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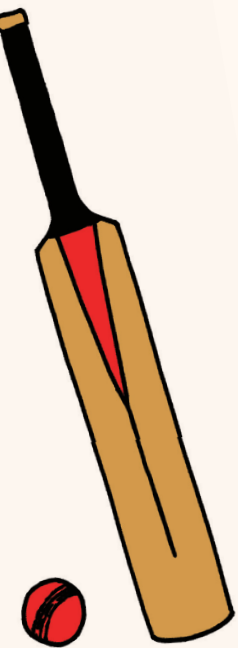
**PAT
CUMMINS**

Find out
how he got
SO GOOD!

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Themes

- Sports/Sportsmanship
- Leading by example

Key Curriculum Areas

Learning Area: English General Capabilities, Humanities, Social Sciences, the Arts

General Capabilities: Literacy, critical and creative thinking; personal and social capability; visual literacy

REASONS FOR STUDYING THIS BOOK

- To learn about the achievements of young sporting Australians.
- To use the text as a springboard for general discussion about sport, equality, diversity, and innovation.
- To empower young readers.



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Plot Summary

How would it feel to wear the baggy green and captain an Australian cricket team?

Find out what it takes to get so good - the training, the big breaks and the challenges along the way. Get inspired to find your own passion and **BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!**

About the Author

Chris Maher

Chris is a writer, journalist and editor. He writes across a variety of fields, has had five children's books published and is working on a young adult science fiction trilogy.

About the Illustrator

Jules Faber

Jules has illustrated over thirty books, most of them for children, including the best-selling Weirdo series with Ahn Do and The Kaboom Kid series with David Warner. He has worked with all seven of the major publishers in Australia, which has been fun every single time.

About the Book

Every Amazing Sporting Hero has a story. Featuring easy-read text and fun illustrations, this series is suitable for readers who are happier out of the classroom than in it! Collect the whole series: *Amazing Ash Barty*, *Amazing Sam Kerr*, *Amazing Dylan Alcott*.

This collection of books shows support for the incredible young sports people who are the future of our country.



Pre-reading Questions

1. Looking at the cover, title, and blurb, who do you think this book is about?
2. What details on the cover support that prediction?
3. What are the Ashes?
4. What is kept inside the tiny ceramic urn?
5. Why did people think that fast bowlers couldn't make good captains?

Writing Style

1. The author is speaking directly at you, the reader, throughout the book. What is that called?
2. Why do you think that the author has brought you, the reader, into the story?
3. The author asks you to imagine that you, yes YOU, are not only Australia's best fast bowler... but that you've also just been named CAPTAIN. How does he do that?
4. How does the author describe where Pat Cummins grew up?
5. The author describes the thrill of a game. What words does he use to describe the thrill?

Illustrations

There are illustrations throughout the book. They are not just there to make the book more appealing. Tell us some things that you learnt by looking at the illustrations.

How did the illustrations add to the story?

The illustrator uses different fonts throughout the book. What purpose do you think it adds?

Themes

Sportsmanship

Name ways that the author demonstrates Pat Cummins' sportsmanship.

Leading by example

Imagine someone who's been playing cricket their whole life and can still be excited by the game. That is inspiring! How is that excitement carried across in the story?



After Reading

- What do you think the author hoped you would think after reading the text?
- Where do you start to BE THE VERY BEST THAT YOU CAN BE when you play any sport?
- What do you think about Pat Cummins' story?
- Ricky Ponting gives Pat Cummins his baggy green and some advice that would stand Pat in good stead for the rest of his career. What did he tell him?
- What is the curse of the fast bowler?
- Cricket took a toll on Pat Cummins' body. What injuries does he have?
- Pat had learned that even though cricket seems like the most important thing in the world when you're out on the pitch and thousands of people are cheering and screaming, there are much more important things in life than an Ashes series. What is he referring to?

Activities

1. Pick a cricketer who you know about and, following the style of the book, write a short biography of their life and achievements. The person can be someone famous or notable, or it can be someone you know and admire.
2. Pat Cummins is one of Australia's best cricketers. What are the lessons from his career that are highlighted in Chapter 13?
3. Create an Amazing Fact File of a cricket captain that you admire.
4. The author uses a lot of words that you may not have come across before. Can you find the meaning of the words on the next page and use them in a sentence?



WORD

MEANING

SENTENCE

Astounding

Agonising

Bamboozle

Innings

Determination

