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Standing My Ground Random House
Australia

“One of the most open and honest and thought-provoking books on the effect addiction and alcohol can have on the career and life of a county cricketer.”
—Deep Extra Cover The truth is that professional sports are a breeding ground for addictive behavior. Luke Sutton is a business owner and successful agent to sporting stars such as James Taylor, Nile Wilson and Sam

Quek, but his life didn't always look so positive. Back from the Edge reveals the huge ups and major downs that a professional career in sports can bring—and the mental health difficulties that can plague a sportsperson along the way. Luke knows this more than most. Brutally, but refreshingly honest, this no-frills autobiography of the former professional cricketer describes in detail the moment he hit rock bottom, how he got there, his roller coaster journey through rehab, and the important lessons he's learned since. Throughout the book, Luke remains candid and reveals how his addictions affected his

personal life, from his friends to family to his children. Back from the Edge is heart-wrenching. It's also thoroughly genuine, funny and utterly inspirational, and has allowed the former cricketer to speak about his mental health and to raise awareness of addiction in sports. Now a sports agent, he is perfectly placed to spot the warning signs in young stars, and to support them before they spiral into the same type of experiences he faced. "A raw account of his alcoholism and the process of rebuilding his life." —The Telegraph
 "One of the most honest cricket books ever written." —ESPNcricinfo

Head On - Ian Botham: The Autobiography Random House

Voted the greatest English cricketer of the 20th century by the fans, Sir Ian

Botham is the English game's one true living legend and his story both on and off the pitch reads like a Boy's Own rollercoaster ride. Born with a natural genius for cricket, Botham began breaking records with bat and ball from a young age and soon became the man English cricket expected most from. After a troubled period as England's captain, Botham rose once again to become a national hero with his display in the Miracle Ashes of 1981. But, with his confrontational nature and wild streak, he began regularly making the wrong kind of headlines. With accusations of drink and drugs, affairs and ball-tampering, he became hounded by the tabloid pack, never sure whether they wanted him to triumph or implode. Now a Knight and just as famous for his

tireless charity work, Beefy gives us the definitive story of his never-dull life and times in his own no-nonsense words.

Michael Vaughan: Time to Declare - My Autobiography Routledge

Bringing together leading international writers on cricket and society, this important new book places cricket in the postcolonial life of the major Test-playing countries. Exploring the culture, politics, governance and economics of cricket in the twenty-first century, this book dispels the age-old idea of a gentle game played on England's village greens. This is an original political and historical study of the game's development in a range of countries and covers: * cricket in the new Commonwealth: Sri Lanka, Pakistan, the Caribbean and India * the cricket

cultures of Australia, New Zealand and post-apartheid South Africa * cricket in England since the 1950s. This new book is ideal for students of sport, politics, history and postcolonialism as it provides stimulating and comprehensive discussions of the major issues including race, migration, globalization, neoliberal economics, the media, religion and sectarianism.

Unbreakable Headline

A memoir like no other, from a cricketing expert known for speaking his mind This book is about me, my cricket career, my life. My strengths and weaknesses, my successes and failures. Every individual lives a uniquely different life. Life stories are always interesting. No one leads an uneventful life. Having been a sportsman, I also want young, aspiring

sportsmen to learn from my career. Like a father once said to his son: 'I made twenty mistakes in my life, you'll make twenty new ones.' In *Imperfect*, Sanjay Manjrekar uses his famous analytical powers to look back on his own career as a cricketer. His photographic memory takes the reader along on his journey from the dusty maidans of Mumbai to the world stage as the combative batsman faces up to the fearsome West Indian and Pakistani pace attacks. In his precise plainspeak, Sanjay reflects on his father Vijay Manjrekar and the effects of his personality on his game. He comments on the complex equations with the India greats with whom he shared the dressing room, and on the lessons learnt from his opponents. He also reveals his own excruciating

obsession with batting technique, the quest for perfection, and the battle to shake off his mental shackles. *Imperfect* sets a new standard for cricket writing in India, with significant life lessons even for those who aren't cricket fans.

