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## THE JOURNEY OF AN ACCIDENTAL SPORTS HISTORIAN



For many years, Ramachandra Guha published scholarly, heavily footnoted academic books and papers which dealt with subjects other than sport while moonlighting during the weekends as a writer of popular, anecdotal articles on Indian cricket and cricketers. The serendipitous discovery that India's first great slow bowler, Palwankar Baloo, played a modest role in a political controversy that took place long after he retired from the game encouraged Guha to bring his profession and passion together. The outcome was his book *A Corner of a Foreign Field*, a social history of cricket in India. Guha will discuss the methodological lessons he learned while researching the book and also speak of the future prospects for sports history in South Asia.

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