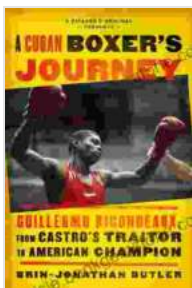


# Guillermo Rigondeaux: From Castro Traitor to American Champion

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However, Rigondeaux's relationship with the Cuban government began to sour after the 2004 Olympics. He was critical of the government's treatment of athletes, and he refused to give up his prize money from the Olympics to the government.

In 2007, Rigondeaux defected from Cuba to the United States. He was immediately granted political asylum, and he began training for a professional boxing career.

Rigondeaux made his professional debut in 2009, and he quickly rose through the ranks. He won his first world title in 2012, and he has since defended his title successfully six times.

Rigondeaux is a highly skilled boxer with a unique style. He is known for his quick hands and feet, and his ability to evade punches. He is also a very powerful puncher, and he has knocked out 11 of his opponents.

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Rigondeaux is considered one of the greatest boxers of his generation. He has been praised for his technical skills, his power, and his determination.

## **Personal Life**

Rigondeaux is married to Yudith Garcia. The couple has two children, a son and a daughter.

Rigondeaux is a devout Christian. He is also a fan of soccer and salsa music.

## **Legacy**

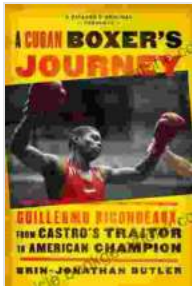
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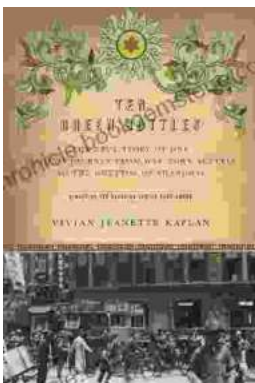
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