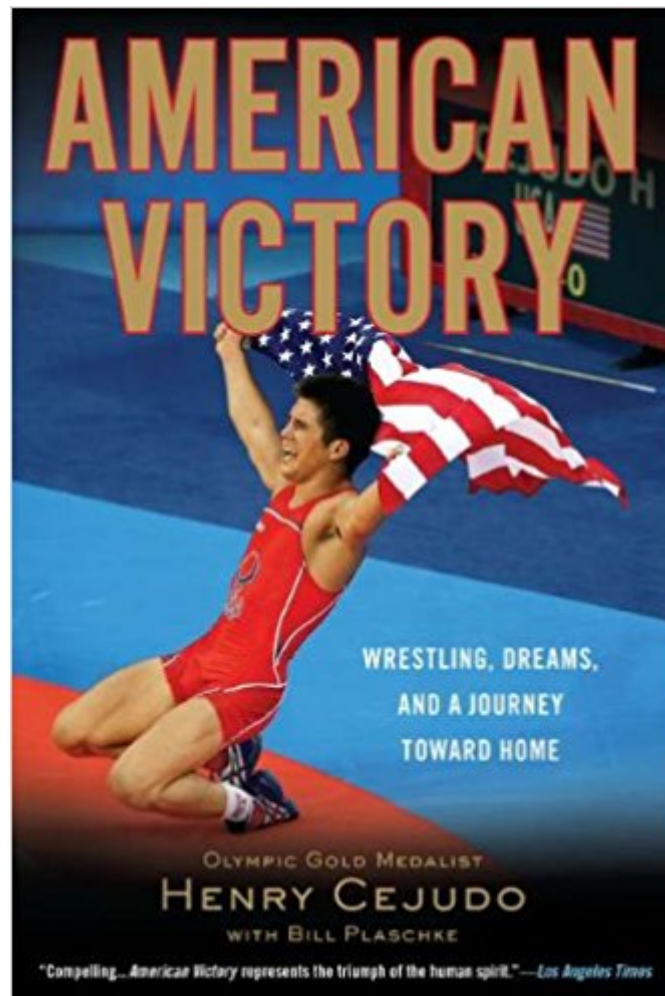




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# American Victory: Wrestling, Dreams And A Journey Toward Home



## Synopsis

"Compelling...American Victory represents the triumph of the human spirit." --Los Angeles Times

Henry Cejudo's remarkable journey follows an unlikely hero, the son of illegal immigrants, from the mean streets of South Central LA to the glory of the Beijing Olympics. The first American in sixteen years to win the gold medal in freestyle wrestling and the youngest American gold medalist ever in this event, Henry's grit, passion, and resolve on display in China was a culmination of a life spent fighting-both on and off the mat. American Victory is his poignant and powerful memoir of how he rose above the statistics and dangers to become a winner-and a hero that embodies all that's best and most hopeful in the American dream.

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## Customer Reviews

Henry Cejudo is a wrestler and mixed martial artist whose journey is chronicled in American Victory: Wrestling, Dreams and a Journey Toward Home. He won the Olympic gold medal at the 2008 Beijing games, and was the second youngest wrestler to ever win the gold. Bill Plaschke is a Los Angeles Times sports columnist and author whose books include I Live for This! Baseball's Last True Believer and American Victory: Wrestling, Dreams and a Journey Toward Home. Plaschke has been named national sports columnist six times, as well as Man of the Year by the Los Angeles Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

I was so inspired by this book that I have put into a motion a play version of it. Arizona State

University will be producing the play, adapted by graduate student Jose Zarate, and directed by myself, Guillermo Reyes, in March 2012. It's a play that belongs in Arizona. While Henry Cejudo was winning the gold for the U.S., folks back in Arizona were debating on whether or not to take away U.S. citizenship from kids like him---you know "anchor babies." The debate reached all the way to the legislature. State Senate leader Russell Pearce seriously proposed it, and then the voters in his district recalled him! Who's the patriot in this story?

I loved this book. Great story about Olympic Champ Henry Cejudo. My thoughts about him changed a lot after reading this book. I really respect the hard work he put in to it to reach he's goals. Also book is not just about wrestling. He tells some cool stories about he's relationships and personal life. Highly recommended anyone who needs motivation and specially must read book for every single wrestler around the world.

This book is the American Dream come true. This book will show you the triumph of the American spirit, and how anyone can achieve their dream if they want it bad enough and are willing to pay the price to make it happen.

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The life of wrestling and Henry Cejudo. Tough life growing up and in the end a nice ending to a wrestling career that could have gone in many directions. Saw him wrestle Nick Simmons in his final match at the Olympic Trials in Iowa City. Great stuff. Hope he stays on the path.

ok story. went to olympic trials and seen him lay down his boots.glad i knew his whole story at that moment

Great story! The American Dream!

the book itself was great. i had no idea the hardship cejudo went through in his early life and it makes me appreciate his gold much more. on a not so great note, his terrible upbringing accounts for the sub-par writing but that kind of makes it better for the book seems much more personal and real.

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