[Tuffers' Cricket Hall of Fame](#) Springer Nature

A sporting classic and a manual for living Sourav Ganguly life has been full of highs and lows. Arguably India's greatest cricket captain, he gave confidence to the team, reenergized them and took India, for the first time, to spectacular overseas victories. But Ganguly's story also came with great challenges from his early days where he had to wait four long years before being included in the team to the ugly battle with the Australian coach Greg Chappell. He

fought his way out of every corner and climbed back up from every defeat, becoming India ultimate comeback king. What does it take to perform when the pressure is skyhigh? How do you fight back and win? How do you make a name for yourself when you are young and have started the journey which is closest to your heart? As Sourav takes you through his life, he looks at how to overcome challenges and come out a winner. Time and time again.

Sir Curtly Ambrose Hodder & Stoughton
Everyone knows the story, or thinks they do. The leg-spinner who rewrote the record books. One of Wisden's five cricketers of the twentieth century. A sporting idol across the globe. A magnet for the tabloids. But the millions of words written and spoken about Shane Warne

since his explosive arrival on the Test cricket scene in 1992 have only scratched the surface. The real story has remained untold. In *No Spin*, Shane sets the record straight. From his extraordinary family history to his childhood as a budding Aussie Rules footballer in suburban Melbourne. From the legendary 'Gatting ball' to his history-making 700th Test wicket. From the controversy surrounding the diuretic pill in South Africa to his high-profile relationship with Hollywood star Elizabeth Hurley. Nothing is off limits, and Shane tackles it all with his trademark directness and humour. These days an incisive, charismatic TV commentator and analyst, the 'Sultan of Spin' also lets us in on the mysterious art of leg-spin bowling, revealing the secrets

of some of his deadliest deliveries. As Shane says, 'Few batsmen, if any, truly know what I do.' A sporting great, a celebrity, a family man and a self-confessed regular Aussie bloke from the suburbs, in *No Spin* Shane offers a compelling insight into how a boy from Black Rock changed the face of cricket forever.

Ronnie Hodder

With a flamboyant approach to the game on and off the pitch, Australia's greatest bowler Shane Warne is an irresistible cricketing force. In *Shane Warne's Century*, he candidly profiles 100 players from every Test nation who have had the most significant impact on his cricketing life. Warne is famous for having never scoring a Test century, although he came tantalisingly close on several

occasions. He now wants to set the record straight by writing about a century of cricketing stars he has encountered during his illustrious career. The famous names featured here include fellow Australian legends Allan Border, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting and Glenn McGrath, as well as adversaries such as Brian Lara, Sachin Tendulkar, Jonty Rhodes and Freddie Flintoff. Warne also puts together a dream Test match of those he would have loved to have played alongside versus a team of international legends. Pulling no punches and giving a fascinating insight into the game, Warne serves up highly readable anecdotes and opinions. Throughout the book, Warne covers the serious issues affecting cricket today, such as cheating and match-fixing, and assesses a large

number of professional relationships he has enjoyed and endured, including those with Sri Lankan star Arjuna Ranatunga and South African captain Graeme Smith. Shane Warne's Century is a genuine page-turner by one of cricket's most popular stars and is a must-read for all cricket fans.

Cutting Edge Aurum

The Cat has never been far from controversy - thrown out of both public and comprehensive school, bust ups with officialdom on and off the pitch, the violent incidents from his first marriage to an ex-prostitute, and the subject of numerous drugs allegations, most recently on the 1996/97 England tour of New Zealand.

A Century Is Not Enough Bloomsbury Publishing

The definitive biography of Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain and all-rounder - the Oxbridge graduate and vociferous campaigner; the devout Muslim whose kaleidoscopic social life flooded the gossip columns; the man who raised \$60 million for cancer research and who is now one of the most important political figures in Pakistan. *Wounded Tiger* Hodder & Stoughton

Dickie Bird's retirement was an international event shown on TV screens and newspapers throughout the world. He is a household name, an eccentric, and one of the most loved and respected characters in world cricket. His idiosyncratic style and infectious humour has endeared him to millions, transcending his sport. Fiercely proud of his background as a Yorkshire miner's

son, his account follows his youth in Barnsley, his early days as a cricketer, through to his career as an umpire and his experiences of the international scene, all told with total honesty by this very private person. As the most respected umpire in the game, Dickie has serious and constructive points to make about modern cricket. He has fearlessly berated fast-bowlers when necessary. He has some sharp comments to make about ball tampering and he has mixed feelings about the introduction of the third umpire. Dickie wanted to go out at the top and he has certainly done so - after standing at 66 Test matches, three World Cup finals and 92 one-day Internationals. Combining forthright views on the game and those involved in it, compelling

accounts of what it is like behind the scenes in cricket at the highest level, and the hilarious stories for which Dickie is so well known, here is the refreshing and enjoyable autobiography of a sporting legend.

