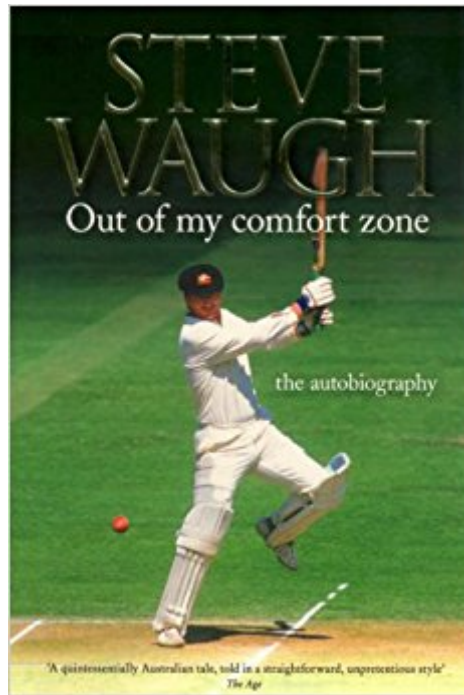


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Worth read for all cricket enthusiasts. He provides very good perspective on events in his life/career and gives useful insights for us. Why did I not rate it "5" despite enjoying the book ? I felt he spent a lot more time (and pages) trying to justify the events leading to his retirement. I think he did not need to do that....so only for that reason I gave a 4-star. He remains one of my favourite cricketers because he demonstrated stronger mental toughness (and not just natural skills as a player). Some top of the mind recall: 1. The way he explains why Australia needed to focus on being ruthless - even when they were winning well 2. His personal experiences with charity mission. 3. His focus on mental side of the game - and examples where he (or his players) read much more from body language (or interactions with opposite side on or off the cricket ground)

Steve Waugh to me was the model cricketer. Tough, relentless and committed to the team's objective. He was not as graceful as his brother or Brian Lara, he was not as much fun as Shane Warne was or Kevin Pietersen is, he was far from being as entertaining as Gilchrist is but even after all these 'deficiencies' he to my eyes was one of the 10 best players to ever play the sport. Steve's bio is also a very dedicated effort. At no point did I feel that he is tooting his horn. He was open about the fact that at the start of his career he was not as 'solid' as he should have been (or could have been) but over a period of time discovered the true essence of being a gutsy man in the middle. He talks a lot about being in the zone and being more than ready to fight with whoever was standing against him in the field. For keen observers of cricket, it was obvious this man was all

business. Even his innocuous looking medium pacers were delivered with an attitude that viewers could not miss. My only complaint (though not a valid one) would be that there is no juicy tit bit about other cricketers in the world or even his team. but at the end you realise that he was as straight and honorable in his book as he was during his career. This is a must read for any cricket fan. This book has some important life lessons too packaged in the guise of events in Steve Waugh's life.

I have always been a big admirer of Steve Waugh, a guy who didn't always look like the most talented cricketer on the field. But what he lacked in skill, he more than made up with his mental strength and character. This book was in the face of most things I knew about the former Aussie skipper. It is a very honest portrayal of everything Steve would go through from his humble beginnings to the pinnacle of his career, i.e. winning a couple world cups and right up to his retirement. This book certainly has some controversial moments, such as the whole Sri Lankan tour of Australia where Muralitharan was "no-balled" for chucking, in-famous on the field spats with opposing cricketers, and off-the-field problems with commentators such as Ian Chappell, to the whole match-fixing scandal. I think that on the whole this is just about as close as anyone can get to the mind of a champion. I was also pleasantly surprised by how well written this book was. This book is the best autobiography that I have read written by a cricketer PERIOD!

Great read overall. Steve Waugh comes across as a straight-laced, mentally tough and big-hearted person in real life that pretty much mirrors his image on the cricket field.

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