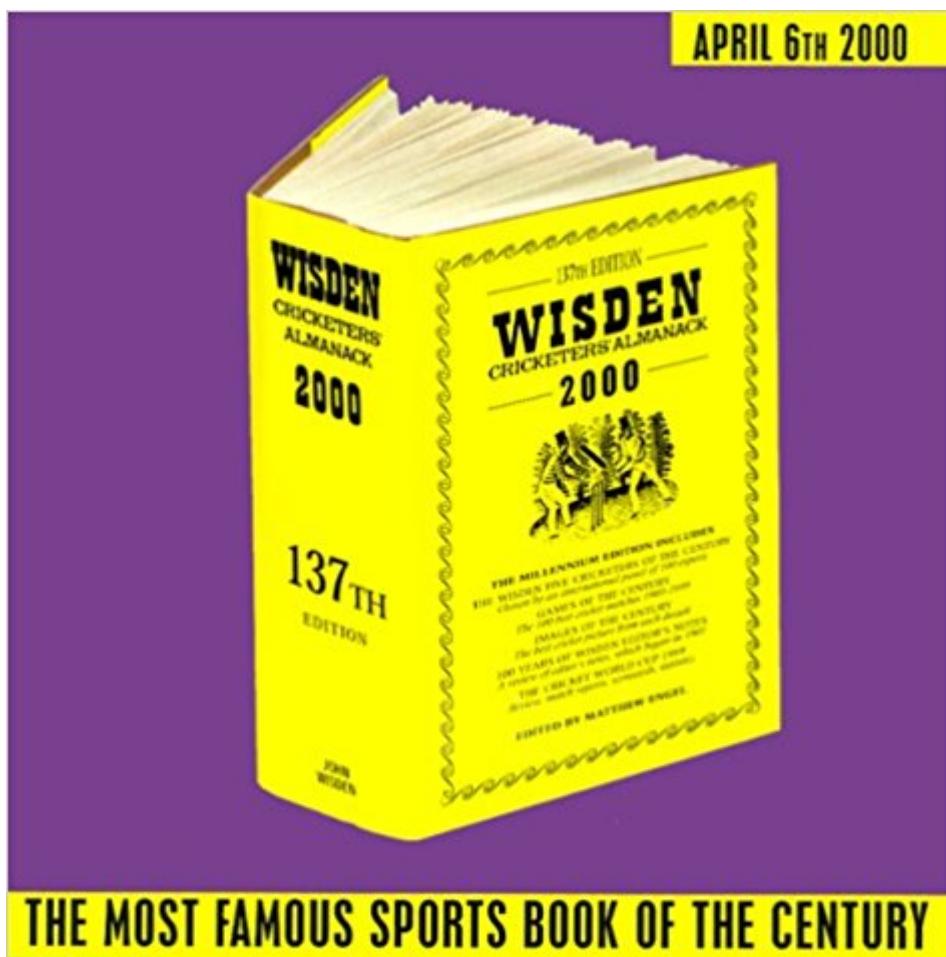


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# Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2000 / A Century Of Wisden



## **Synopsis**

Wisden 2000 will be the most important edition of the Almanack since its 1963 Centenary. Billed as the Millennium Wisden, the centrepiece will be a special section devoted to cricket in the 20th century. In addition, as a once-only offer, Wisden will be packaged with a FREE paperback book celebrating its publication in every year of the twentieth century. This will feature an extract from each and every edition of Wisden from 1900 to 1999, demonstrating its variety of content and impressive publication history. The key Wisden 2000 highlight will be the selection and appreciation of Five Cricketers of the Century. Chosen by a panel of 100 cricketing experts, the names of the Five will not be announced until publication. Other key features include:

1. Images of the Century: The best cricket picture from each decade, selected by Patrick Eagar, and displayed in a 16-page plate section (in addition to the normal colour plates).
2. Summers of the Century: Frank Keating and (more scientifically) weatherman Philip Eden pick the best summer of the 20th century.
3. Games of the Century: The 100 best cricket matches listed, justified and indexed.
4. Books of the Century: How cricket writing has changed since 1900.
5. A Century of Notes: The Editors' Notes, Wisden's famous editorial, began in 1901. Successive editors have thundered for and against (mostly against) every change in the game since then. We review what the Almanack got right and wrong. This will be in addition to Wisden's normal coverage of 1999. This will include reports and pictures of the World Cup, the Five Cricketers of the Year, and articles on current topics, among them contrasting pieces from Martin Johnson -who says the good times have all gone - and Patrick Collins, who finds a day's cricket at Taunton as idyllic as it ever was. And there will, of course, be our traditional round up of the year's barmy on-field happenings.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

As certain as the changing of the seasons, the new edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack heralds the forthcoming season with a review of all things cricketing over the previous year. The third millennium proves no exception on this account, as the famous yellow volume clocks up another year. Yet the 2000 edition, the 137th, is something special, looking back over the whole of the last century of cricket, as well as the year just passed. As part of this celebration, the five cricketers of the century are listed, and what a selection it is. Alongside the incomparable Bradman stand Hobbs, Sobers, Viv Richards, and Warne. The selection is one for aficionados to debate for many a long evening, and that's just for starters. How about the best 100 matches of the century, one for every year? They're all here too. And that's the beauty of it--Wisden 2000 is guaranteed to bring back many a golden memory. Elsewhere, this year's edition features the usual array of articles, facts, figures, reports, and miscellany, all edited in a meticulous but lively manner by Matthew Engel, sadly for the last time. This year's contributions include a retrospective on the career of retired Australian captain Mark Taylor, a look back at the 1999 World Cup in England, and a moving tribute to the late great West Indian paceman, Malcolm Marshall. With such breadth, the appeal is as clear as ever. As a true chronicler of sport, Wisden has been unequaled for many years. Like its predecessors, the 2000 edition will bring pleasure to cricket lovers the world over. --Trevor Crowe, .co.uk

"a rich blend of controversy, erudition and statistical detail" The Daily Telegraph

After football (or "soccer" as Americans think it called), Cricket is the most global of team sports. It's a game of grace and power, and, above all, over 200 years of history. And everything one needs to know about the game is in this book, which is updated annually without losing anything of interest from the previous years. It's worth a look for all sports fans, if only to show to them that the world of sport is so large that no one can possibly know everything about any game worth watching. Of course, if you're a fan of cricket, you already know of this book, and if you haven't bought it, it's only because you know someone who will let you read it for free.

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