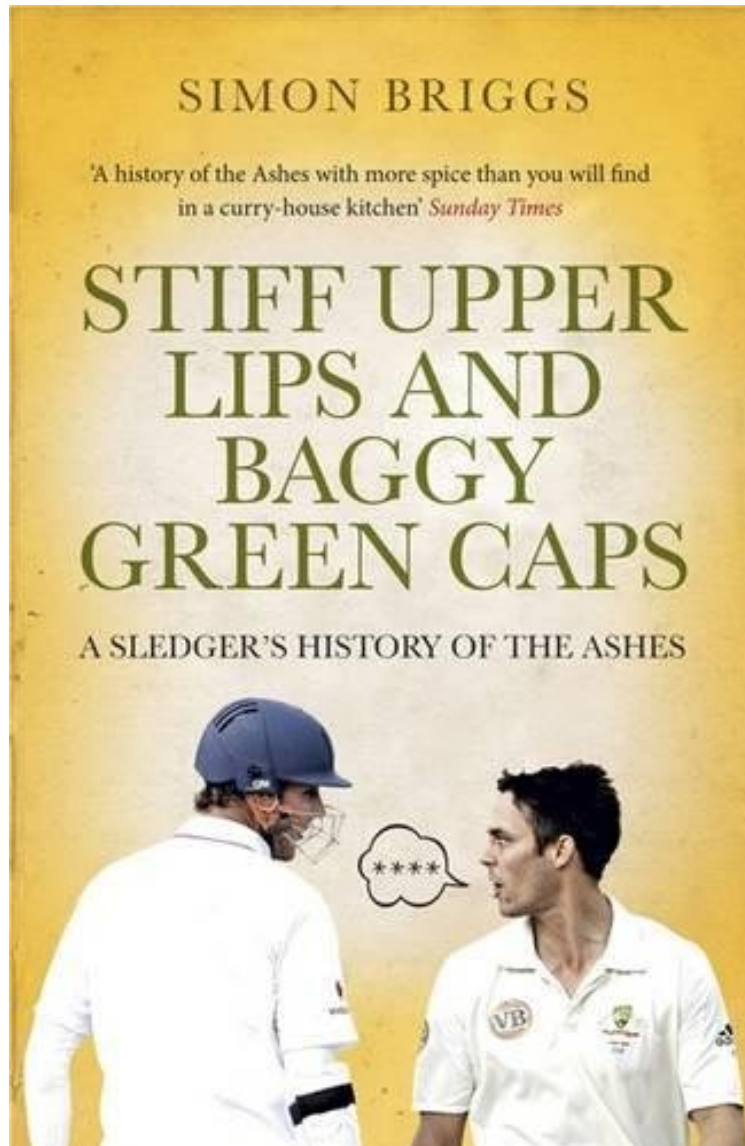


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who enjoys cricket literature. Tries to trace the origin and course of sledging in Ashes cricket over the decades. Ends up being a history of the Ashes, mentioning every series from 1882 to 2005, but never in a tedious manner or merely statistically. This isn't a condensed form of Wisden, for sure. What's somewhat unique is the angle from which it looks at them - mainly, funny or provocative things that were said, and brief looks at the personalities who said them. Alternative but interesting looks at Spofforth, Lord Harris, (Sid) Barnes, Jardine, Ranji, Fry, Bradman, Hutton, Miller, Laker, Tyson, Snow, Botham, (Ian) Chappell, Border, Warne, (Steve) Waugh, and many 'lesser' personalities...The author himself has some funny lines - for example, he describes Boycott's batting as "all tortoise and little hair". This is not just a tabloid in book form, though. Along the way, there's also plenty for people who appreciate the technical side of cricket - sticky wickets, the Australian approach, chucking, helmets, the approaches of different captains, etc. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Somewhat boring. By Nat Cole Book is more a history of the ashes. Hardly any quotes of sledging. Very limited content. Somewhat boring.

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