

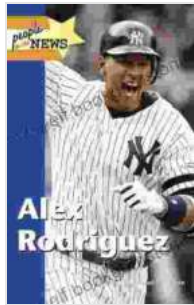
# Alex Rodriguez: From Baseball Icon to Business Mogul



Alex Rodriguez, universally known as A-Rod, is a former professional baseball player and current sports commentator, businessman, and philanthropist. Widely regarded as one of the greatest baseball players of all time, he spent 22 seasons in Major League Baseball (MLB) playing shortstop and third baseman for the Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers, and New York Yankees.

## Baseball Career

Rodriguez's baseball career began in 1993 when he was drafted by the Seattle Mariners as the first overall pick. He quickly rose through the minor leagues and made his MLB debut in 1994. He quickly established himself as one of the game's most promising players, winning the American League (AL) Rookie of the Year Award in 1996.



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In 2001, Rodriguez signed a record-breaking 10-year, \$252 million contract with the Texas Rangers. He continued to excel in Texas, winning the AL Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award in 2003 and helping the Rangers reach the World Series in 2010.

In 2004, Rodriguez joined the New York Yankees, where he played for 12 seasons. He became a fan favorite in New York, helping the Yankees win the World Series in 2009. He also won the AL MVP Award in 2005 and 2007 and was named to the All-Star team 14 times.

Rodriguez retired from baseball in 2016 after finishing his career with 696 home runs, the fourth-most in MLB history. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022.

## **Business Career**

After retiring from baseball, Rodriguez quickly transitioned into the business world. He is a successful investor and entrepreneur with a portfolio that includes real estate, technology, and sports ventures.

In 2017, Rodriguez joined CNBC as a contributor and became a regular guest on the network's business shows. He also became a judge on the reality television show Shark Tank, where he invests in promising businesses.

Rodriguez is the CEO and chairman of A-Rod Corp, a holding company that oversees his various business ventures. He is also the founder of the A-Rod Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports education and youth development.

## **Legacy**

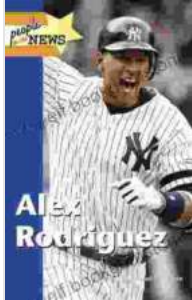
Alex Rodriguez is a true icon in the world of baseball. He is one of the most decorated players in the game's history and has achieved both on and off the field.

As a businessman, Rodriguez has shown a keen eye for investment and has built a successful empire outside of baseball. He is a role model for young people who aspire to achieve great things.

## **Career Highlights**

- 14-time All-Star
- 3-time AL MVP
- 10 Gold Glove Awards
- 2 Silver Slugger Awards

- World Series Champion (2009)
- AL Rookie of the Year (1996)
- 4th all-time in MLB home runs (696)
- Baseball Hall of Famer (2022)



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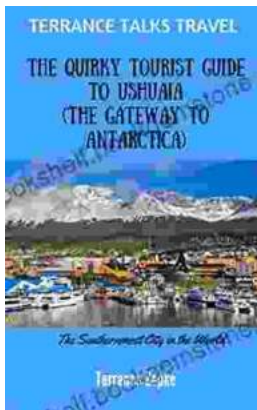
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