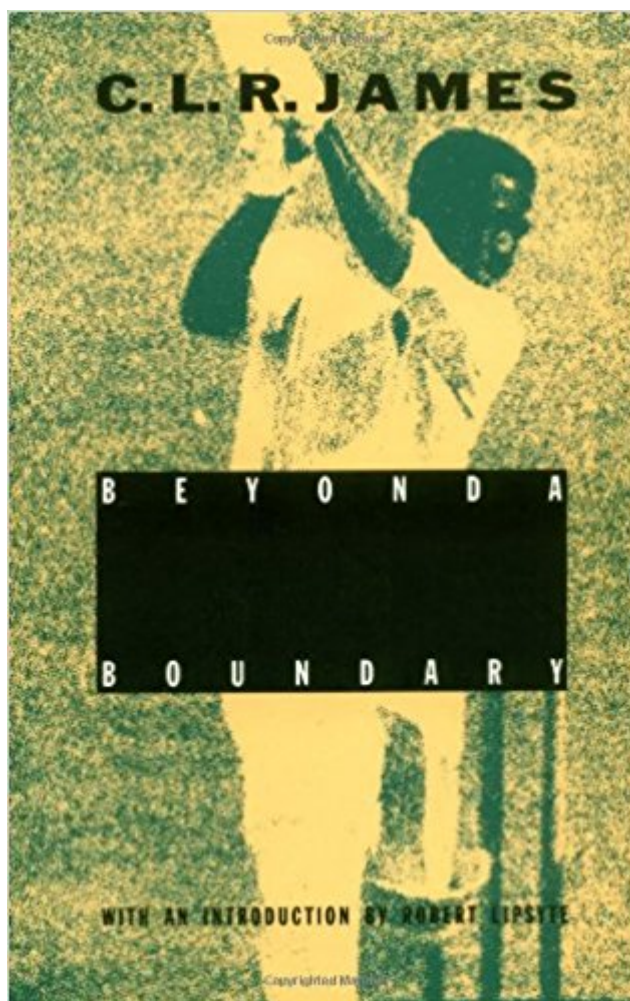


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Synopsis

In C. L. R. James's classic *Beyond a Boundary*, the sport is cricket and the scene is the colonial West Indies. Always eloquent and provocative, James--the "black Plato," (as coined by the London Times)--shows us how, in the rituals of performance and conflict on the field, we are watching not just prowess but politics and psychology at play. Part memoir of a boyhood in a black colony (by one of the founding fathers of African nationalism), part passionate celebration of an unusual and unexpected game, *Beyond a Boundary* raises, in a warm and witty voice, serious questions about race, class, politics, and the facts of colonial oppression. Originally published in England in 1963 and in the United States twenty years later (Pantheon, 1983), this second American edition brings back into print this prophetic statement on race and sport in society.

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"Everything James has done has had the mark of originality, of his own flexible, sensitive, and deeply cultured intelligence. He conveys not a rigid doctrine but a delight and curiosity in all the manifestations of life, and the clue to everything lies in his proper appreciation of the game of cricket."--E. P. Thompson

C. L. R. James (1901–1989), historian, novelist, cultural and political critic and activist, was born in Trinidad. He is the author of numerous books, including his well-known study of the Haitian Revolution, *The Black Jacobins* (1938).

I read *Beyond a Boundary* for a class I am taking in Cultural Studies. I expected it to be really dull and boring as I am not into sport at all. But after reading it, it was really one of the most well-written and interesting books I've ever read. James' carefully crafted book relates his experience as a colonized subject of Britain in the West Indies and the way in which colonialism and British morals and values were spread in the colonies through cricket. Beautifully intertwined with James' personal experiences growing up and attending British public school, the history of cricket and great cricketers is presented passionately by James, a true fan of the sport, and all written in beautiful prose. James also tells the narrative of his political life, writing about the importance of West Indian self-governance and how cricket mirrored the social politics of Trinidad at the time. There were many overlaying threads of narrative throughout the book which gave it textural depth and the honesty of James throughout lends weight to his words. Highly recommended

More than a cricket book. Interweaves the arts, social and political conditions with the emergence of West Indies cricket. Will be enjoyed by all those who appreciate the role of sport, and cricket in particular, in influencing and reflecting the society in which it takes place.

Unforgettable. Well written. This is a "Great Book."

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absolutely love CLR James. This and the Black Jacobins are classics.

I already owned a copy of this book, but decided to get another copy for a dear friend and his wife so that they could finally get a sense of the politics and societal influences that make the game of cricket more than just a game to so many - not least of all the people of the Caribbean. A fascinating mix of history, autobiographical elements and elegant prose!

A very good cricket book, which offers a fascinating insight into West Indian society in the colonial era

awesome book if you are a cricket fan. If not do not buy it. It was boring and basically forced to read it

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