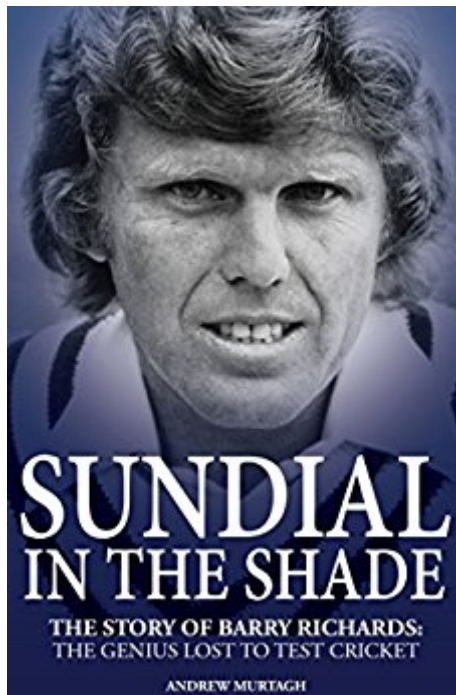




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Sundial In The Shade: The Story Of Barry Richards: The Genius Lost To Test Cricket



Synopsis

As a former county player, Andrew Murtagh is often asked, 'who is the best batsman he has ever played with or against?' His answer is always unequivocal - 'Richards.' And then comes the inevitable rider - 'Barry, that is, not Viv.' It is a travesty that the cricket world has largely forgotten Barry Richards - a cricketing genius. Debuting for South Africa in 1970, his run-scoring, technique and audacious, extravagant strokeplay took the breath away. A glittering international career beckoned. However, the apartheid storm burst, and Richards had played his first and last Test series. Consigned to plying his trade for Hampshire, Natal and South Australia, Richards became increasingly frustrated and disenchanted with the game he had loved. Following retirement, personal tragedy and professional controversy continued to stalk him, though he has now come to an uneasy acceptance that he will be forever known as the genius lost to Test cricket.

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SIMPLY VERY WELL WRITTEN. The author knows his subject, but is able to maintain a fine perspective. However, his professional respect shines through, and he incorporates this into the

biography in a most balanced way. It is indeed a most fascinating account, covering fascinating times. Well done Andrew Murtagh (a modest and forthright man to boot), and you picked the right subject. We shall never see the like of Barry Richards again.....nor what he ended up enduring with so much character.

An excellent book on one of the greatest cricket players to ever come out of South Africa, it was a sad day when the anti apartheid group had him and many other excellent South African sports players banned from playing any sport against international countries! Sadly today all the pre 1994 sporting heroes are not even mentioned or helped in their remaining years when some are suffering with illness. Sadly Barry Richards is banned from broadcasting any cricket match in South Africa, he is not even requested to assist with coaching.

For true lovers of international cricket, this book provides a remarkable insight into one of the greatest cricketing talents of all time. The tragedy that was apartheid in South Africa dramatically reduced the fun that cricketing fans would have had from following Barry Richards. The author captures that loss and provides some insightful analysis of what made this complicated character who he was.

A fascinating and enthralling story about a magnificent cricketer! Born in any other era, he would undoubtedly have been ranked as one of the best batsmen the world has ever seen. He was indeed an absolute joy to watch!

Very fair and balanced. Murtagh shows great sensitivity dealing with the post apartheid years and puts Barry Richard's story in perspective. A good read.

What a super read , thoroughly enjoyed it and I highly recommend the book to anyone interested in one of the great batsmen in cricket history as well as a superb insight to a very interesting time in the history of the game.

Subjective coverage of Barry Richard's cricket career suited my bias. Repetitive, but overall an enjoyable and informative book.

Very personal account with input from many players of the time. A good read.

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