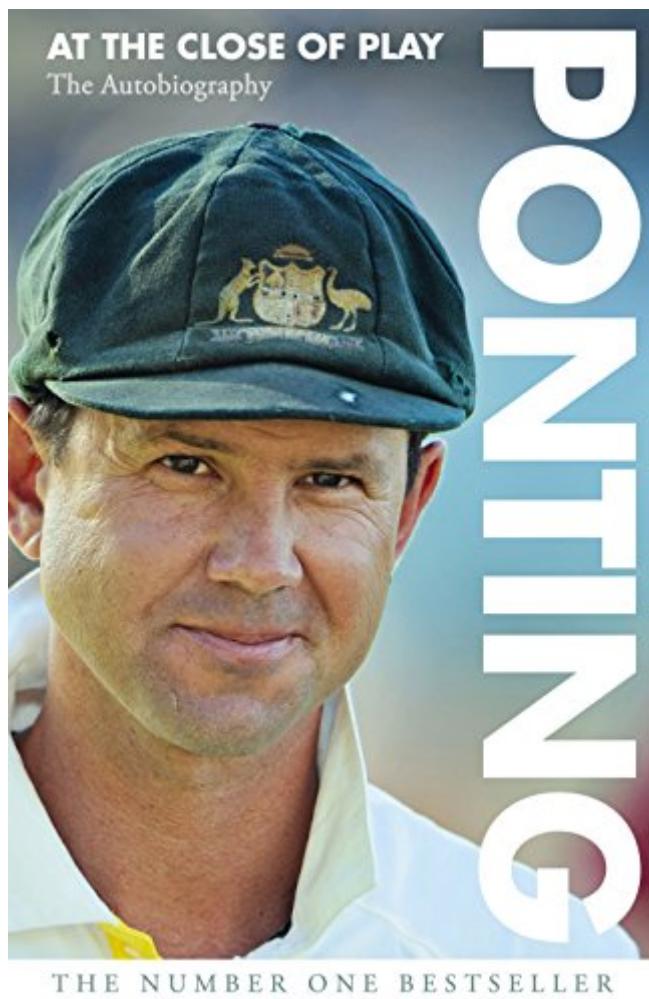


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# Ponting: At The Close Of Play



## **Synopsis**

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.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ricky Ponting is one of the best batsmen and crisp thinkers of the game. Through this book we get to know his attitude and hunger towards playing and being on top of the game. You get to know why he did few of the things he did in his career and what mindset he comes from as an Australian cricketer. He was an extremely tough competitor and deep thinker when it comes to on-field planning. This book also gives you answers to why Australian team enjoyed a golden period under his captaincy. It will tell you what Ricky Ponting was made of and what he thought about other

Australian players, other cricketing opponents and individual competitors. He's explained his perspective about many different controversies that he was a part of. No single chapter of the book is less exciting or dull and if you're someone who followed cricket since the 90's, you will love the mention of each tournament and you will relive that golden cricketing era. I finished reading this book just a day before Ricky played the All Stars Cricket game in NYC and I suddenly wanted to see more of him. I wanted to meet him and chat, but I guess that will have to wait. Thank you for your cricket service Ricky Ponting. A well written book this!

When I started the book, I was bit disappointed. For a while, it seemed all about Australia, where even the great performances from the opponents hardly got a mention. However, after some time, I started liking it better. Ultimately, it was not only story of Ponting, but story of one of the best cricket team the world has ever seen - with some amazing characters like Mat Hayden, Langer, Shane Warne, McGrath and my all time favourite, Adam Gilchrist. Also, Ponting was very candid about his success and failure at the same time. Towards the close of play, more and more human side of Ricky Ponting comes to the fore and I had to once more say "Well played, Ricky".....

I'm a fan of Ricky Ponting's cricketing ability..not so much his writing. Some interesting history and insights. Perhaps not enough of the insights though..and his ghost writer could have done a bit better. At the Close of Play is OK, but not as interesting or as well written as some other bios. For cricket fans I'd recommend Michael Hussey's "Underneath the Southern Cross" and if you want a non sporting bio, then "Mao's Last Dancer" comes to mind as a fantastic read.

Written extremely poorly. Battled through 25% of the book waiting for some interesting insights into the game. It was self absorbing and terribly dull. It was far more interesting watching him play. On reading the book he has lost his hero status.

Being an ex first class cricketer as well as being born in Australia , I was really keen on reading this book . I played against Ricky in 1993 when he toured SA with the Australian Academy side . From page one , the book had my attention . From his days as a kid until the time he retired was very interesting in reading . If you love cricket , you will love this book.

GREAT READ, WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN CRICKET.  
AS A SOUTH AFRICAN I WOULD HAVE ENJOYED MORE CONTENT RE THE AUS / SA

MATCHES. DOWN PLAYS THE GREATEST ONE DAY EVER. WHAT HIS FOUNDATION IS DOING FOR CHILDREN WITH LEUKEMIA IS SPECIAL & AS PROCEEDS FROM HIS MATERIAL GO TO THIS CAUSE I STRONGLY RECOMMEND PEOPLE BUY IT

Great cricketer, and an interesting story. Just not a great book. As with Bouchers book was hoping for a little more on the cricket. Seems most cricketers follow the same template when writing their biographies.

As an Australian cricket fan I enjoyed reading about Ricky's rise to captain the Australian team. He was a good captain and had to overcome a few hurdles. Good on you Ricky, enjoy your retirement.

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