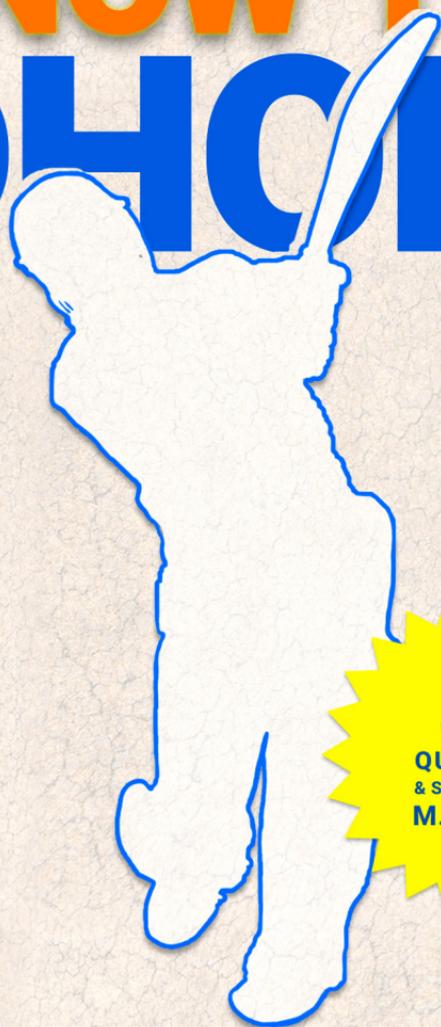


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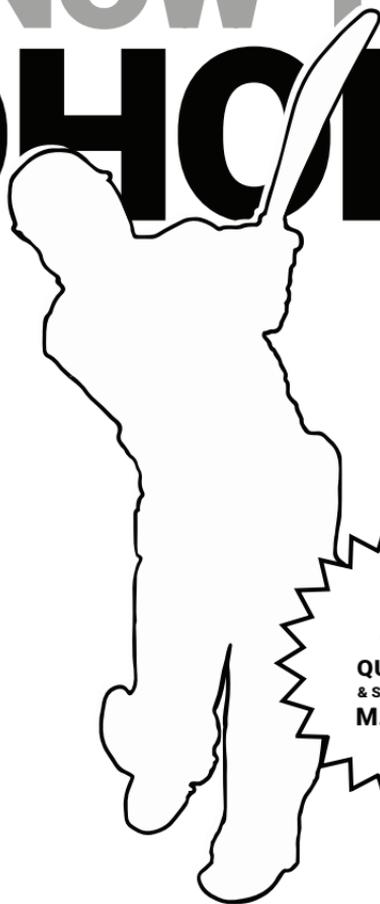


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FOREWORD

In the early 2000s, one of the most popular programs on the ESPN channel was the ESPN School Quiz Olympiad. And every year, almost a thousand schools would vie to qualify among the top 64 and win a ticket to Delhi for the television rounds.

It was usually the big cities and the big name schools that would make it through the written test. Imagine my surprise when an unknown school, Burnpur Riverside School from Bengal made it as one of the top qualifiers.

That was the first time I met Aniket Mishra, whose performance had single-handedly propelled his school to the television round. Riverside School did well, but not spectacularly, and later I discovered the reason. Aniket did not have a television set at home at the time. All his spectacular knowledge was from books and newspapers. We were absolutely stunned.

Aniket later came to Delhi for his further education and was probably the finest sports quizzier of his time and after a successful stint in journalism, joined the media team for the FIFA U17 World Cup, where he did wonders again with an amazing coverage record.

This book is a testament to a small town kid who made it really big, and who better to write it than another boy from a small town but with a lot of talent and very big dreams.

Enjoy the questions!

Joy Bhattacharjya

CHAPTER 1



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of bowlers who Dhoni hit a last ball six off, in ODIs

1. ANUWN SARAELKUA
2. LSSERU RNAODL
3. MNALAS TBTU
4. HADNMSIA AAEGNR

DOUBLES

5. Against which team did Dhoni make his international debut?
6. Apart from the Chennai Super Kings, which other IPL team has Dhoni represented?

BOUNDARIES

7. At the 2019 IPL Final, which state teammate of his run him out, thus sparking a collapse against the eventual winners, Mumbai Indians?
8. Dhoni's breakthrough tour happened in August 2004, when he represented India A in Nairobi. Which contemporary wicket keeper of his was called up for national duties, thus paving the way for him to play the matches?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. In an IPL 12 fixture, with 8 runs needed off 3 balls to win, Dhoni controversially walked on to the pitch to protest an umpiring decision. What team were CSK playing, and where was the match taking place?
10. The visual of an overjoyed Dhoni after winning the ICC Champions Trophy in 2013 has remained etched over time – who was the batsman who R. Ashwin bowled the last ball of the game to, though?



CHAPTER 2



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of cities where Dhoni scored a Test century

1. ALFIBASADA
2. NNICEAH
3. BAHAMAEDD
4. OAKTALK

DOUBLES

5. In his 5th ODI, Dhoni scored a swashbuckling 148; who were India's opponents in this game?
6. Who stepped down from Test captaincy to thrust Dhoni in to the role in 2008?

