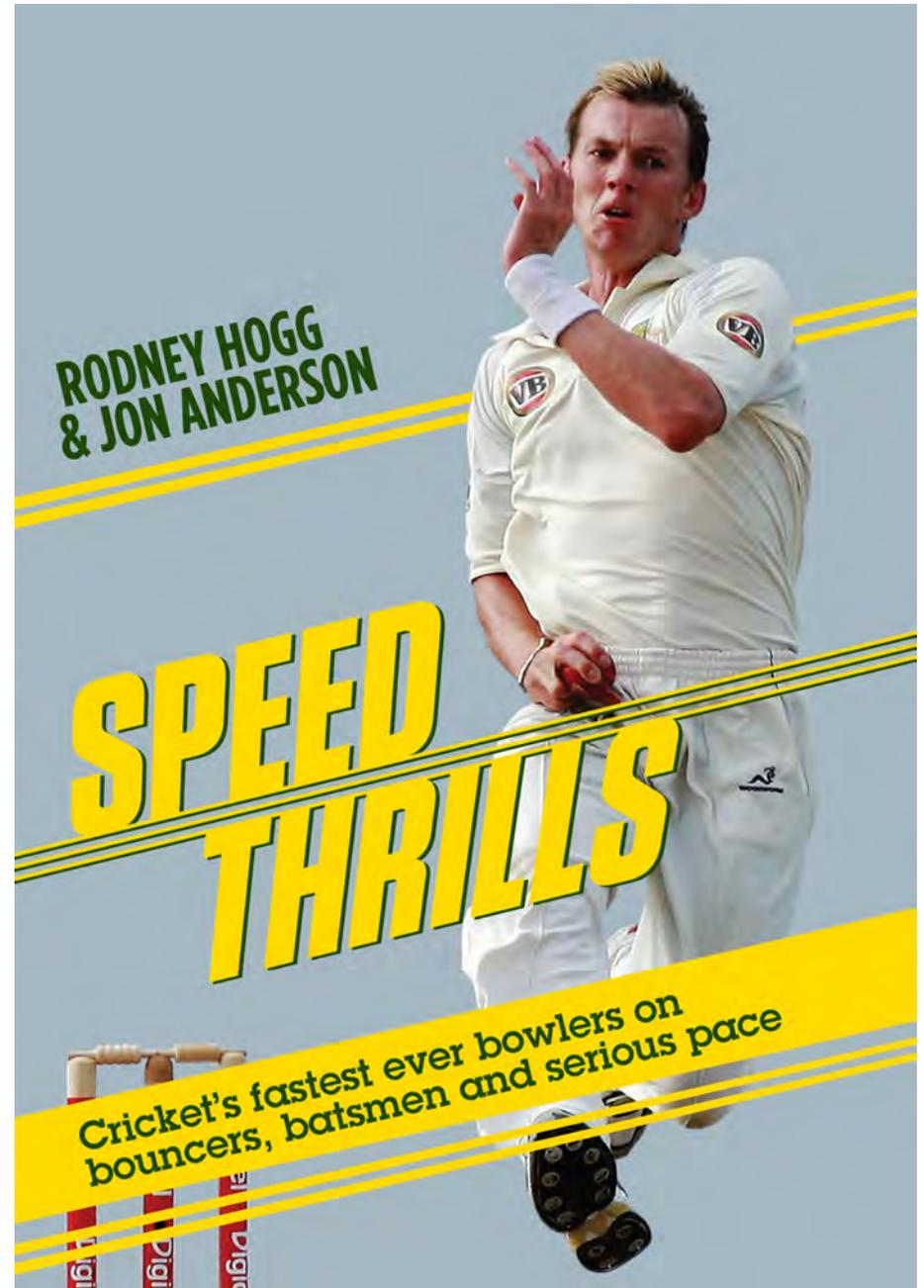


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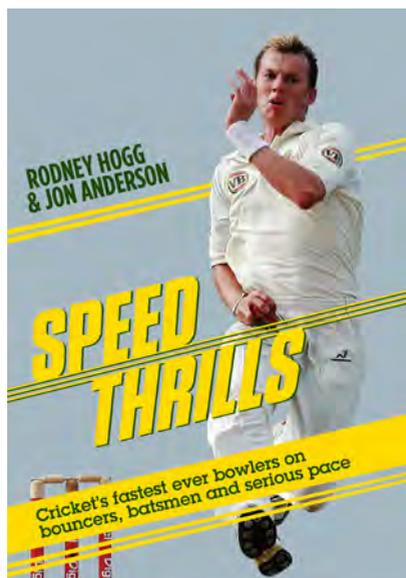
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# SPEED THRILLS

By Rodney Hogg & Jon Anderson



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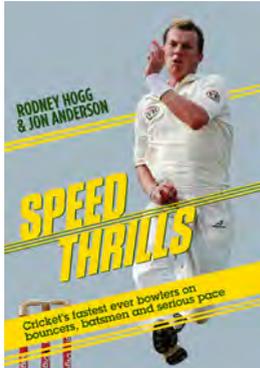
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## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Rodney Hogg** announced himself as the blond, blue-eyed, aggressive and menacingly fast bowler who took 41 wickets for World Series depleted Australia against England in the Ashes of 1978–79. The way he regularly beat Geoff Boycott for pace thrilled Australia at a lean time. He now writes regularly for *The New Daily* and appears often as the cricket expert on radio SEN.

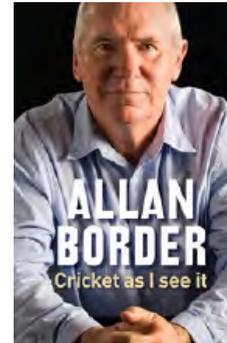
**Jon Anderson** is a sports journalist with the *Herald Sun* newspaper, Fox Sports Australia and radio station 3AW. Anderson has also written, co-written or edited books on Mark 'Jacko' Jackson, Gary Ablett Sr., Rodney Hogg and Brian Taylor.

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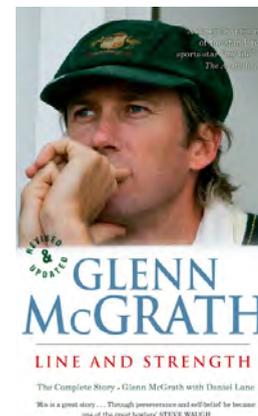
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