

BOOK NOTES

Ted Dexter and David Lemmon, *A Walk to the Wicket*. George Allen and Unwin, London, 1984. pp.221. \$24.95.

Prolific cricket wordsmith, David Lemmon, has teamed up with Ted Dexter to produce yet another genre in cricket writing, an 'anthology with a difference'. The result, extensive quotations from previously published works (including the authors - which does seem to constitute a case of 'double dipping') interspersed with the authors own comments, reminds me at times of undergraduate scissors-and-paste essay. However, this book may appeal to those who enjoy a smorgasboard of anecdotes, bizarre titbits and general rumination: one of the chapters focusses on 'moments of glory' (mostly brief) and tells the story of cricketers, such as one Captain J.H.G. Deighton, who happened to dismiss Bradman for 98 (a most unusual happening for Bradman invariably went from 90 to a century), before fading into oblivion.