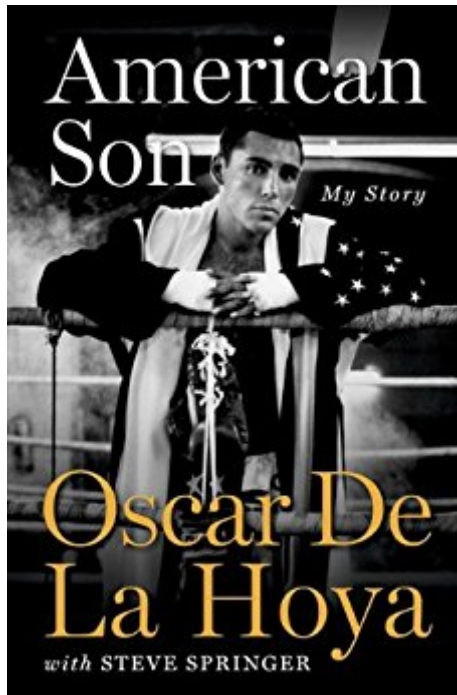




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American Son: My Story



Synopsis

From Oscar De La Hoya, one of the most celebrated fighters in the history of boxing, comes a frank and touching memoir about achieving the American Dream: his rise to the top, the power of a solid work ethic, his mother's painful death from cancer, the pitfalls of stardom, and a very personal take on what it means to be an American. The son of Mexican-born parents, Oscar "The Golden Boy" De La Hoya has had an astonishing career. From boxing to business, from the recording industry to the charitable accomplishments of his foundation, his success is a testament to what one can achieve in the United States. But who is this man who has changed the lives of so many? Who has imprinted a positive mark upon the sport of boxing, for which many have all but given up hope? Who has become a symbol of success for an entire community, without many heroes to call their own? American Son answers these questions. Born into a boxing family, De La Hoya has defeated more than a dozen world champions and won six world titles as well as an Olympic gold medal— a moment forever marked in the memory of anyone who has followed his career. Yet within the maelstrom of this success lay a man whose earnest belief in the goodness of everyone around him sometimes led him to stray far from his intended path. This book is The Golden Boy, and he bares his most heartbreaking mistakes as well as his most stunning triumphs for all of the world to see. This thrilling tale of an immigrant's son— a quintessentially American story— is the chronicle of an amazing journey that will provide readers with new insight into the private life of a figure who has to many reached iconic status.

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Customer Reviews

Oscar's book is a lot shorter than I expected. It's under 300 pages but each page does not contain that much text. But what is there is interesting and insightful nonetheless. I enjoyed reading about his upbringing in East L.A. as well as his Olympic experience in 1992. I do feel that Oscar could have talked more about his professional career with further details about certain fights and/or fighters. He's had a long and storied career in boxing so there should not be a shortage of things to talk about. Also he doesn't talk much about his training before fights. He does however go into detail about his business ventures such as Golden Boy Productions and various other things he does outside of the ring. Overall it is still a good read about Oscar but could have been more.

If you're looking for a detailed account of all the battles DLH experienced inside the ring, this book is not for you. I wish I had read the other reviews more closely. If I had, I probably would not have purchased this book. While it's not a bad read, almost everything concerns his life outside of the ring. The lack of detail he provides for his fights is alarming. It's as if he's describing what he ate on Tuesday. The only two fights he really lends any detail to are his bouts with Trinidad and Vargas. And even those fights received no more than 2 or 3 pages of text - in a very small book. That's why I cannot give this book more than 2 stars. I appreciated the level of detail Oscar provided in how he built up his empire and for his insights into his home life, but I feel the book could have been far more enthralling if he had gone into greater detail about his experiences inside the ring.

Love it

I liked the book a lot and it did give some insight on the Golden Boy and I learned a lot about him. But I'm only giving 3 stars for the fact he skip around a lot, his timeline was awful. I would have liked it better if he just talked about his life growing up and then got into the boxing and everything that went around with it instead of skipping around everything and referring back to his childhood or

things that happen in middle of the book. I took off another star for the fact i felt he left a lot of things out and held back in certain parts of the book.

Good read, interesting to see how Oscar grew up and that he had family in Tecate. I related to his early part of life. I was never a fan of his but respect him for his achievements as well as his business ventures.

It gives you an insight into the world of boxing, but I felt disappointed, because so much was left out of his life; some of the things that's been in the media over the years, so if you're interested in Oscar's dirty secrets, don't bother buying this book, because it doesn't reveal anything; however, it is well-written and covers boxing in depth.

This book was awesome, very informative and reliable...i ordered it to write a research paper on oscar de la hoya for my chicano studies class and i asked thrm if they coulda sended the book on time or asap and they did, i recieved it the next week and got my research paper in on time, ended up scoring a A on my paper.

I am a big boxing fan, also a huge Oscar fan, I think this book is great, good quick fast read!

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