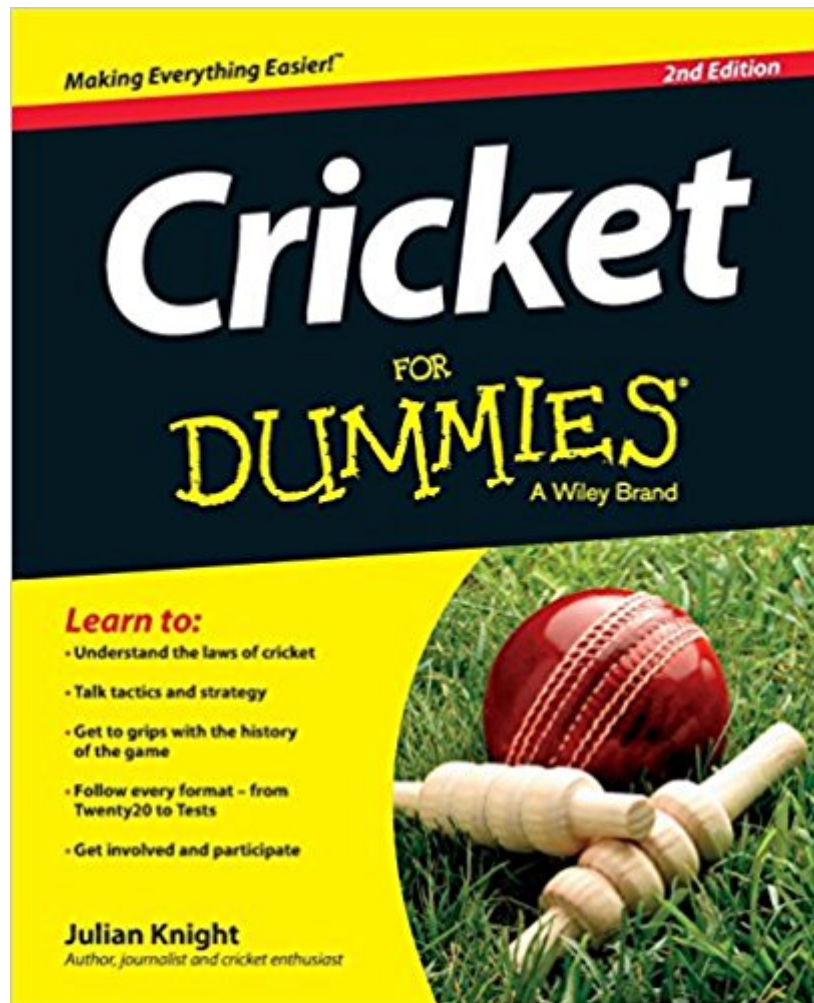




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A complete guide to cricket for players and fans alike Whether you're a budding player or aspiring armchair expert, Cricket For Dummies helps you get to grips with this fascinating sport. Completely revised and updated for the first back-to-back Ashes series in 38 years, this hands-on guide gives you clear explanations of the cricket's laws, step-by-step explanations of techniques and tactics, and exciting coverage of the tournaments, global rivalries, and great players. Fully revised and updated to chronicle the rise of twenty20 cricket and the IPL, the implementation of DRS, and the changing face of the game Covers cricket basics – the pitch, the laws, the equipment and more Provides an in-depth look at cricket formats Offers a guide to building cricket skills – bowling, batting, and fielding Includes coverage of the best players and the biggest tournaments throughout the world Complete with Top Ten Lists of the greatest cricketers, the most memorable cricket matches, and the biggest controversies, Cricket For Dummies is your one-stop resource on this popular sport.

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Actually a pretty good book. As an American I always wondered about Cricket....an inning that lasts hours, over 100 runs in an inning in a game that could last 3 days with tea breaks???? However after reading this book, I have a much better understanding of the game and why hundreds of millions are fanatics about it. In fact I have watched a few matches since reading this book and can finally understand what is happening on the "wicket" and really enjoy it. This book clearly explains the game, equipment and what is happening during a match. It also discusses some of the greats of the game, the rivalries and the best games ever played. A very interesting book that I can highly recommend. So grab this book and a cup of tea and give the game a chance.

I know a bit about cricket but needed a lot of help to set up a casual game among friends. This book made it easy to measure out and mark the critical areas of the field (i.e., the creases, wicket

placement and height). It also presents the rules in an easy to read way. More advanced subject matter, such as game strategy, team selection, qualities of individual fields, captaining a team, umpiring, etc. are included for those who are more familiar with the game and want to hone their skills. There is even a neat chapter on history and famous rivalries. A great book, especially for beginners!

I bought this book to learn about cricket, and the book delivers. I now have a pretty good grasp of the game - and I want to play now too :) The only criticism I can give is that the organization isn't very good if you plan on reading the book from cover to cover in one go. It seems to jump around between rules (laws), history and how to play. It would make a great reference book, and with a physical copy the jumping around probably doesn't matter, but with the kindle edition it makes for an odd read. I would absolutely recommend the book, and I would buy it again.

I'm an American dating a Brit who loves cricket. I enjoyed watching it but wasn't picking it up fast enough for my liking. This book is great. It's easy to read and explains things well. It's easy to bookmark stuff to reference back to as well. If you are trying to get the hang of Cricket this is the book you want!

It's very embarrassing a need for writing in English. I'm a Brazilian cricket lover and I dislike this obligation, because my English writing is very bad. However, this book is lovely. Didactic, easily to read and very complete. For a cricket fan, this is a fundamental book.

I am trying to understand and comprehend the rules and regs of this game. I love the "Dummies", books because they are so good at explanations that require a lot of description. I'm still confused, however I discovered that on YouTube you can watch cricket games and, therefore, try and follow some of them. It's an amazing game; that is for certain.

This is a good book. However, it is not really a good first book. In fact, it is short on one of the most needed features for the beginner: an exhaustive index of all those nutty terms. Eg. try to find a "Chinaman". Of course, this book has considerable information on many items that are really needed. e.g. the 'how-to' of bowling many of those strange throws. I would suggest reading "Cricket Explained" by Robert Eastaway first. It is shorter and initially more useful. You will also want "Cricket for Dummies" as well. If there is an special for both - go for it.

Even though I grew up playing cricket and am still an avid fan, I read and re-read this book. Simple, to the point and a wealth of information. Helps me explain the game to those not familiar with it. Yes, can you believe there are actually some people that don't know cricket?! Sacrilege! This book helps recruit more to the great game of cricket and I'm all for that!

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