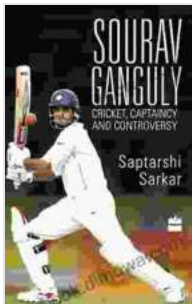


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Despite the controversies, Ganguly remains a popular figure in Indian cricket. He is seen as a leader who transformed the Indian team and made it one of the most successful in the world.

## **Sourav Ganguly's Early Career**

Sourav Ganguly was born in Calcutta, India, on July 8, 1972. He began playing cricket at a young age and quickly rose through the ranks of the Indian cricket system.

Ganguly made his international debut for India in 1992. He quickly established himself as one of the best batsmen in the world and was a key member of the Indian team that won the 1996 Cricket World Cup.

## **Sourav Ganguly's Captaincy**

Ganguly was appointed captain of the Indian cricket team in 2000, following the match-fixing scandal that had rocked the team. Ganguly was tasked with rebuilding the team and restoring its reputation.

Ganguly's captaincy was characterized by his aggressive leadership style. He was not afraid to take risks and was always looking for ways to win. This approach led to some memorable victories, but it also led to some high-profile defeats.

Ganguly's most famous victory as captain came in the 2003 Cricket World Cup. India defeated Pakistan in the final to win the tournament for the first time in 23 years. Ganguly's captaincy was also instrumental in India's victory in the 2007 ICC World Twenty20.

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## **The Controversy**

One of the most controversial episodes of Ganguly's captaincy came in 2005. During a match against Zimbabwe, Ganguly was involved in a heated argument with the umpire. Ganguly was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and was banned for six months from international cricket.

The ban was a major setback for Ganguly and the Indian cricket team. However, Ganguly returned to the team after serving his suspension and led India to victory in the 2007 ICC World Twenty20.

### **Sourav Ganguly's Legacy**

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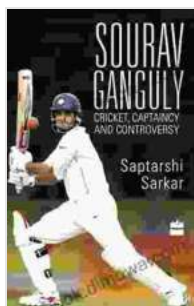
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Sourav Ganguly is a complex and controversial figure in Indian cricket. His captaincy was marked by both triumph and controversy. However, there is no doubt that he is one of the most successful captains in the history of the game.

Ganguly's legacy is a mixed one. He is remembered for his aggressive leadership style and his ability to win matches. However, he is also

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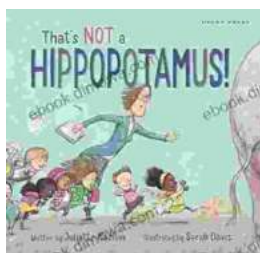
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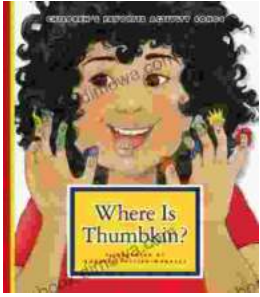
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