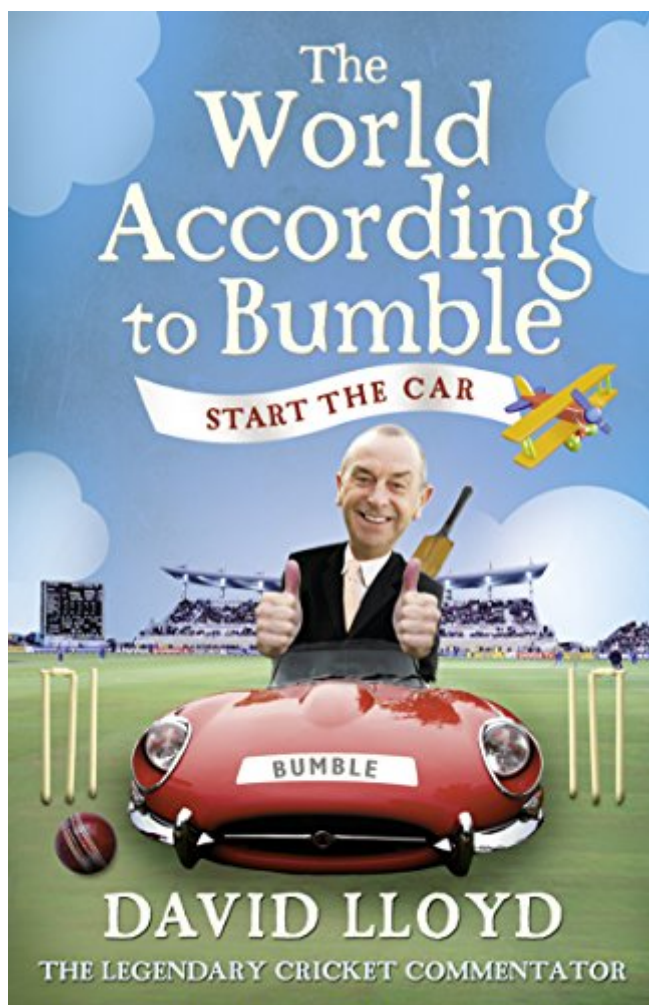


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Start The Car: The World According To Bumble



Synopsis

Welcome to the weird and wonderful world of "Bumble", the legendary SkySports cricket commentator who's one ball short of an over and delivers madcap moments galore in this ebullient, endearing and hilarious book. David "Bumble" Lloyd is a legend in our living rooms, a genuine "good bloke" all cricket fans feel they know inside out because of his infectious, larger-than-life personality and that distinctive Lancashire burr. Bumble has become the one constant for passionate English fans in cricket's rapidly changing landscape. He has earned cult status as a commentator and pundit, with viewers loving his unerring dedication to the game's great fables. *The World According to Bumble: Start the Car* revels in the quirkier and humorous side of cricket, while offering behind-the-scenes action of Lloyd's years spent following cricket around the globe, from Accrington to Lahore. Bumble waxes lyrical on everything from the genius of Shane Warne to the merits of a Lancashire hotpot and the delights of finishing the day with a couple of pints and a curry. Enjoy the camaraderie that exists among the SkySports team - including former England captains Sir Ian Botham, Michael Atherton, Nasser Hussain and David Gower - and laugh out loud at the stories and anecdotes which have forged Bumble's character. Whether he is holding up play to retrieve lost balls from the top of sight-screens, or enacting mock pitch reports from car parks, Bumble is capable of stealing the limelight at all times.

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Customer Reviews

I personally really struggled through this one. I don't think I can't entirely blame the author and maybe my expectations were for many more humorous tales than the few that were in here. I thought there maybe more behind the scenes look at the sky sports production team than there was. Felt like I was wading through water in an attempt to finish the book.

This book is extremely readable and for any cricket enthusiast, follower or just someone who likes a good yarn it's a bloody bonzer. Bumble is a great down to earth story teller and I have the feeling this comes from the colourful persons he has met both on the field, the dressing rooms, the commentary box and ordinary down to earth people who just like a good yarn. Bumble has excelled

Don't get me wrong. Bumble is a wonderful narrator and starts well, chock full of narrative colorful cricket stories and good yarns. He then meanders as if to fill contracted x number of hours - filling the book with meaningless pages of his geriatric club cricket experiences, footy club likes-dislikes and downright boring 'filler' drivel on pubs and what have you. Reminded me of my high school history teacher who never gives a good grade if you gave a short concise paper, believing history is a voluminous and descriptive subject. We all resorted to clever titles and sub titles and then had pages of 'fillers' including running commentary - advertisement jingles - popular film dialogues - what have you, to produce a 100 pages paper that invariably got an 'A'. Bumble may have had limited experience as an international player but he should have been much more descriptive of the historic 1974-1975 series - perhaps painful memories have blocked out most of that series! And as a commentator he hardly commented on any of the great test matches/ODIs he witnessed. This is more of Bumble the man, than Bumble the cricketer and commentator. The books starts off promising and meanders. Bumble should have followed the adage 'less is more'. Almost a satisfactory buy, still worthwhile for cricket lovers with oodles of time and patience in following Bumble's meandering journey.

This book gave you an insight to the background of presenting cricket, I have watched and listened to David Lloyd for many years and found he puts the humour back into cricket which sometimes I find lacking, the game should be enjoyable.

Very good read

This book starts off well enough, but be prepared for an egoistical and inverted snobbish rant. The content in general is good enough for the most part, but does tend to wander about a bit. His ideas for reward and punishment when he was coach are straight out of 1st year nursery playtime. I am sure he is a super fellow and would be very interesting company, but the "I am" aspect of it all becomes rather wearing. Buy it but read it in small bursts.

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