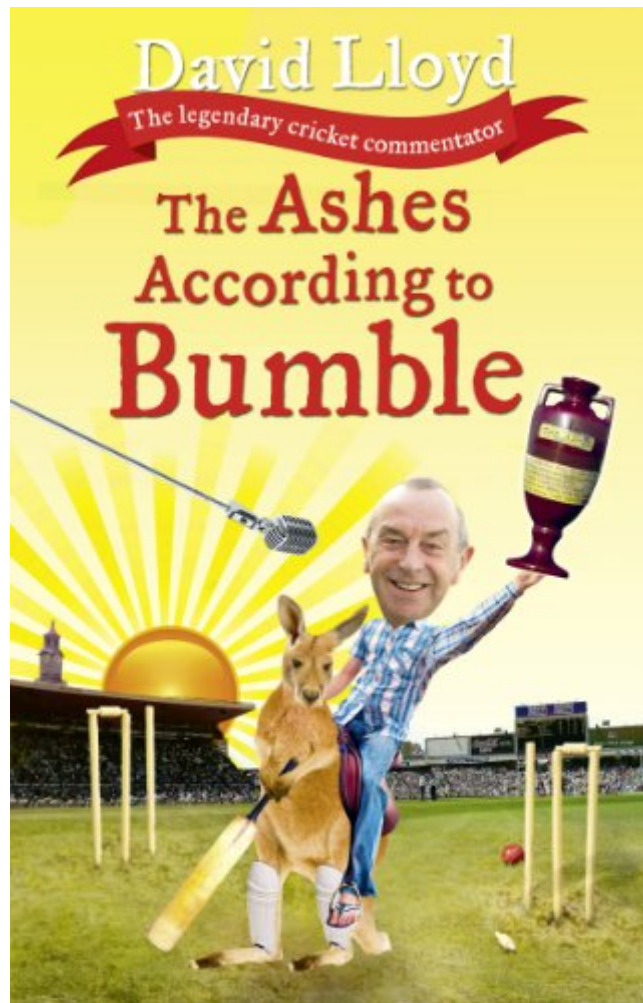




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# The Ashes According To Bumble



## Synopsis

Bumble is back! The funny, forthright and not infrequently filthy author of best-seller *Start the Car* and star of Sky Sports returns with a new collection of yarns from his years at the crease and at the microphone. It's the book that Bumble's many fans have been longing for. After three long years, Bumble is finally back! The outspoken author of best-seller *Start the Car* returns with a whole new cricket bag full of yarns from his years on the pitch and in the commentary box. Expect more tales of Bumble's time rubbing shoulders (and chinking glasses) with the great (as well as not so great) and good (as well as bloody awful) of cricket. Released alongside England's home Ashes series, there will be more than a few stories of Bumble's encounters with the Aussies over the years, but that's not to say this will be any less rambling, madcap and downright fun than we've come to expect, and hope for, from the great David Bumble.

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## Customer Reviews

A very entertaining book but one primarily aimed at the English supporter. Unfortunately, Bumbles should have waited until the second part of the 2013 dual series before pontificating on the virtues

of the England cricketers versus the weaknesses of the Aussies. Being a talented and experienced cricketer he should have been aware how quickly form can turn around and his eulogising about the England cricketers and their talents was premature given their 5-0 drubbing months later in Oz. Undoubtedly, if he re-read his words a few months later he may regret some of his comments. Nevertheless, I bought the book because he is such a funny and entertaining commentator and, despite my comments above, still enjoyed the read.

Very good read

Brilliantly humorous. Such a fun read. One of the most entertaining cricket books of the year. What a character Bumble is!!!

I found this a mixed bag of a book. The 200 or so pages which are actually about David Lloyd's personal involvement in The Ashes as player, coach and commentator are pretty good, but there's some very thin stuff and some out-and-out padding, too. If you like Bumble's sense of humour you may well love this book. I'm not so keen on it myself so I didn't find it as hilarious as some of people but he's a knowledgeable and thoughtful bloke under the oh-so-jokey surface and there was enough here to make me glad I'd read it. The meat of the book is Bumble's personal thoughts and experiences of The Ashes (including, of course, the Thommo at Perth incident which causes every male cricket lover to wince and cross his legs at its very mention), and his thoughts and insights into the players, staff and tactics are well worth reading. It's not the best-written of books, with, an especially idiosyncratic, use of commas. This, coupled with the lightweight rush through some Ashes history to start with, and two frankly dire chapters toward the end which consist of unfunny "comedy" stuff about his wife, his local football club and random press cuttings about sexual practices made me think that this had been padded and rushed out in time to cash in on the 2013 series rather than properly, thoughtfully written and edited. And the cover...dear Lord!! I've given this four stars (just) because I did enjoy the real Ashes stuff and found it interesting and quite often insightful. It's not a great book by any means, but there's enough here to provide a couple of diverting hours between Test Matches. (Oh, and nothing to do with the overall quality of the book, but he's picked an "All-Time Ashes XI" which doesn't include Bradman. That's right. No Bradman. I mean, come on, Bumble - there's a difference between being a cross-grained individualist and being plain wrong, mate.)

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