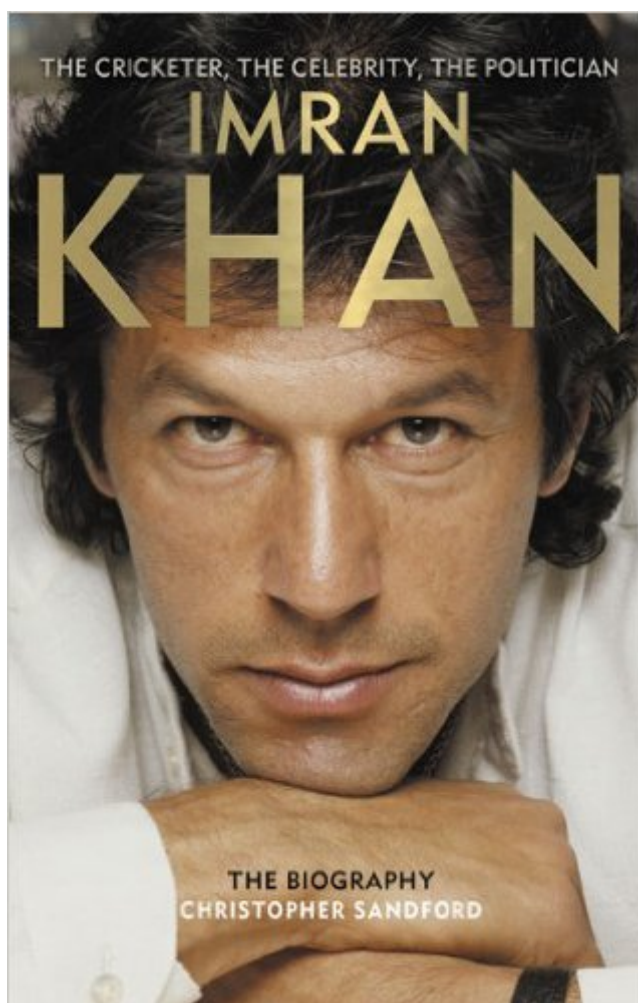


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# Imran Khan: The Cricketer, The Celebrity, The Politician



## Synopsis

The definitive biography of Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain and all-rounder; the Oxbridge graduate and vociferous campaigner; the devout Muslim whose kaleidoscopic social life flooded the gossip columns; the man who raised \$60 million for cancer research and who is now one of the most important political figures in Pakistan. On one thing, Imran Khan's friends and enemies agree: it all began with the leopard print satin trousers. In November 1974, the Cricketer International published an article about the new elite group of young talented players, "into concepts like fashion and pop music," and bent on challenging cricket's eternal stereotypes. Of the five featured stars on the cover, a superbly hirsute 21-year-old wearing a tight black shirt and gaudy trousers, with a facial expression of supreme self-confidence, stood out. Imran Khan has always been a controversial figure, a man who gives rise to hot debate on account of his strong conviction and hard line views. From his achievements on the cricket field as the Pakistan captain who captured the World Cup and the game's best all-rounder in history, through to his racy social life; the practicing Muslim boogieing on the dance floor of Annabel's; an "astonishing love maker," according to one overnight partner; praised by Diana Princess of Wales, close friend to his then wife Jemima Goldsmith, as a "devoted husband"; the Imran story is full of color and contradictions.

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## Customer Reviews

Having read the Autobiography of Imran Khan "All round view" back in the early 90's, this new biography by a noted biographer was like a sip of water for parched throats. Imran Khan as a

wonderful world figure, with all his weaknesses and strengths is highlighted in this excellent read. I would highly recommend it.

This is an excellent biography of Imran Khan by Christopher Sandford which is compulsive reading and is a very balanced account with many funny anecdotes from well sourced individuals who knew him & (many of whom remained anonymous). Personally, as an avid player/administrator on the local Asian Cricket scene in (Sheffield) & fan /follower of (Imran) Pakistani Cricket scene in the 1980s, I knew of his bowling & batting figures in County Cricket. Also, his early cricketing life is extensively covered from 1971 to 1990s with his careers at Oxford, Worcester, Sussex & the Pakistan national team - with the events/happenings during the 1970s, 1980s & 1990s when Pakistan won the World Cricket Cup. Obviously, Imran's legendary love-life is given comprehensive coverage and his test career as Pakistan Captain & the infighting/rivalry within the Pakistani cricket team. In fact, Imran came to Sheffield (not mentioned in the book) I witnessed his visit to Earl Marshal Youth Club & School in September/October 1991, arranged through Chris Searle, Author, Head teacher & Cricket fan. Ironically, his visit to Sheffield proved to be a lucky omen for him & his Pakistan team won the World Cricket Cup in March the following year & by June to beat England in the second Test at Lord's - announced on Meridian Community Radio (1413 MW) as breaking sports news by me! Finally, the book covers his marriage to Jemima in 1995-2004 & quotes her views of the life in Pakistan & Britain. The final chapters covers his eventual success in Pakistani politics in 2002 and his running s with Parvez Musharraf over America's role in the region after 9/11 events & his house arrest in 2007. I strongly recommend you to buy this book & read about this world famous, legendary & iconic Asian sportsman!

I did not like it. I found it to be inaccurate and found that the author was negative with his narration.

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