Imran Khan Harper Collins

The official autobiography of Wasim Akram, the 'Sultan of Swing', one of the greatest fast bowlers in the history of cricket. For twenty years, Wasim Akram let his cricket do the talking - with his electrifying left-arm pace, his explosive striking as a batsman, and his inspirational leadership. For another twenty years, he kept his own counsel about his cricketing days - full of drama, controversy and even mystery - in a country, Pakistan, that to outsiders is a constant enigma. Sultan tells the story of

cricket's greatest left-arm bowler, and one of its enduring survivors, who was chosen from the streets of Lahore and groomed by Imran Khan to become champion of the world - he was Man of the Match in the final of the 1992 World Cup which Pakistan won. Along the way were unforgettable rivalries with the legends of his time, from Viv Richards and Ian Botham to Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne. All of this against a backdrop of conspiracy and intrigue over ball tampering and match-fixing, about which Wasim finally sets the story straight. Sultan provides an unprecedented insight into the life - both on and off the field - of a cricketer who revolutionized the sport with his speed and swing, and a patriot buoyed and burdened by the expectations of one of

the game's most fanatical publics.

No Spin Simon and Schuster

A true-life sporting memoir of one of the best batsman in the game who stunned the cricket world when he prematurely ended his own England career.

Trescothick's brave and soul-baring account of his mental frailties opens the way to a better understanding of the unique pressures experienced by modern-day professional sportsmen.

On Fire Random House

Ronnie is snooker's most written and talked about player, and its greatest showman. His supreme talent and style have made him the People's Champion and, as one commentator put it, 'the question is not how much does Ronnie O'Sullivan need snooker, but how much does snooker need Ronnie O'Sullivan?' A

honest and candid account of his extraordinary life, Ronnie tells of the infant who was introduced to legendary snooker clubs at an impossibly early age; of the boy who frightened off the bookies aged just 12; of the teenager whose life was decimated when his father and mentor was sent to prison for life; and of the man dubbed the 'genius' of the modern game who regularly threatened to quit the sport to pursue other interests at the grand old age of 28. 'A fine autobiography ... compelling' - Independent 'O'Sullivan is as frank about his spell in the Priory clinic as he is about his father's murder conviction. His accounts of snooker tournaments and sketches of the sport's personalities will fascinate fans, but even snooker haters will be rooting for Ronnie in the game of

life' - OK!

Cricket and National Identity in the Postcolonial Age Random House Australia

The number 1 bestseller in paperback. One of the greatest cricketers of all time, Ricky Ponting boasts more records than any other player in Australian history including the most wins as a player and a captain, as well as being Australia's highest run-scorer in test and ODI cricket. From childhood prodigy to the highs and lows of an extraordinary international career, *At the Close of Play* is the remarkable autobiography of one of the game's greats. But beyond the triumphs and scandals, records and retirement, this is the story of a life lived in cricket and of a life shaped by extraordinary talent and the people who

believed in that talent.

Controversially Yours Piatkus Books
THE WISDEN BOOK OF THE YEAR and
THE CROSS SPORTS BOOK AWARDS
CRICKET BOOK OF THE YEAR. 'The most
complete, best researched, roses-and-
thorns history of cricket in Pakistan'
Independent 'As good as it's likely to get'
Guardian The nation of Pakistan was
born out of the trauma of Partition from
India in 1947. Its cricket team evolved in
the chaotic aftermath. Initially
unrecognised, underfunded and weak,
Pakistan's team grew to become a major
force in world cricket. Since the early
days of the Raj, cricket has been
entwined with national identity and
Pakistan's successes helped to define its
status in the world. Defiant in defence,
irresistible in attack, players such as

A.H.Kardar, Fazal Mahmood, Wasim
Akram and Imran Khan awed their
contemporaries and inspired their
successors. The story of Pakistan cricket
is filled with triumph and tragedy. In
recent years, it has been threatened by
the same problems affecting Pakistan
itself: fallout from the 'war on terror',
sectarian violence, corruption, crises in
health and education, and a shortage of
effective leaders. For twenty years,
Pakistan cricket has been stained by the
scandalous behaviour of the players
involved in match-fixing. After 2009, the
fear of violence drove Pakistan's
international cricket into exile. But Peter
Oborne's narrative is also full of hope.
For all its troubles, cricket gives all
Pakistanis a chance to excel and express
themselves, a sense of identity and a

cause for pride in their country. Packed with first-hand recollections, and digging deep into political, social and cultural history, *Wounded Tiger* is a major study of sport and nationhood.

