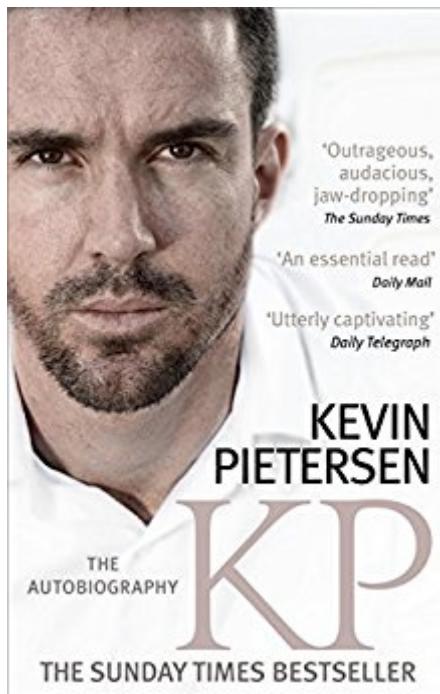


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KP: The Autobiography



Synopsis

The fascinating life story of professional cricketer Kevin Pietersen, MBE, from his childhood in South Africa to his recent experiences as one of the leading lights in the world of international cricket. Kevin was dropped from the England squad in February 2014, seemingly calling time on an international career that began nearly ten years earlier. The decision puzzled many observers - although the England team had failed miserably in the Ashes tour of 2013-14, Kevin was the tourists' leading run scorer across the series, and he remains the country's highest run scorer of all time across all formats of the game. Kevin reveals all in his autobiography, telling the stories behind the many other highs and lows of his incredible career. Giving readers the full story of his life, from his childhood in South Africa to his experiences as one of the leading lights in the world of international cricket, KP is an autobiography that entertains and fascinates readers in equal measure.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a huge KP fan. I like him both, as a cricketer as well as a person. Given that we all have shades of grey, it would be inappropriate to expect him to be saintly & attitude-free. It's his mercurial nature that makes him what he is. Unfortunately, despite having some mildly-shocking revelations, the

book fails to impress, though it does make one glued to it. First of all, this should never have been called an Autobiography. It isn't one. It neither covers his full journey, nor it goes into details about occurrences apart from the sunset battles. While I personally enjoyed following all English cricketers on Twitter and enjoyed the banter, KP certainly wasn't enjoying it. Sad, he thought it that ugly and he certainly knew the intents better than I did. I am currently reading Ricky Ponting's autobiography and I find it so much more inspiring & enjoyable. KP, man... you deserved a better autobiography than this bitter tale. Thank you for entertaining us over the years.

Full of vitriol and anger. A pity that KP didn't wait a little longer before producing this, coming as it did mere months after he was "sacked" from the England team following the disastrous 2013-14 Ashes tour. He does leave one feeling like he was a victim and scapegoat of the establishment (also having the England captaincy given and taken away again, and mismanagement of his knee injury by the ECB's medical team and insurers) and there are engaging passages about the 2005 Ashes and other key achievements, but overall the book has so much bitterness and hurt along with attacks on individuals and former teammates that one wonders if it wouldn't have been better to wait 2 or 3 years to gain some perspective on these issues.

An entertaining read not short of drama. There are many good things to say about the book. His thoughts on his own style of batting, his identity crisis (British/South African/mercenary) . Some of his opinions on topics like dressing room atmosphere, IPL, coaching etc are quite insightful. However it is quite clear that this comes from an elite player with an axe to grind and confirms KP's flawed genius. He truly goes after his detractors highlighting that he isn't to blame for all his misfortunes. There are several instances of repeated name-calling , playing the victim and inconsistent narratives that at worst cast doubt on his credibility and at best highlights his immaturity. He could have indeed devoted equal space to the positive facets of his life, his batting, his key innings (as opposed to focussing on one or two signature shots in those innings) - stuff that people could learn from. He has overdone the "Andre-agassi open" style of candid bios. At the end of the day it is what it is- an honest, personal, biased account of what exactly went wrong and who is to blame.

A great insight into the life of KP. I really hope he gets back into the england team after reading how awfully he got treated by the ECB and Flower. Fascinating to hear about the issues inside the changing room and behind the scenes which as a general member of the public we don't often hear

about. I also didn't know the extent of KP injuries during his career. Of course it is all written from his perspective so can seem biased but my opinion on him has been changed hugely. He is a genuine cricketer who just wants to play at the highest level for his country. All those people calling him a mercenary for making money in the IPL need to wake up and smell the salt. Other nations have embraced the IPL and Big Bash like NZ, Aus, India and SA and it's no wonder they performed so well in the World Cup. We are still stuck in our old traditional ways and we have a lot of catching up to do. First things first put KP back in at 4 and get our batting line up looking exciting again. This is a must read for any cricket lovers.

This is a great read for anyone that wants a real insiders view of a professional sports team. And it seems that the type of animosity that existed in the English dressing room isn't that uncommon, but it isn't necessarily a recipe for poor performance. KP would have you believe that England were successful in spite of terrible coaching and management, and maybe that's true, but there are other examples (Chicago Bulls) where seemingly conflicting players, coaches and management can achieve fantastic results. This is not an Andy Flower fan story. KP gives it to Flower again, and again, and again. Matt Prior (Big Cheese) comes in 2nd for the vitriolic attacks. I think I had a poor view of KP through the eyes of the media. KP's own words paint a far different picture. I suspect the truth is somewhere in between. Credit to KP for writing a book that was a thoroughly good read. Certainly at the top of the pile for interesting and entertaining sporting autobiographies!

Kevin makes no pretence at being a writer. He is a cricketer with a story to tell, and an interesting story it is. As he himself, says, perhaps there could have been more about cricket in the book, but that is not why one would want to buy the book. It tells Kevin's side of the numerous scrapes and arguments that he got into with cricketing administrators and teammates. He pulls no punches and tells it the way he saw these events in a clear, straightforward manner. His writing gives a wonderful insight into the characters of many of the world's top international cricketers and in particular, a deep insight into Kevin himself. There is a little bit of repetition here and there, but I found the book so interesting that I read through it all in one night. Good to see that he still loves his native South Africa and still enjoys returning to the land of his birth. For cricket lovers, this is a must-read book..

I am not sure that this book adds value to anything except KP's bank balance. Cricket does not benefit, and nobody will want to read it ten years from now. Such a talented sportsman, and yet it feels like it a story of a spoiled little boy trying to justify what happened. You don't need to, the

statistics tell the story. KP lets have a book about cricket from a great player.

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