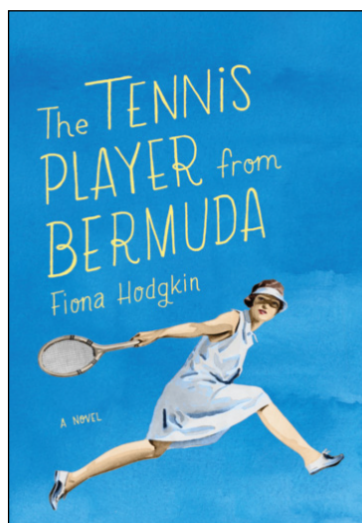




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A NOVEL

Fiona Hodgkin

50 Years Ago, a Girl from Bermuda Played at Wimbledon

*You'll never forget Fiona Hodgkin – or her heartbreaking
love affair during the Wimbledon fortnight in 1962*

In summer 2012, the world will focus on Wimbledon twice: the 126th Lawn Tennis Championships starting on June 25, and the London 2012 Olympic tennis competition starting on July 28. Here is a novel set at Wimbledon 50 years ago that will capture the hearts of everyone in London this summer: *The Tennis Player from Bermuda*.

In 1962, the tennis players at Wimbledon were all amateurs – there were no entourages for players, no lucrative product endorsements, and little money. Tennis fashion design was the domain of the extraordinary Teddy Tinling. The All England Lawn Tennis Club was a tiny 13 acres with only 16 grass courts, including the famous Centre Court.

In *The Tennis Player from Bermuda*, Fiona tells how she qualified for Wimbledon in 1962 – and became the best friend of Claire Kershaw, the number one woman player in the world. Fiona fell in love with Claire's brother, a handsome Royal Marines officer, and their love affair played out against the dramatic Championship match between Claire and Fiona.

Fiona's story combines friendship and love with one of the greatest sports competitions of all time. *The Tennis Player from Bermuda* will be the literary hit of this summer at Wimbledon and the London Olympics.

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