

The Most Incredible Cricket Moments Ever Witnessed by Players on the Field - You Won't Believe Number 7!

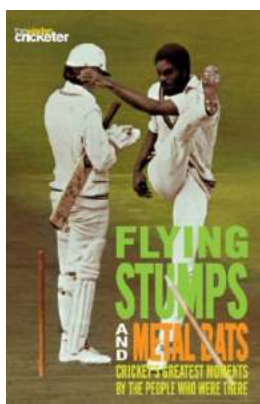


Cricket, often referred to as the gentleman's game, has been host to countless historic, dramatic, and jaw-dropping moments over the years. From iconic matches to outstanding individual performances, this sport has never failed to captivate fans around the world. In this article, we will explore some of the

greatest cricket moments as described by the players who were on the field when these moments occurred.

1. The Miracle at Eden Gardens - India vs Australia, 2001

Former Indian cricket player, Rahul Dravid, recounts the epic Test match against Australia in 2001. India, facing a daunting target of 384 runs, staged a remarkable comeback led by VVS Laxman's outstanding 281 and Dravid's unbeaten 180. The partnership between these two batsmen turned the match around, and India secured an incredible win.



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2. The Tied Semi-Final - Australia vs South Africa, 1999

Allan Donald, a South African player at the time, recalls the nail-biting end to the 1999 World Cup semi-final against Australia. Needing one run from the last three deliveries, the unfortunate mix-up between Lance Klusener and Allan Donald resulted in a tie, leading to Australia progressing to the final due to their higher position in the Super Six table.

3. The "Sixer" World Cup Victory - Sri Lanka vs Australia, 1996

Aravinda de Silva, the hero of the 1996 World Cup final, shares his memories of that historic match against Australia. De Silva's sublime century, coupled with outstanding performances by his teammates, led Sri Lanka to a convincing victory and their first-ever World Cup triumph.

4. A Record-Breaking Innings - Brian Lara's 400 Not Out

Former West Indian batsman, Brian Lara, recalls his iconic innings against England in 2004 where he became the first player in history to score 400 runs in a single Test match innings. Lara's incredible display of batting skills left both players and spectators in awe, rewriting the record books.

5. The Famous Underarm Incident - New Zealand vs Australia, 1981

Trevor Chappell, an Australian player involved in the infamous underarm incident, discusses the incident that stirred controversy and changed cricketing history. In an attempt to prevent New Zealand from hitting a six in the final ball of the match, Greg Chappell instructed Trevor to deliver an underarm ball, resulting in widespread condemnation and a rule change.

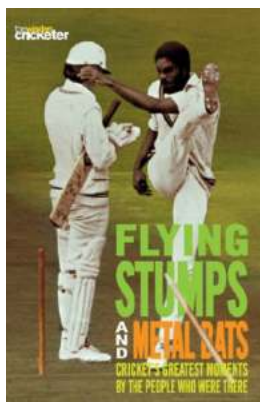
6. The Magical Mystery Spin - Shane Warne's "Ball of the Century"

Legendary spinner Shane Warne shares his memories of the delivery that introduced him to the world. During the 1993 Ashes series, Warne bowled his now-famous "Ball of the Century" that spun sharply and deceived England's Mike Gatting. This delivery not only established Warne as a force to be reckoned with but also changed the perception of spin bowling.

7. A Gentleman's Gesture - Muttiah Muralitharan's 800th Test Wicket

Muttiah Muralitharan, the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket, relives the moment when he claimed his 800th Test wicket against India. As the Indian team applauded his achievement, despite being the opponents, it was a heartwarming display of sportsmanship and respect for the game.

These incredible cricket moments, as witnessed by the players themselves, showcase the true beauty, drama, and competitive spirit of this beloved sport. From miraculous comebacks to record-breaking performances, these moments have left an indelible mark on the cricketing world and continue to be celebrated by fans around the globe.



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Steele's remarkable Test summer of 1975 to Brian Lara's awe-inspiring first season with Warwickshire; from the Packer Revolution to Michael Holding kicking down John Parker's stumps during West Indies' ill-tempered 1979 tour of New Zealand; from the day the incongruous clang of Dennis Lillee's aluminium bat first rang out across a cricket field to Essex bowling Surrey out for 14 and 'weak Victorian' Dean Jones being hospitalised after his 210 slog in the 40° heat of Madras.

Above all, every story is told in the words of the cricketers, reporters and bystanders who witnessed them. Like Graham Gooch reliving his magnificent triple century against India. Or Lancashire all-rounder David Hughes describing darkness fall over Old Trafford as he plundered 24 off John Mortimore at the end of an astonishing 1971 Gillette Cup semi-final.

Whether re-awakening memories of past glories or opening old wounds, *Flying Stumps and Metal Bats* is a unique oral history and the perfect gift for any fan of the endlessly unpredictable, ever controversial game that is cricket.

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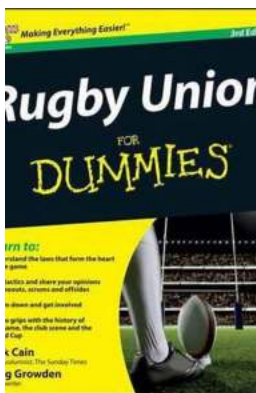
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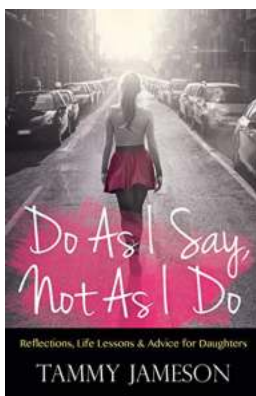
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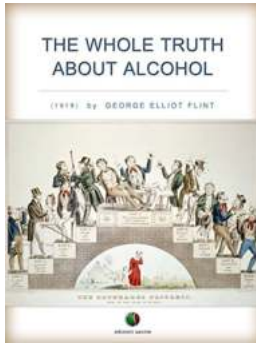
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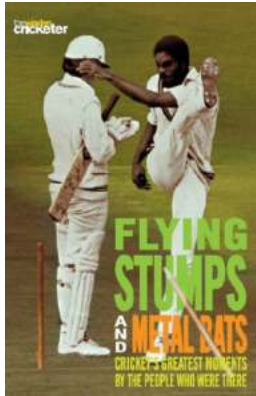
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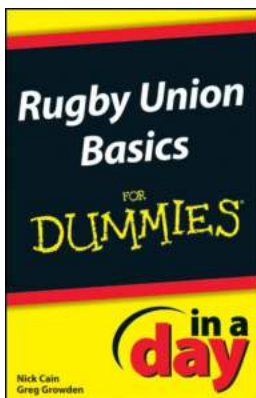
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