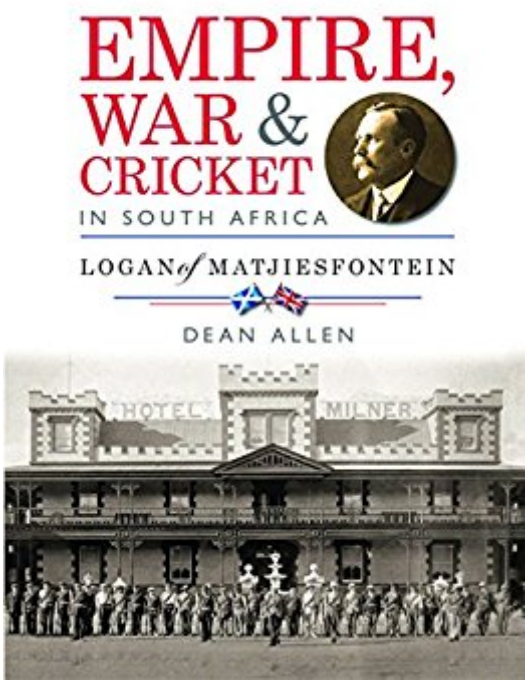
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Synopsis

Cecil John Rhodes once said he had only met two creators in South Africa: himself and James Douglas Logan, the Scottish-born founder of Matjiesfontein. Logan immigrated to South Africa in 1877 at the age of nineteen and almost immediately began amassing a fortune through business, politics and his high-profile association with that most favoured of imperial pastimes Ã¢â ¬â œ cricket. Empire, War & Cricket in South Africa explores in detail how Matjiesfontein was created and how Logan developed this little Karoo town into a renowned health resort, attracting the rich and famous Ã¢â ¬â œ including South African novelist Olive Schreiner and England cricketer George Lohmann. But, above all, this is the untold story of how James Logan was instrumental in developing the game of cricket in South Africa at a time when the country was heading towards war with the British Empire.In Empire, War & Cricket in South Africa, readers will learn how one of the first international cricket matches between South Africa and England took place at Matjiesfontein; explore the controversial 1901 South African cricket tour to England in the midst of the Anglo-Boer War; read the amazing story of how Logan once had the captain and manager of EnglandÃ¢â ¬â„¢s cricket team arrested as they boarded their ship home; and discover LoganÃ¢â ¬â„¢s close relationship with Rhodes and how their Ã¢â ¬Ëœshady dealingsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ brought down the premierÃ¢â ¬â„¢s first government.Illustrated throughout with rare photographs and documents, Empire, War & Cricket in South Africa is a unique social and political history of the workings of the British Empire in South Africa during the late nineteenth century; a well-researched and fascinating biography of the man who gave us Matjiesfontein; and an entertaining and at times unbelievable story of cricketÃ¢â ¬â„¢s origins in South Africa.

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The story is a fascinating one and has parallels with our modern times - jobs for pals, corruption, arrogance in politics, business and sports administration. Unfortunately, Allen goes on far too long. I found myself skipping chunks of text. However, it’s worth a read, especially if you’ve been to, or intend going to Matjiesfontein

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