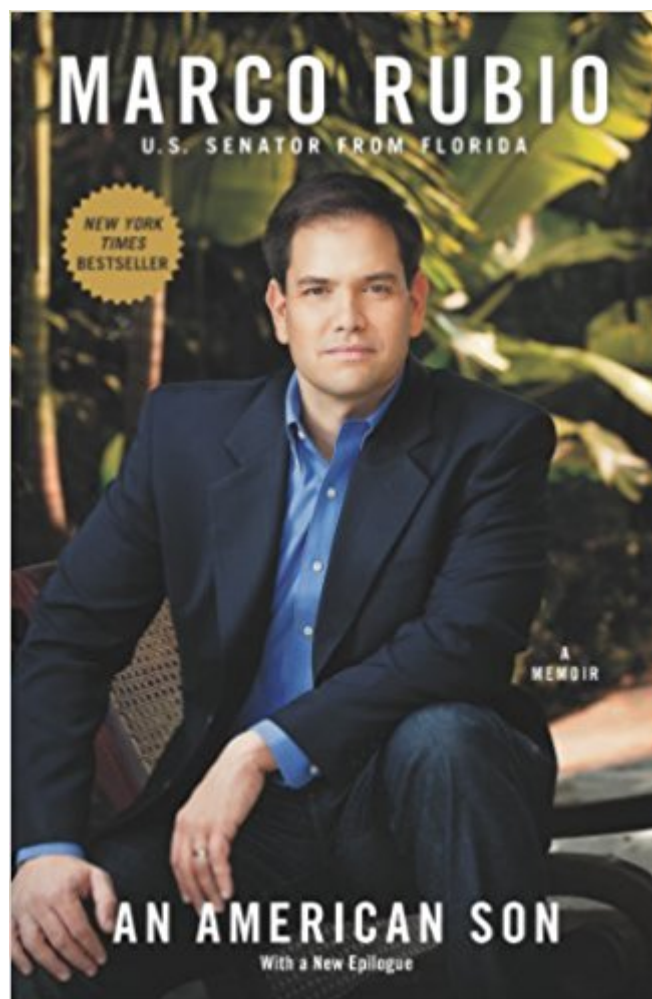


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# An American Son: A Memoir



## Synopsis

Few politicians have risen to national prominence as quickly as Marco Rubio. Here is the full story of his unlikely journey. Florida Senator Marco Rubio electrified the 2012 Republican National Convention by telling the story of his parents, who were struggling immigrants from Cuba. They embraced their new country and taught their children to appreciate its unique opportunities. Every sacrifice they made over the years, as they worked hard at blue-collar jobs in Miami and Las Vegas, was for their children. Young Marco grew up dreaming about football, not politics. In this fascinating memoir, he reveals how he ended up running for the West Miami City Commission, and then the Florida House of Representatives. In just six years he rose to Speaker of the Florida House. He then won his U.S. Senate campaign as an extreme long shot. Now Rubio speaks on the national stage about the better future that's possible if we return to our founding principles. In that vision, as in his family's story, Rubio proves that the American Dream is still alive for those who pursue it.

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Rubio's life's story is a must read for all Americans of multiple generations. He, the son of immigrants learned of the struggles his parents left in Cuba only to find new ones in America and raise an excellent son: a proud American. His experience of growing up in a community of new immigrants and political exiles taught him to appreciate this country much more than many multi-generation Americans. This book is that story.

"an american son" is very hard to put down it is a wonderful memoir that shows that hardwork family values and ethics and freedom and wisdom of ones father and grand father and hard word all pay off and these are the ideals that senator marco rubio took to heart all of his life which gave his life in law and football and school and in politics and in dealing with people such a success. this is a remarkable story of success he and his family left castros communist cuba and he rose to be a prominate success and one of the top leaders of the free world all from hard work and learning from his grandfathers and his fathers wisdom also recamended cant is not an option by nikki haley both books make great gift ideas for friends and family

While many political autobiographies are just glorified stump speeches, this book is well written and heartfelt. A few things stood out to me. Many biographies they are 80% about the subject and 20% about his family and background. This book is closer to 50% about him and 50% about his family. Being the son of Cuban immigrants you can see how tight his family was. When Rubio was 10 years old he supported Ted Kennedy for President in 1980 (spoiler alert). Over time you can see how Marco was influenced by his anti-communist Reagan Republican grandfather. You also get a strong sense of how difficult it is to try to balance family time with his career. How his political ambitions are colliding with his desire to be a traditional Dad, who is home every night for dinner. Rubio's faith is varied. He was born Catholic, raised as a short time as a Mormon, came back to Catholicism and attends now Baptist church and Mass on Sundays. His faith is a critical part of his life. During the Senate campaign you can see how is faith sustained him. Rubio was down 30 points to a popular Governor. Marco had never run a statewide campaign before and early on his funding numbers were dark. Gov. Crist raised 4.3 million dollars and he raised \$300,000 and the Republican party made the unusual steps of endorsing his opponent in the Primary. He thought that he would lose and lose badly. That the negative advertising would destroy him, his political career and that no one would want to hire an attorney with a destroyed reputation. This is a great book for those who like political memoirs, and immigrant family with a made in America success stories.

This book shows a Cuban-American struggle for identity between immigrant outsider and American Son. The sections about Rubio spending too much time on campaigning away from his family reveal the human side of Rubio. It tells a very compelling story, and does so with humility and charm. Maybe too much humility. I wanted less of the "I'm so humbled to be here" side that is obligatory in autobiographies of rising stars, and more of another side of Rubio that is neglected: his sheer political instinct. As a career politician, it may be too much to ask for Rubio to talk about his

unusual gift for connecting with both the Tea Party and establishment of both parties, but there it is. Maybe only an independent biography can talk about those kinds of things, but that's why I prefer McClure's biography, which is more independent: *They Called Him Giant Slayer: A Brief Political Biography of Marco Rubio*. So an alright book, but only three stars.

I voted for Obama in 2008 only to be disappointed. Then I saw the Marco Rubio video "The Florida Dream" on youtube. I instantly followed his Senate run & his amazing political skills. Marco Rubio stands firmly in his principles & I have ordered this book but I missed out on the chance to meet him in Philadelphia! Ah! Oh well, Vice President Rubio & Romney-Rubio have a great ring to it.

Marco Rubio tells his own inspiring story to the world in this endearing, thought-provoking memoir. He speaks of many issues that now confront this country with an increase in problems, but no solutions. Family values, ethics, freedom, and much more. He is a man with very much experience and past struggles, and because he walked on many tough roads, it was his Golden Key to success. A son of immigrants, who was taught to appreciate this country with respect. His life story is Remarkable, and so is his courage. Highly Recommended!

Rubio's book is as much a memoir about his rise in politics as it is a testament to his father and mother. One can only respect a family that legally immigrated to America, started over, and worked hard in menial jobs - bartender and maid - professions that many people might scoff at or see as beneath their abilities. Rubio's parents sacrificed their dreams for the sake of their children. Hard work, personal responsibility, and putting others first summarize Rubio's first principles. The book chronicles Rubio's formative years, his faith journey, and his political philosophy. And while it's not a book about legal or illegal immigration, it certainly highlights how the American dream can work, and perhaps how it should work, too.

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