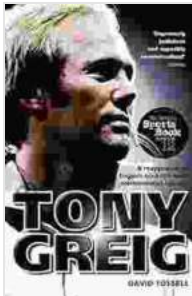


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Mike Brearley is one of the most controversial figures in English cricket history. He was a brilliant captain, leading England to victory in the 1981 Ashes series, but he was also a divisive figure, known for his intellectualism and his sometimes unorthodox methods.

Brearley was born in 1942 in Burnley, Lancashire. He was a precocious child, and he began playing cricket at a young age. He made his first-class debut for Lancashire in 1962, and he quickly established himself as one of the most promising young batsmen in the country.

In 1977, Brearley was appointed captain of England. He was a controversial choice, as he was seen as an intellectual and a bit of an outsider. However, he quickly proved his worth, leading England to victory

in the 1981 Ashes series. This was England's first Ashes victory in 18 years, and it was a major triumph for Brearley.

However, Brearley's time as captain was not without its controversies. He was criticized for his intellectualism and his sometimes unorthodox methods. He was also accused of being too soft on his players. Despite these criticisms, Brearley remained captain of England until 1984, when he retired from international cricket.

Brearley's legacy is a complex one. He was a brilliant captain, but he was also a controversial figure. He was an intellectual and an outsider, and he did not always conform to the expectations of the English cricket establishment. However, he was also a successful captain, and he led England to one of its greatest victories.

In recent years, there has been a reappraisal of Brearley's legacy. He is now seen as one of the most important figures in English cricket history. He was a pioneer of modern captaincy, and he helped to change the way the game is played. He was also a brilliant writer and thinker, and his work on the psychology of cricket has had a profound influence on the game.

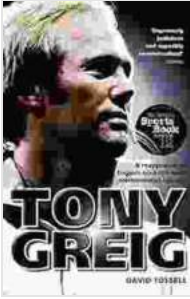
Mike Brearley is a complex and fascinating figure. He was a brilliant captain, a controversial figure, and a pioneer of modern cricket. He is one of the most important figures in English cricket history, and his legacy will continue to be debated for years to come.

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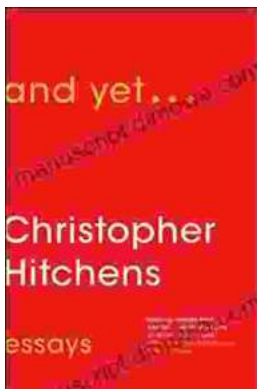


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