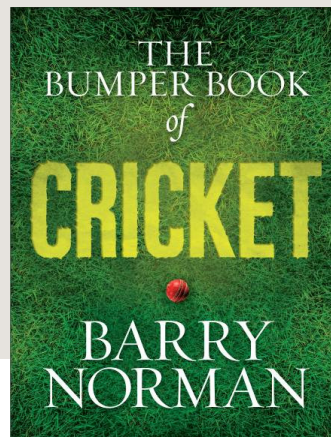


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### Description

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### Author Profile

Barry Norman fell hopelessly in love with cricket while watching England play Australia in a victory test match at Lord's in 1945. As a member of the Lord's Taverners, he has played with and against some of the great names of the game, including Ian Botham and Dennis Lillee.