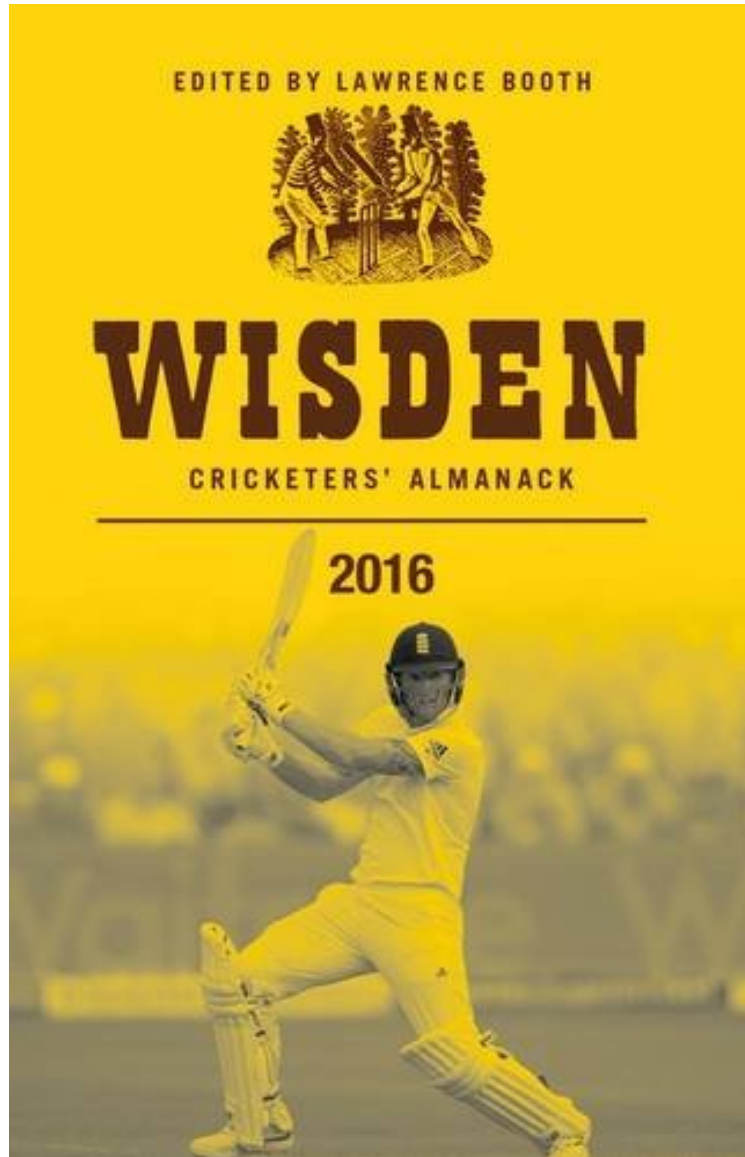


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summer better than an idyllic afternoon spent lazing in a deckchair, drink in hand, watching cricket on a village green. With a copy of the latest Wisden to delve into during tea, what isn't there to like? Well, the County Championship season started the Sunday before Wisden was available and what do you know? Whilst the county itself bathed in temperatures nudging 75F, Kent's opening fixture in Worcester was abandoned without a ball being bowled. Still, the bonus was it meant they avoided defeat. Mind you, it doesn't make reading about last year's exploits any easier. The editorial is once again first class, with a near page given over to taking a leaf from the women's game by giving points for international matches to arrive at a champion country. It's a simple idea and easy to administer but it's the short sighted cricket boards who get in the way. Less simple is the brief mentions of franchise cricket for T20, an idea that will disenfranchise thousands of county supporters who have no affinity with a city. Looking back at a golden age of cricket, only two men remain alive who played first class cricket before WW2. It's a brilliant read. Also superb are the colour photos, one of which shows a bunch of lads in Mumbai having a game on the outside lane of the Eastern Freeway as buses and cars hurtle past. Also from India is a short piece and scorecard from the world record 1,009* scored by Pranav Dhanawade. All is not what it seemed. It's strange reading how the perennial cricket book of the year should, itself, have a cricket book of the year, and this year it happens to be Simon Jones's 'The Test', though 21 others were mentioned in dispatches. Many of the books mentioned are of a long bygone era when cricket grounds were packed; how Derbyshire would like a return to those days, as 2015 saw an average daily attendance of just 415 hardy souls when any play was possible. Compare that to the average of 2,959 for the T20 and you can see the way the game is heading. Sadly, 2015 had a surfeit of names to add to the obituaries section. Richie Benaud, Brian Close, Frank Tyson, Clive Rice Tom Graveney, Arthur Morris, Bob Appleyard and even Allen Roberts, who had just three First Class innings in two matches for New Zealand Services in England in 1945, are just eight of many, but each one deserves their place in the pantheon. Wisden isn't really a book that needs to be reviewed. The committed fan will buy it anyway and it's not really something to tempt anyone else other than someone who likes cricket. Followers of the game know what to expect and where it will be within the pages. It can't be given anything but a five.

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