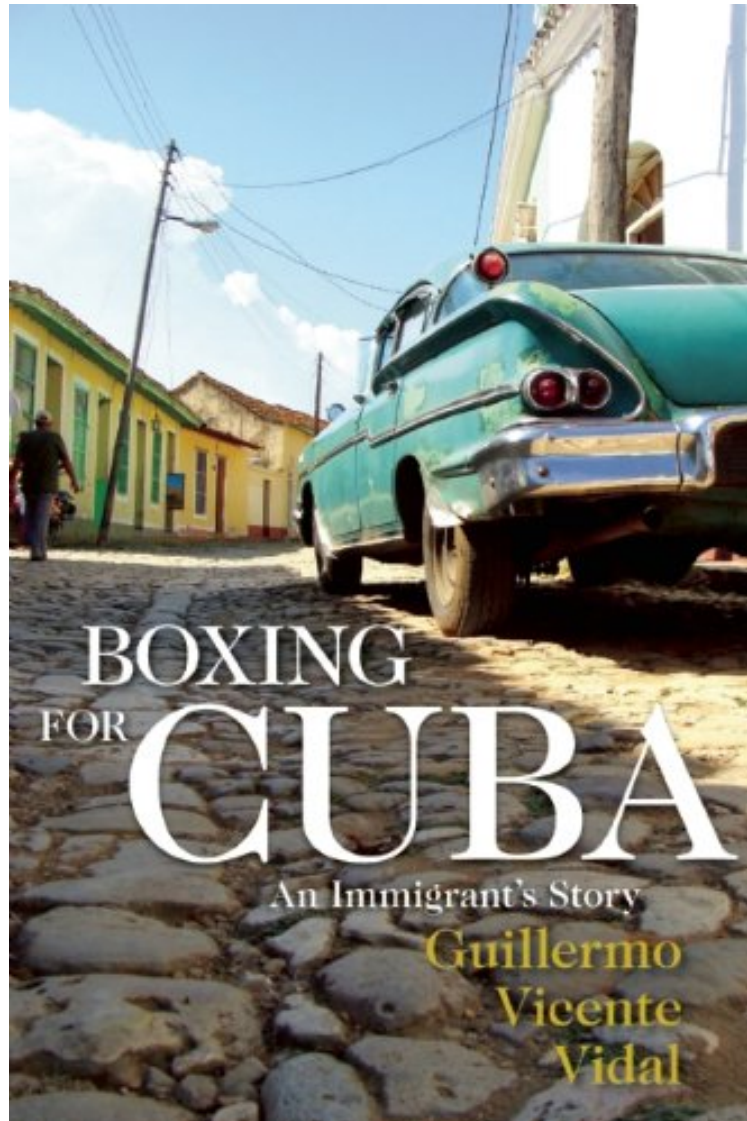


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Inspirational! By R. Jones I was moved by both Vidal's life story as a Cuban immigrant to the US as well as how magically he used words to share the complex emotions of his journey. Having grown up as a US expatriate in San Juan, Puerto Rico where many displaced Cubanos found a new home. I have always suspected that many of my childhood Cuban friends had similarly challenging experiences, and this story enabled me to better imagine the loss they endured along with the grit they exercised as they created in their

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In 1961, fearing the communist rule of Fidel Castro, Guillermo Vicente Vidal's family sent him to America through Operation Peter Pan. He arrived in Colorado and was sent to an orphanage with his brothers, and his family reunited four years later. Fifty years later, he served as Denver's mayor. This is his story of overcoming incredible odds.

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