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Left Behind with the Homies

It was the last days on Earth. Deception was in its greatest form as people worshipped money and the things it brought forward. Deonica Joyner thought she had it made as her bank account grew from dating a multi-millionaire oil tycoon. She turned her back on spirituality only to be left-behind on Earth. The Wallace twins had the best opportunity to be caught up with their mother than the thugs they ran the streets with. They too became left-behind as they witnessed Jesus in the sky while on a mission to Mexico to rescue Deonica from her captives. She placed money over God as the twins chose the thug-life to be Left Behind with the Homies.

What's A Homie

Each with complications from childhood, five teenagers become united through a notorious street gang. Through their deep affiliation the members are set up for losses as they come face to face with the harsh realities and consequences of gang life. Will the teens remain close through their trial and tribulations that involve sex, pimping, money, murder and drugs; or will temptation be the cause of division amongst the crew when loyalties are questioned as they engage in violent retaliation against rival hoods causing near death experiences for some and fatalities for others, all while remaining systematically influenced by street conduct and sticking to the G-code. Come along for a ride through the streets of Los Angeles as these five individuals become intertwined within the overwhelming lifestyle of California's gangland.

Ready Player Juan

Written for all gaming enthusiasts, this book fuses Latinx studies and video game studies to document how Latinx masculinities are portrayed in high-budget action-adventure video games, inviting Latinxs and others to insert their experiences into games made by an industry that fails to see them. The book employs an intersectional approach through performance theory, border studies, and lived experience to analyze the designed identity "Player Juan." Player Juan manifests in video game representations through a discourse of criminality that sets expectations of who and what Latinxs can be and do.

Developing an original approach to video game experiences, the author theorizes video games as border crossings, and defines a new concept—digital mestizaje—that pushes players, readers, and scholars to deploy a Latinx way of seeing and that calls on researchers to consider a digital object's constructive as well as destructive qualities.

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Caught up Chronicles of a Gangsta Crip.

HOMIES is a study of a group of African-American men from the west side of Chicago known as "homies." This study explains the communication & bonding between these men. It exposes the social contribution of their alternative reality & explores its rationality. Information gathered from about 20 homies describes two differing homie cultures: "book smart" & "street smart." Additionally, four themes emerge in this study: 1) "I am who you're not--the culture that gets defined becomes the one that is controlled; 2) "The 'hood' is my real home"--"homies" rarely travel physically or mentally from the confines of their neighborhood; 3) "We are alone together"--they have maintained & supported their roles as social outcasts; & 4) "We can't & if we could, we don't know how"--they have created a culture that isolates them from society as well as denies them the tools to adequately fight the system. To order write to LEPS Press, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, call 800-348-7543, or FAX 815-753-0369.

Homies

Using the tools of sociological theory, Robert Brenneman seeks to discover why a pot-smoking, gun-wielding "homie" gang member would want to trade in la vida loca for a Bible and the buttoned-down lifestyle of an evangelical hermano (brother in Christ) - and to what extent this strategy works for the many youth who have tried it.

Homies and Hermanos

Harley Justin Butler is a cool East Bay detective with a reputation for getting results in spite of his ADD. He didn't seem like he'd have much to gain by going undercover as a teacher at LBJ High, a tough school in the Iron Triangle section of Richmond to investigate the Alma Vargas murder. But something in Harley's core told him it was the right thing to do. You see Alma, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, was a stellar student at LBJ High. Alive, she was looked up to by her peers but considered an annoyance by administrators, disappointed that she advertised the school's dirty laundry to the public. Dead, she becomes a martyr to students and someone the administrators would just as soon forget. Follow Harley as he seeks justice for Alma and along the way discovers some secrets of the soul. Sensual, Suspenseful, and Subversive! The most intriguing novel to come out of the States in years! Marcelo Oliveira - A Folha de Boa Viagem

Child Left Behind

This is a story about a middle-aged married Christian man. How his life changed when an unexpected thing happened to him. The way he handled it was the wrong way to handle it. He became a fugitive from the law. He was on the run for thirteen years till the police arrested him. This Christian man prayed to the Lord and prayed for his help and protection through his ordeal. Mr. Mike Sanchez

