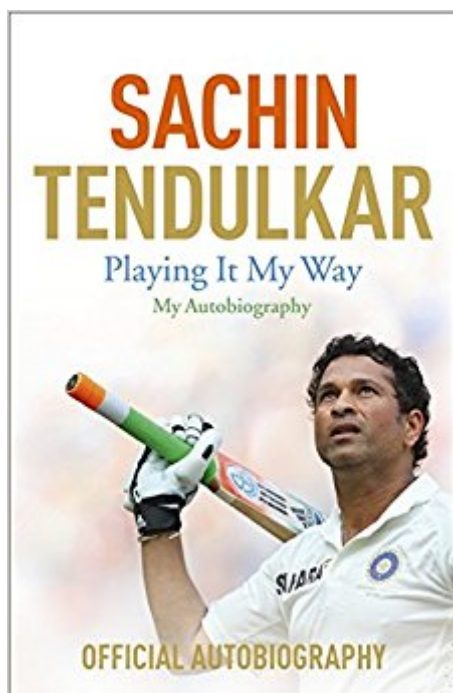


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Playing It My Way



Synopsis

The greatest run-scorer in the history of cricket, Sachin Tendulkar retired in 2013 after an astonishing 24 years at the top. The most celebrated Indian cricketer of all time, he received the Bharat Ratna Award - India's highest civilian honour - on the day of his retirement. Now Sachin Tendulkar tells his own remarkable story - from his first Test cap at the age of 16 to his 100th international century and the emotional final farewell that brought his country to a standstill. When a boisterous Mumbai youngster's excess energies were channelled into cricket, the result was record-breaking schoolboy batting exploits that launched the career of a cricketing phenomenon. Before long Sachin Tendulkar was the cornerstone of India's batting line-up, his every move watched by a cricket-mad nation's devoted followers. Never has a cricketer been burdened with so many expectations; never has a cricketer performed at such a high level for so long and with such style - scoring more runs and making more centuries than any other player, in both Tests and one-day games. And perhaps only one cricketer could have brought together a shocked nation by defiantly scoring a Test century shortly after terrorist attacks rocked Mumbai. His many achievements with India include winning the World Cup and topping the world Test rankings. Yet he has also known his fair share of frustration and failure - from injuries and early World Cup exits to stinging criticism from the press, especially during his unhappy tenure as captain. Despite his celebrity status, Sachin Tendulkar has always remained a very private man, devoted to his family and his country. Now, for the first time, he provides a fascinating insight into his personal life and gives a frank and revealing account of a sporting life like no other.

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Customer Reviews

Born in Mumbai, Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut in Pakistan at the age of 16 in 1989. One of the most gifted and entertaining batsmen to have played international cricket, he scored more runs and made more centuries than any other player in history - in both Tests and ODIs. He made his first Test century at the age of 17, at the age of 36 he became the first player to make a one-day double century and in 2012 he scored his 100th international hundred. With India he won the World Cup in 2011 and reached the top of the world Test rankings in the same year. In 2013, he retired from cricket after playing his 200th and final Test in front of his home crowd in Mumbai.

This was a priceless experience.. I wished the book didn't end. It was really refreshing to see things from Sachin's perspective. The only time I saw him live in a stadium finds a mention in his book as well, which was a pleasant surprise! His child like enthusiasm for the game was plain to see on that day and throughout his career. This same enthusiasm is reflected right through the book as well. I enjoyed all of the anecdotes shared, most of which weren't public knowledge. This is a must read for a Sachin fan. Even if you're not a fan of him or the game, it's still worth picking up to get an idea of literally the blood, sweat and tears that made up a legendary career. Life really begins now for you sir, wish you all the best!

It is actually pretty ordinary . I did not get anything substantially new that I have not read elsewhere, which is not saying much anyway. There are anecdotes right through the book . Some of which I enjoyed .Some of his early days in 80s made a good reading . Two things that I became more aware of wereHe got injured badly right through his career and that bothered him and he struggled with it . Rather unfortunate or may be he was constantly pushing his body.and the second one was he really loved and played for his personal records - centuries , # of tests ..there is a constant theme about these numbers in the entire book . Not to say he was selfish etc which he was not , but I just did not think he cared for his personal records as much.That infamous declaration by Rahul which left him stranded @194 is another example. Rahul should not have declared (I did not know that Rahul delayed declaration in sydney test few months ago which may have robbed us of our first series win in aus) but Sachin was livid even after 24 hours !!! when Rahul came over to talk to him . SRT just could not let it go that Rahul tried to send a tough message to Pak that India means business (However bad that call was from Rahul). I just found that strange. Sachin loves his 100s and 200s.For some one with whom he has scored maximum runs with , lack of warmth towards Rahul is conspicuous . He has good words for his knocks but nothing more .

There is lot of warmth towards Anil, Sourav, Yuvi, Bhajji, Viru etc. Probably Rahul himself was reserved .He talks about the entire 2011 Eng series and not a word about Rahul's 3 centuries !!! - may be I am reading too much. I maybe biased because I was surprised by Rahul's interview by Cricinfo following the release of this book and this incident . Rahul was unusually belligerent when asked if he was looking forward to read the book - he said something like "I am not looking forward to these aspects but I will look to his views on batting skills and how he prepared etc". Coming to cricket itself I was surprised as to how so many of his shots were played even before ball was delivered. It was surprising to learn the amount of pre-meditation and out-smarting that goes on !!. This guy lived , breathed cricket - an ultimate Cricket Huccha.

This is an amazing and thorough account for one of the greatest cricketer of my generation! The less known stories of managing injuries and enduring tremendous pain for a greater cause is a takeaway for any person in any walk of life! The best part of this book is probably the unheard stories of Sachin's off the field partnership with Anjali, without whose sacrifice and support, we would not probably see such a terrific journey of 24 years! And thanks a ton to Boria for batting with Sachin to write this book, to capture all those moments I grew up watching! While the book is an autobiographical account and it does perfect justice to the genre, it would be more enjoyable with little bit more creative deviation, something from a narrator's point of view here and there! Overall 'Playing it my way' is a must read for anyone who knows Cricket because it's about the GOD himself! A fav in my Kindle library!

It is an easy read. Sachin talks about his cricketing career in detail, but for some reason he decides to skip all controversial moments that happened inside the Indian team during his career. He goes on in detail how he planned to face Shane Warne and other Australian bowlers during the Australian tour, but he decides to stay silent about how he planned to tackle the uncertainty and chaos caused in the dressing room by his teammates match fixing scandals. It is one thing that he didn't want to talk about other team mates in his auto-biography, but he does not even talk about his own emotional state at that time. Let alone, he completely ignores the incident and skips it, does not even bring it up. Apart from that, the book helps you to figure out why he was one of the best cricketer in the world, why he is the master blaster. The answer is simple, hard work. The book talks about his injuries during his playing career and how he coped up with the pain and always fought back to come back. Apart from cricket, the book touches his courtship and marriage with his wife,

her support for him during his playing career and her sacrifices. To summarize, it is a motivational read that teaches only hard work is a key to success.

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