American psyche. It's totally British and can only be fully understood and appreciated by those raised with a sense of the game's history and traditions. Nonetheless, this is a fine little book and one which will certainly give you a better understanding of this most English of

games---cricket!

Great book. Quick read with a thorough explanation of the game. As someone who knew almost nothing about cricket before reading this book, I feel as if I could now watch a cricket match and understand most of what is happening. One important thing this book does is avoid getting too technical. Yes, it explains what many of the common terms mean, but it avoids going too in depth into statistics and strategy that would lose many readers unfamiliar with the game. If you know very little about cricket and want to better understand the game, this quick read is the book for you.

This is a very readable book. As an explanation of cricket it goes a long way toward explaining how an apparently boring game can possibly become interesting. After reading I was motivated to find a cricket match on YouTube. The explanations were very helpful but I still find the game, the commentary and the very long times of inaction baffling.

I am a newby to cricket and was having a hard time finding any books on the rules of cricket, this book is perfect. I appreciate that it is not highbrow nor do they talk down to the reader. It has been a pleasure to read and has answered my questions, (along with Google). I had to look up what the "follow-on" rule was. Test cricket is something else!

This book provides a wonderfully clear and readable explanation of the sport of Cricket, which is a sport that continues to delight and challenge millions of people around the world, but baffles most Americans.

As an American wanting to better understand the game of cricket, this book was invaluable. With so many Cricket Clubs in the Philadelphia area (they're now really just country clubs) it is sad they cricket is no longer played on a regular basis. Haverford and Pennsylvania used to be the two cricket powerhouses of American collegiate cricket, nowadays not so much.

Excellent book. Very well written. Cricket is explained very well by Mr. Eastaway who obviously loves the sport. Great sport. If you are curious about cricket at all, this is the book to begin with.

As Robin Williams said "Cricket is like baseball on valium!" This is an enjoyable introduction to the game - interspersed with humorous stories, cartoon drawings, and a glossary. Cricket is like golf -

boring to watch until you have played the game.

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