Six Machine HarperCollins

'I don't think anyone, apart from Don Bradman, is in the same class as Sachin Tendulkar.' -Shane Warne This is cricket icon, Sachin Tendulkar's life story in his own words - his journey from a small boy with dreams to becoming a cricket god. His amazing story has now been turned into a major film, *A Billion Dreams*, in which he stars. 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.

All Round View Juggernaut Books
Andrew Strauss, one of the most successful and respected England cricket captains of the modern era, announced his retirement from professional cricket at the end of 2012. In *DRIVING AMBITION* he gives a candid account of the highs and lows of his remarkable career for Middlesex and England. An outstanding opening batsman and natural leader, Andrew Strauss captained his country in 50 of his 100 Tests. During his time in charge, England emerged from a turbulent and controversial period to become the world's top team. Fully updated to cover the past year in Andrew's life; the transition from player to pundit and the fortunes of English

cricket. This is an honest and entertaining story of a quiet, modest but fiercely ambitious man who became a magnificent man-manager, leading England to victory in the 2009 Ashes series and again in Australia the following year. Strauss is a fine raconteur and this revealing autobiography will appeal to all those who love cricket.

Back from the Edge HarperCollins UK From the street of Karachi to the great Test centers of the world, the enigmatic Pakistani cricket hero Javad Miandad takes readers on a riveting journey through his many accomplishments as a player as well as a coach without mincing words about his disappointments. Former England captain Tony Greig has written the

foreword.

Bio-Sporting Legends HarperCollins UK Sir Curtly Ambrose is one of the most famous cricket players of all time. He is also notorious for his silence. Now, for the first time, Curtly will tell his story. One of the leading - and most lethal - fast bowlers of all time, Curtly Ambrose played 98 Tests and 176 One Day Internationals for the West Indies, and for much of his career topped the ICC player rankings. He was an integral part of the iconic West Indies teams of the late 1980s and early 1990s whilst also bearing witness to their decline throughout the 1990s and beyond. A formidable sportsman, Curtly has unique insight into the extreme highs and debilitating lows of international cricket. But during his career Curtly Ambrose

was notorious for his silence. He rarely spoke to the media and, if he did, it was usually to rebuff an interview, which earned him the infamous reputation of 'Curtly talks to no one!'. In this, his autobiography, Curtly will tell the story of his life with the West Indies team for the very first time. From his colourful upbringing in Antigua, through to the turbulent politics of both nation and dressing room, the book takes you behind the scenes to give a fascinating insight into the career of an iconic sportsman. With his customary honesty, Curtly will discuss his relationship with both the game and his teammates and competitors, and will talk in depth about key moments in his career, including his extraordinary spell against Australia in 1992, taking 7-1. From the culture of

West Indian cricket to experiencing post-Apartheid cricket in South Africa, as well as touching on his relationship with cricket mogul and notorious financier Allen Stanford, the book will speak to fans of works such as C.L.R. James's *Beyond a Boundary*, as well as fans of cricket and sports biography. It also includes forewords from legendary cricket commentary Richie Benaud and Steve Waugh.

No Holding Back HarperSports

The incredible story of Dick Johnson – the Aussie battler who became an all-time V8 great. Ford legend Johnson did not get his break in motorsport until he was famously smashed out by a rock in the 1980 Bathurst 1000. But true to his never-say-die attitude, he went on to establish one of Australia's most

successful V8 Supercar teams, amidst a dramatic career that, on many occasions, almost saw him lose his home, his team and even his life. Through intimate revelations and blistering accounts of the motor racing

industry, Johnson reveals the incredible strength and commitment it took to win three Bathurst titles and a record five Australian Touring Car Championships in a remarkable career spanning almost 50 years.