

# The First Lions of Rugby

Sean Fagan  
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THERE are two certainties in rugby union: South African referees being pedantic and Sean Fagan getting his history right.

Fagan has a reputation for doing meticulous research and then presenting it in an entertaining style.

The timing of his latest effort is as perfect as a Will Genia scrumbase dart, with the British and Irish Lions back in Australia. Fagan's book is about the first 1888 Lions, 22 young men who

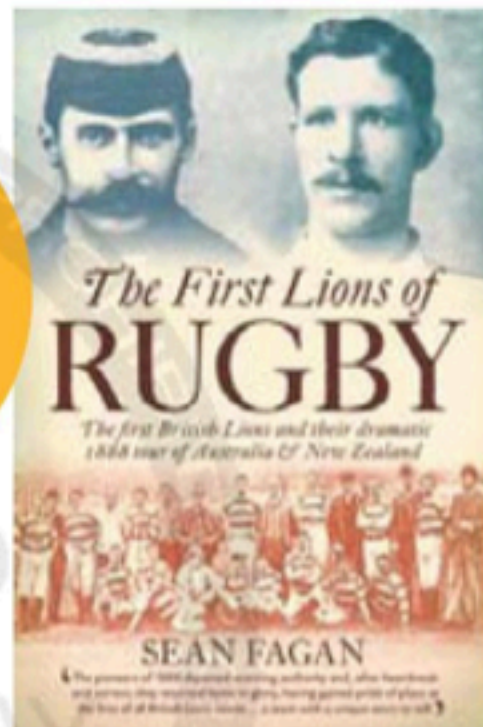
set off on a 54-match tour of Australia and New Zealand without official backing and who returned in triumph but minus their captain Bob Seddon who had drowned in the Hunter River at Maitland during the tour.

Fagan kicks off his entertaining account with a chapter on A.E. Stoddart, the real star of the touring party.

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## VERDICT

A must for  
rugby types



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