BOUNDARIES

7. Which English all-rounder eclipsed Dhoni, as the highest bid-for CSK player in 2009?
8. In what year, was Dhoni bestowed with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, the highest sporting award in the country?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. Who was his first First Class dismissal?
Coincidentally, 19 years later, he also scalped the player's son in an IPL game in Jaipur.
10. When Dhoni didn't get picked for the U-19 World Cup in 2000, who was India's designated wicket keeper?



In November 1984, as MECON Stadium in Shyamali Colony, Ranchi prepared to host its first Ranji Trophy match on a Turf wicket – Paan Singh Dhoni – MSD’s father – was bestowed upon with the responsibility of watering the pitch and curating it over the course of the game. Since he used to live right across the ground, it has been acknowledged that this game, played between Bihar and Orissa is the first First Class game, young Mahendra attended.



CHAPTER 3



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of captains Dhoni has played under, for India

1. ITHRO AAMRHS
2. LINA BKMUEL
3. LHAUR ADDRVI
4. TRVAI OIHKL

DOUBLES

5. At which station in West Bengal, was Dhoni a Train Ticket Examiner?
6. In which year did Dhoni lead the Chennai Super Kings to their first IPL Trophy?

BOUNDARIES

7. With which Sri Lankan captain did Dhoni stitch a 218 run partnership for the 6th wicket while playing for Asia XI against Africa XI in 2007?
8. Dhoni holds the record for most appearances in IPL finals (till 2019); how many has he featured in?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. Who is Dhoni the bowler's only international wicket?
10. Dhoni has only played one match for CSK, with someone else captaining the team. Who was the fixture against?



CHAPTER 4



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of Orange/
Purple Cap Holders who played under Dhoni at CSK

1. ACHEMIL ESSYUH
2. ITMHO RMAAHS
3. YWDNEA ROBVA
4. MRAIN RTHIA

DOUBLES

5. Against which team did Dhoni score a swashbuckling 183 in an ODI in 2005?
6. If 2010 was the first time CSK won the Champions League T20, when did their second and final triumph happen?

BOUNDARIES

7. Which CSK teammate of Dhoni's recorded a haul of 8 for 10 on his First Class debut?
8. How many batting positions has Dhoni scored a half century from, batting in the IPL?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. A childhood friend of his was instrumental in Dhoni picking up his signature 'Helicopter Shot'. He unfortunately succumbed to Pancreatitis in 2013. What was his name?
10. In 2004, Dhoni was selected to be part of a team which also had Pravin Amre, Subroto Banerjee, Iqbal Siddiqui, Nikhil Chopra, Debasis Mohanty, for which exhibition tournament?



Young Mahi, like many of us would switch off the TV after Sachin got out in the 1990s.

In fact during the 1992 World Cup, with the matches being hosted in Australia and New Zealand and thus starting really early in India, he would ask his mother to wake him up only when the little master would start batting, and would later promptly go back to sleep after his idol was dismissed.



CHAPTER 5



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of Dhoni's teammates from the 2011 World Cup Final

1. TMUAGA IRMAHGB
2. EEZHRA HNKA
3. NSCHIA NUKLADTER
4. ANETSHERS

DOUBLES

5. Who did the Dhoni led CSK lose the first IPL final against?
6. At which venue in Pakistan did Dhoni score his first Test hundred?

BOUNDARIES

7. Name the Jharkhand teammate of Dhoni who was retained by CSK ahead of the 2020 IPL auctions.
8. Which batsman got dismissed, which led to Dhoni stepping out to bat at number four the first time in ODIs against Pakistan in 2005 at Vishakhapatnam?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. In 2005, Dhoni played in a set of invitational matches for the Bradman XI. In the opening match against KSCA (Karnataka State Cricket Association), he opened the batting with which former Australian great?
10. Of the 50 matches in which Dhoni remained unbeaten for India in a ODI chase, how many did India win?



CHAPTER 6



SINGLES

Unscramble the following to reveal names of teams
CSK has lost an IPL Knock Out match to

1. ASHTRAJAN ALYSOR
2. ALORY ALLERGENSCH AARENGLOB
3. AIMMBU ADINNIS
4. OAKTALK DERKSHIRTING

DOUBLES

5. Who was the coach of India when the Dhoni led team won the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup?
6. In which year was Dhoni bestowed with the Padma Bhushan?

BOUNDARIES

7. In 2009, Dhoni led India to a test series win in New Zealand. Who was the last Indian skipper to achieve the same?
8. Against which country did India lose a Test match under Dhoni for the first time?

OVER BOUNDARIES

9. There are two members in the 2020 CSK squad who were part of the Indian team which won both the T20 World Cup in 2007 and the 50 Over World Cup in 2011. If one is Dhoni, who is the other?
10. Dhoni's highest partnership in Tests came in Kolkata against South Africa in 2010. With which batsman did he share a 259-run stand with?



In 1998, Dhoni was offered a stipend of ₹2200 by Central Coalfields Limited in Ranchi to play cricket for them. That was his first full time source of income.

With the money, as meagre as it was, he did what most teenage boys would do – bought himself a secondhand bike to relish his newfound financial stability to the fullest! He owns some of the fanciest automobiles now, but his garage still has that two-wheeler which he bought at the age of 18.



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