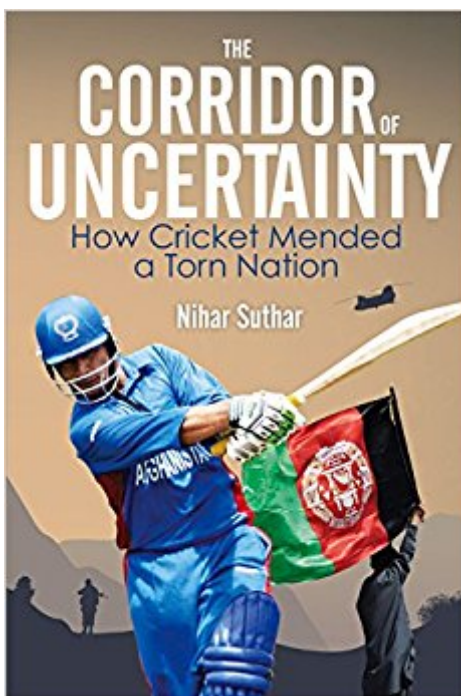


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# The Corridor Of Uncertainty: How Cricket Mended A Torn Nation



## Synopsis

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"This is an inspirational story of young men from refugee

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I cannot imagine that anyone will ever find a book that captures the essence of passion like *The Corridor of Uncertainty*, and it is absolutely a "must read". In their sheer desire to have their homeland perceived as something other than the violence and torture that had for so long defined their country, deep within the refugee camps of Pakistan, displaced Afghan children had a dream to unite their native land once again with peace. Driven by a passion that few of us can relate to, and undeterred by the extreme hardships and the ever present risk of torture and violence; these children foraged ahead to form the first ever Afghan national cricket team. The book also encompasses a note of familiarity as it takes us back to the tragic events and aftermath of 9/11, and it also reveals the story of how an American military officer stationed in Afghanistan shared these children's passion for the game, and was very instrumental in facilitating their cause. This is a story that needed to be told, and kudos to Nihar for having the courage to do so.

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company is the source of motivation and joy to over 100,000 people. Suthar was born and raised in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Currently, he is a college student who inspires individuals, families, and corporations around the world to dream big and do even bigger.

Now in his new book *THE CORRIDOR OF UNCERTAINTY: HOW CRICKET MENDED A TORN NATION* he ventures into world affairs with a generous bow to history and deeds about which few of us know. Nihar opens his book with a 1990 one-day international Cricket game between the English team and the West Indies team in Jamaica. For those of us who know little about cricket it may be slow reading until the last gripping moment that supplies the title for this book. He then wisely takes us through the struggles in Afghanistan and that he offers in a plot summary.

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Leading up to the 2015 Cricket World Cup triumph in winning against Bangladesh. Perhaps the most meaningful lesson the Afghan cricketers taught the rest of the world was to look beyond stereotypes. Not all Afghans stood for violence. Beyond the horizon, there was a surging group of people who stood for something greater: cricket. Just then, the announcer exclaimed over the loudspeaker, "Here come the Afghan and Bangladeshi cricket teams!"

The Afghan cricketers looked at each other and yelled, "Here we are," as to having overcome the corridor of uncertainty!

This book is profoundly moving and though Nihar bows to those of us who know little about the game (he includes an Appendix with Rules of the game and some very fine photographs to re-cap his story), the message of the title is clear. A very fine book from a very fine writer and caring human being.

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Grady Harp, June 16

I really enjoyed reading this book from beginning to end as it really captured my interest. I strongly

suggest this book as it is very well written and is very informative for anyone who likes to read books while traveling or during their free time.

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