Shivaji is a well-known hero in western India. He defied Mughal power in the seventeenth century, established an independent state, and is known for his military successes and resistance to the Mughal forces. From forming guerilla forces to immensely contributing in the development of the Maratha Kingdom, he played a significant role in Indian history.

Shivaji Bhonsale was born on April 10, 1627 at the fort of Shivneri in Maharashtra, Western India. He was the son of Shahaji Raje Bhonsle, a military officer in the state of Ahmadnagar, Deccan and Bijapur. His mother, Jijabai, was an extremely religious woman. Shivaji Maharaj – a name that dwells in the heart of every Maharashtrian! As Swami Vivekananda rightly said, "Shivaji is not just a king; he is a king and verily a manifestation of all the virtues of a born leader of men described in our ancient scriptures."

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Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's escape from Agra was the key event in his life. Born Shivajiraje Shahajiraje Bhonsle, a teenaged boy and his mother Jijabai made a daring escape from Agra, where they were captive to the Mughal Empire. Shivaji, at the age of just 13, inherited his father's fort, Chandragad, and started fighting against the Mughals. He formed a resistance force in the Deccan (Dakshin = Southern India according to Mughals who were ensconced in the North).

Shivaji's primary concern was to discover the meaning of Shivaji's life. He fought against the Mughals to form the Maratha Kingdom. Shivaji was born in 1627 A.D or in 1630 A.D. He introduced the Maratha people to a revolution of thought and action in their fight for freedom. He was a great military strategist and a wise political leader.

Shivaji is a true "hero as King," and his memory remains an inspiration to many. States fall, empires break up, dynasties become extinct, but the memory of a true "hero as King" like Shivaji remains an inspiration to this day. His rationalist view of human history is impossible to kill. This book is testimony to the power of ideas.