



A Perfect Gentleman : The Sir Wilson Whineray Story

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He is Sir Wilson Whineray, one of New Zealand's favourite sons, a legendary achiever in both rugby and business. This is the man who had all of Cardiff Arms Park standing, singing For Hes a Jolly Good Fellow at the conclusion of the epic All Black tour of 1963-1964. He was a gifted, natural leader who, following his celebrated rugby career, became an iconic business leader, chairing the board of Carter Holt Harvey for 10 years. His amazing story has never before been told. Reluctant to be seen to be blowing his own trumpet, over the years Sir Wilson has turned down countless offers to have his life story published, but was finally coaxed out of his reticence by Bob Howitt, one of the country's most highly respected rugby writers and biographers. Bob has extracted myriad enthralling stories from Sir Wilson's rugby and business colleagues and the people closest to him, to produce a work of magical quality without which no rugby library will be complete.

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