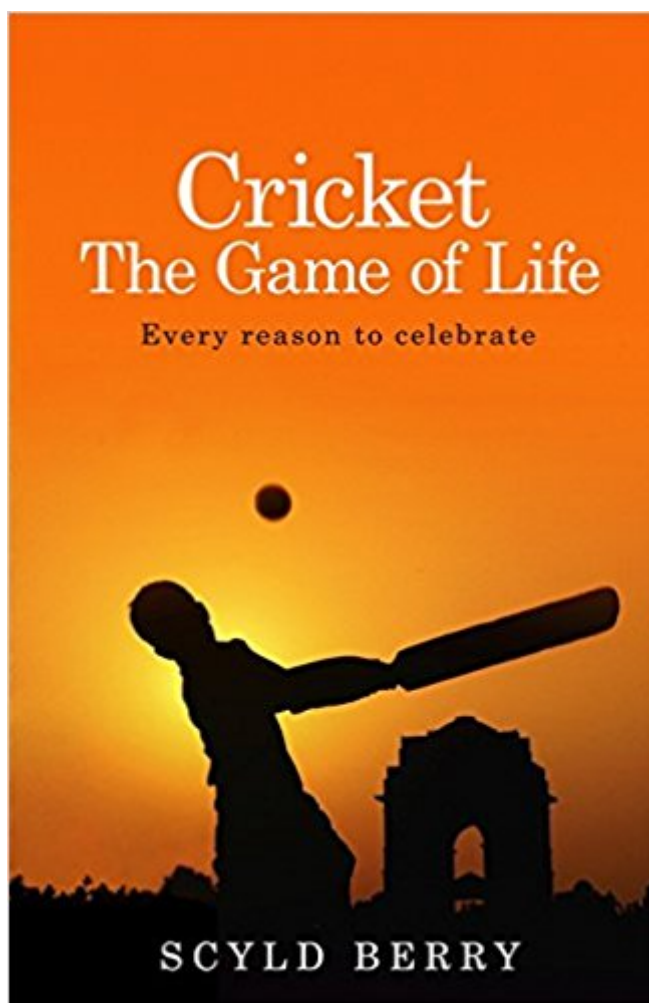




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# **Cricket: The Game Of Life: Every Reason To Celebrate**



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Shortlisted for the MCC/Cricket Association Book of the Year. Scyld Berry draws on his experiences as a cricket writer of forty years to produce new insights and unfamiliar historical angles on the game, along with moving reflections on episodes from his own life. The author covers a range of themes including cricket in different areas of the world, and abstract concepts such as language, numbers, ethics and psychology; Scyld Berry relishes the joys cricket provides and is convinced of the positive effect it can have in people's lives. Cricket: The Game of Life is an inspiring book that reminds readers why they love the game and prompts them to look at it in a new way.

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...400 page love letter to the sport, weaving in his own memories with tales from around the world.â •SportWhen I see the quality of writing by people like Scyld Berry...I feel daunted. I can never write as well as they can.â •Rahul DravidThis could be the first existential book about cricket I've ever read. It's certainly the most ambitious, and by turns the most beautiful...It's both sweeping and meticulous all at once....I can only say, truly, that my connection to the game feels deeper for having read it. It's a book that dares to concern itself with the 'why' question that lies behind everything. I feel like I understand a little more about why this enduringly magical, absurdly incongruous, infinitely renewable curio continues to take hold of us, and can offer no greater praise than that.â •All Out CricketThe game of cricket manages to invade the minds of all that are passionate about it on so many levels - it's combination of tradition, innovation, rivalry and friendship makes it truly unique. Scyld manages to encapsulate everything that is great about cricket into a fantastically entertaining book that reminds us all of how lucky we are to have involvement in the

best game of all. The extended piece on the pressures of Ashes series on captains is beautifully painted....I think every aspiring young England cricketer should read this....not as something to be afraid of, but to enlighten and prepare for the challenges that may come his wayâ •Andy Flower

Scyld Berry is a rarity: among cricket correspondents of what were once styled the broadsheets, he is a scribe with almost no playing pedigree...few can challenge the breadth of his knowledge and understanding, or his love, of this most subtle of all sports. Throw in the author's rich cultural awareness and command of the English language and the result is a very good cricket book, one I am happy to label great...Seldom have I read a dust jacket with a more accurate description of its book. Even more rarely have I endorsed a book so wholeheartedly.â •Association of Cricket Historians

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Cricket's rich and varied tapestry, revealing character and national characteristics is passed on here by a man who has always been passionately interested in both.

Scyld Berry has reported on more England Test matches than any cricket writer, over 400 of them, including 20 Ashes series. He was born and grew up within a mile of Bramall Lane in Sheffield. He started as a cricket journalist in 1976, and has successively been the cricket correspondent of the *Observer*, the *Sunday Correspondent*, the *Independent on Sunday*, the *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Daily Telegraph*. For four years he was the editor of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*. On the field, he has taken five wickets in an innings in county cricket - for Gloucestershire Over-60s. *Cricket: The Game of Life* is Scyld's seventh book - six of which are about cricket. He has three children, two cats and a wife.

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