

ANOTHER SOMERSET CENTURY

Charles Wood

In the age where scorers use laptops West Country cricket can be excitingly gut wrenching in the hunt for silverware. That said, how Somerset County Cricket Club became one of the top four domestic teams in the world and the agonies involved in the journey is a story worth telling. Cricketing author and commentator Charles Wood is as well placed as anyone to tell the tale.

So let's cut to the chase, this book is not fodder for the faint-hearted supporter. Here nightmares are revisited, so too the odd scandal. But it's not all tears, doldrums and tabloids. Far from it. Never has 'The Blackbird' been sung more lustily, or, indeed, emotionally.

Resplendent in either cream or in scientifically designed pyjamas the County's cricket pros led by Captain 'Tresco' Trescothick call themselves 'Somerset', and hope springs eternal for the summer game's popular bridesmaids.

For those that follow a Wyvern rag fluttering on a pole, this is the topsy-turvy, roller-coaster journey of Somerset Cricket Club passing into a new millennium and on into a decade and more of Championship jousts, and the brave new world of one-day fingernail nibbling from Taunton to Hyderabad.

Throughout Somerset's adventures the author did his best to follow, observe, keep his humour and make scribbles in his precious Moleskine notebook. And having been given directions from cricketing legends Keith Parsons and Steffan Jones this is the story of *Another Somerset Century* and a few extras besides.

A tome to be enjoyed by every member of the 'cricket family'.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Charles Wood gave up the legal profession, yearning for the artistic life. For the past twenty years he has just about managed to avoid wearing a tie to work or getting grubby.

He is the author of eight books, including *Bats, Pads and Cider – A Miscellany of Somerset Cricket*, published in 2010.

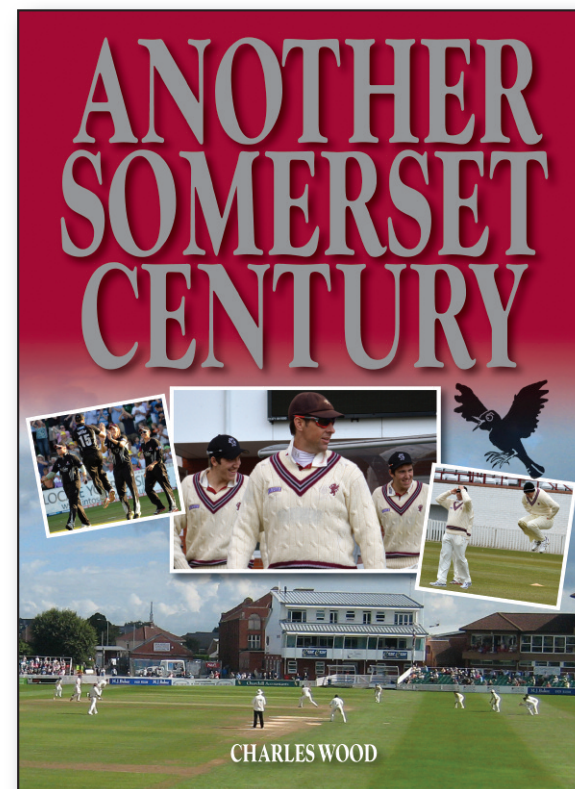
Before turning to writing he was a documentary filmmaker, and also worked as a cameraman for BBC and ITV news. In 1995 he made Somerset County Cricket Club's first official club video. He is also an occasional BBC radio broadcaster.

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