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INSIDE OUT

Gideon Haigh

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Bats in every room of the house, a cricket library of more than 3000 books – when Gideon Haigh glances at a taxi's number plate, he sees Wally Hammond's 1928-29 Ashes record (handy when the cab drives off with his bags). That kind of obsession can bore people at parties, but Haigh's passion and humour rubs off on every page of *Inside Out*, a collection that goes beyond the game and its players to cricketing culture at large – from the mythology of the baggy green cap to the future of club cricket.