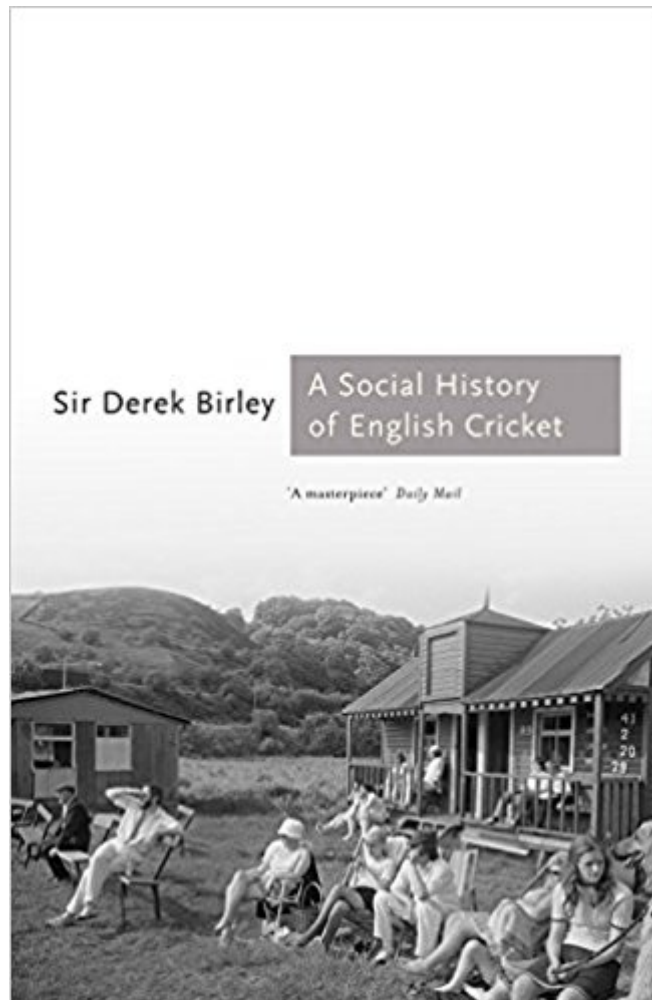


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While perhaps a little dry in stretches, it did give me a new, clearer picture of the game in the land of its birth. (International cricket is really only covered when it had an impact on the English game, i.e. the Jardine 'body-line' mess.) American readers (like me) will probably have to google many of the references, what as the author assumes the reader already knows most of the big stories. I didn't mind, though. This book is not at all the same story told in Major's *More Than A Game: The Story of Cricket's Early Years* [Paperback] [2008] (Author) John Major. They do complement each other nicely though.

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