

CHASING SHADOWS

THE LIFE & DEATH OF PETER ROEBUCK

By Tim Lane and Elliot Cartledge

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Peter Roebuck was a first-class cricketer, and a highly respected writer and broadcaster, who was never afraid to speak out – against match-fixing, corruption, amoral governments. But, he was also an eccentric and socially-awkward figure whose life was dogged with controversy, both within his sport and in his personal life. In November 2011 he was accused of sexual assault and died soon after in tragic, and uncertain, circumstances. So, who was Roebuck, and what led to his untimely end?

In **CHASING SHADOWS** Lane and Cartledge explore the life and times of the enigmatic Roebuck. Spanning multiple continents they piece together his story with the help of unflinching testimonies from the likes of Mike Atherton, Jonathan Agnew, Steve Waugh, Ian Chappell and Rahul Dravid - and reveal how his life unravelled. They look in detail at the events that led to Roebuck's death, interviewing many of those involved, and consider how he could have come to fall from a hotel window in South Africa whilst under arrest.

The book covers Roebuck's immense achievements as a cricketer at Somerset, where he scored more than 25,000 runs, and captained the side for three years, and discusses the impact of his long-standing feud with Ian Botham and Viv Richards, who played alongside him until Richards was forced out, and Botham followed. It looks at his successful broadcasting career in Australia and South Africa, and the homespun charity he set up to put dozens of impoverished Africans through school and university but which attracted more controversy to his already difficult life.

Uncovering a host of details never before revealed, **CHASING SHADOWS** reaches right to the heart of a compelling mystery, and goes some way to understanding the complex, perplexing, fiercely independent, and ultimately, tragic figure that was Peter Roebuck.

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