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by DAVID WHISH-WILSON and SEAN GORMAN with a foreword by DENNIS COMETTI

ABOUT THE BOOK

'The State is divided. It's not life or death, it's more important.'

So says a poster on Dennis Cometti's wall – and that's what David Whish-Wilson and Sean Gorman found when they interviewed 40 fans of the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers, including David Wirrpanda, Shaun McManus, Dennis Lillee, Alison Fan, Gillian O'Shaughnessy, Julie Bishop, Melissa Parke, Jesse Dart, Ross McLean and more. Does the greatest team have the greatest fans? Read *Derby* and find out for yourself.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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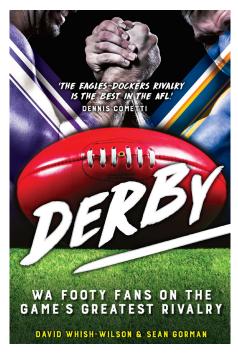
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• Features: James Baker, Julie Bishop, Fedele Camarda, Maria Camporeale, Kevin Croon, Jesse Dart, Ron Elliott, Les Everett, Alison Fan, Glenis Freemantle, Maria Giglia, Mark Greenwood, Gaby Haddow, Julie Hoffman, Adrian Hoffman, Greig Johnston, Justin Langer, Deanne Lewis, Dennis Lillee, Lesley the Voodoo Lady, Luc Longley, Alsy Macdonald, Carla Mackesey, Ross McLean, Shaun McManus, Clive Mercer, Ian MacRae, Kia Mippy, Peter Mudie, Jeff Newman, Gillian O'Shaughnessy, Melissa Parke, Parsi, Janet Peters, John Prior, Matt Quinn aka Mr Q, Kim Scott, Glen Stasiuk, Bill Sutherland, Bevan Taylor, David Wirrpanda.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'At last, from footy's Wild West, a book on one of the must-sees of the Australian football calendar – the Derby!' Martin Flanagan

'The Eagles-Dockers rivalry is the best in the AFL.' Dennis Cometti



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