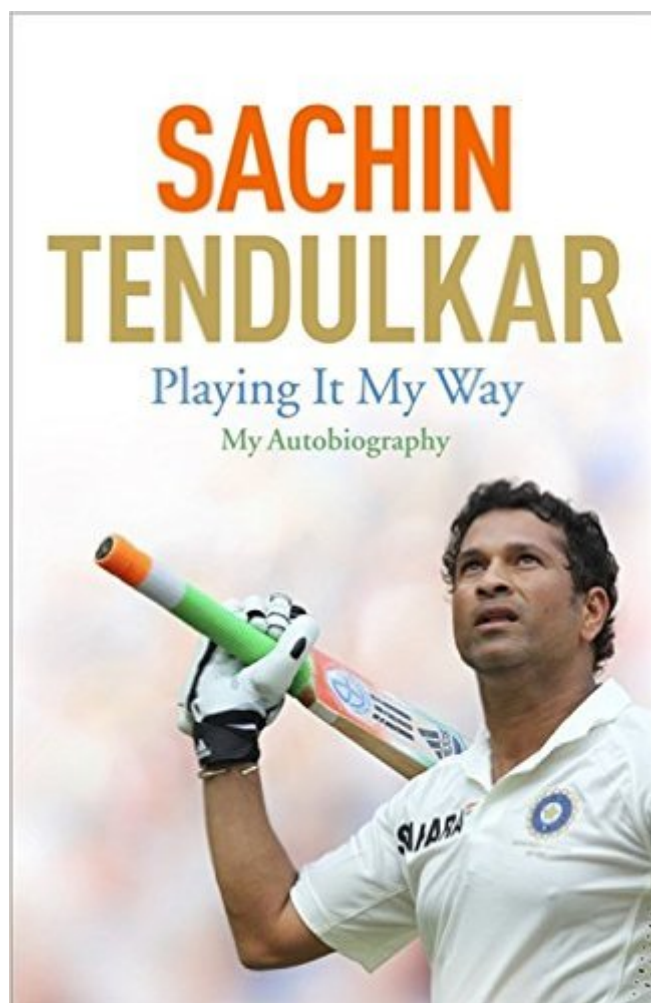


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Playing It My Way: My Autobiography



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The autobiography of the highest-scoring batsman of all timeThe 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 Awardâ "India's highest civilian honorâ "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 channeled into cricket, what resulted were record-breaking schoolboy batting exploits that launched the career of a cricketing phenomenon. Before long Sachin Tendulkar was the cornerstone of India's batting lineup, 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 styleâ "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, revealing account of a sporting life like no other.

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Finished reading Sachin's autobiography today. There were a couple of reasons why I was looking forward to reading this book (apart from the fact that I am a die-hard Sachin fan!!) First, I wanted to understand how he was such a perfect player, what made him what he was. The answer to this, after reading the book is something which will sound like a cliché, & it is "Focused Hard work". Once he had set a goal Sachin was completely focused on achieving it & doing whatever he has to, to get there. To give an example, at one point his training schedule was as follows: 7:30-10:30am ... Batting practice in the nets 11:30 to 4:30pm ... Practice match 5:30 to 8:30pm ... Batting practice in the nets Reminds me of what Malcolm Gladwell said in his book "Outliers" "You need 10000 hours of practice to master a skill". Well, Sachin practiced for much more than that. His dedication to the game was almost on the verge of insanity. On one occasion he reached home in Mumbai after a tour to New Zealand at 6:00am & was already at Wankhede for Mumbai's Ranji Trophy match at 8:00am. His focused hard-work played a crucial role in him reaching where he did. Secondly, I wanted to find out what kept him so grounded? How can anyone who has achieved what he has, stay so humble? Sachin is almost revered like a "God" in India & yet he managed to stay humble. How did he do that? The answer to this question is his family & in particular his father.

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