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men's eyes he lived as a loose-limbed hero, and in him they lost a very humorous and a very gallant gentleman.' As well as telling the fascinating story of Gerald Howard-Smith for the first time, this important new biography explores such complex and important issues as childhood and adolescence, class relations, sporting achievement, manliness and masculinity, metropolitan-provincial relationships, and forms of commemoration. It will therefore be of interest to educationalists, sports historians, local and regional historians, and those interested in class, gender and civilian-military relations--indeed all those seeking to understand the economic, social, and cultural life of late nineteenth and early twentieth-century Britain"--Publisher description.

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