

# Survivor of Auschwitz, Challenger of Rocky Marciano: Religion, Theology, and the Holocaust

Harry Haft was a Polish-American boxer who survived the Holocaust and later challenged Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight championship.

## Early Life and Boxing Career

Haft was born in 1925 in Belchatow, Poland. He began boxing at a young age and quickly showed great promise. In 1942, Haft was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp by the Nazis. He was forced to fight in boxing matches against other prisoners for the amusement of the guards.



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Haft survived Auschwitz and was liberated in 1945. He later emigrated to the United States, where he resumed his boxing career. In 1948, he won the light heavyweight championship of the United States.

## **Challenge to Rocky Marciano**

In 1952, Haft challenged Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight championship. Marciano was undefeated at the time and was considered to be the greatest boxer in the world. Haft was a huge underdog, but he gave Marciano a tough fight. Marciano knocked Haft out in the twelfth round, but Haft had earned the respect of the boxing world.

## **Religion and Theology**

Haft's experiences in the Holocaust had a profound impact on his religious and theological beliefs. He lost his entire family in the Holocaust, and he struggled to make sense of the world's suffering. Haft eventually found solace in Judaism, and he became a devout believer.

Haft's theology was based on the belief that God is all-powerful and all-loving. He believed that God created the world for a purpose, and that human beings have a responsibility to make the world a better place. Haft also believed that there is hope in the midst of suffering, and that God will ultimately triumph over evil.

## **Legacy**

Harry Haft was a remarkable man who survived the Holocaust and went on to challenge Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight championship. His story is a testament to the human spirit's ability to overcome adversity. Haft's religious and theological beliefs gave him the strength to endure the horrors of the Holocaust and to find meaning in his life.

Haft's legacy lives on through his autobiography, "Harry Haft: Survivor of Auschwitz, Challenger of Rocky Marciano." His story has also been told in the film "The Survivor," which was released in 2021.

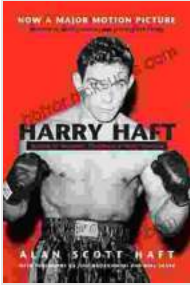


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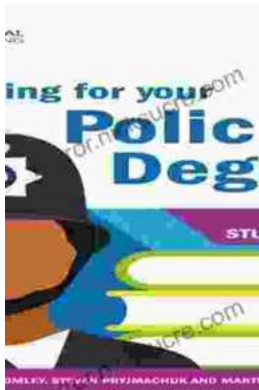
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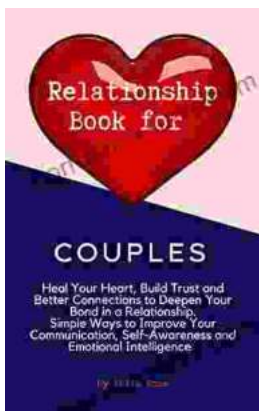


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