13 Years With A Bullet

KALI JAMES aka REDFLAG is an unruly gangster Blood from the notorious streets of Los Angeles who's experienced it all. Kali's reputation for Murder, Mayhem, and Robbery keeps him among the elite in the violent underworld. Unfortunately, a strange twist of events begin to take place after detectives raid his neighborhood, and begin asking questions about robberies they're following up on. Kali and his crew are taken in for murder which eventually turns into a land slide of betrayal, police cooperation, and mistrust. Take a journey with Kali, who's on the verge of losing it all, his life, and his relationship

with his child's mother, Martika who's drifting toward the arms of another man. Martika never thought Kali's words would be so relevant in life, but comes to find out otherwise as she comes face to face with the Process of Elimination.

Process of Elimination

Chicano style from and beyond the pages of Mi Vida Loca magazine....

Cholo Style

Doubt Me Not Book 2 of The Angel Brings Fire series The "Destroying Angel", Karéin-Mayréij, has fallen to Earth after a near-fatal encounter with a Doomsday comet. She has saved the world from total destruction... but only at a fearful cost, for she is dazed, crippled, nearly powerless and, most of all... alone. Doubt Me Not describes the adventures of a now-humbled "Storied Watcher"

Doubt Me Not

Greater Than is another bold collection of poetry from James J. Adams. This is James's first published collection of poetry in seven years. Though the author has not published and shared his material with the public in several years, this collection is the result of his time spent reflecting, observing, and being a good student of the world. The author labored over this collection, taking in the noise and confusion of the world. The encouraging message of the book is people striving for greatness must not be swayed, distracted, or get lost in the chaos. The author concludes that greatness isn't necessarily any particular career, athletic, or monetary achievements. Rather, individual or group greatness is a matter of spiritual success and positive as well as lasting contributions to the lives of others.

Greater Than

This is the story of a young gangsta in Los Angeles who is stuck in the street life. His purpose and testing in life is well understood. Amongst his army, he is considered a General, a Genius, and a good friend. His leadership and honesty is well-respected by his "O.G.'s." The young gangsta is known by the name, "Shadow." He finds love in a woman he knocked, simply by stimulating her mind with kind words and honesty. His relationship with God is close. The world in which he lives leaves no room for error. "Hood-fellaz" gives outsiders a look inside the dungeon of hell. If you read carefully and closely, you'll also feel the fire. The story travels in many directions: from rags to riches from the hood to the Cartel. This book answers lots of questions for the Government - "The Rich" as to why those that live in the lower class of society do what they do. It also helps psychologists understand what goes through the mind of one not as fortunate as others. Through all the "shoot'em up, bang-bang" there is a message. This book isn't about the Bloods or Crips. It's about morals, principles, conduct, money, power, respect, codes, rules, and regulations; life and death; love and hate. Once you open this book, you will enter a new world. You've probably met the "hood." Now it's time to meet the "fellaz."

Hood Fellaz

Give the streets an inch and the streets will take a mile. They will also destroy a man's soul. Antonio "Ameen" Felder learns this through the most painful of circumstances. Finally a free man with the love of his children and the woman of his dreams beside him, Antonio prays that the streets allow him to chill so that he never has to go back behind the wall. Set on creating a decent life for his family, he squashes all beef with his enemy, puts his dark, murderous past far behind, and like the ultimate hustler, pursues his dreams. The streets, however, disregard this gangster's prayer and commits the most diabolical of deeds against him, resurrecting the old Antonio out of the trenches and back into beast mode. Now all bets are off and he takes no prisoners, leaving the guilty and collateral damage in his wake. This sacrifice may be the greatest Antonio has ever offered.

The Ultimate Sacrifice IV

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PARK BENCH LEDGEND's BY Announimis II Author Manojlo Desovski

CITY OF NIGHTMARES, part one. The most in-depth, best yet, informative book ever on prison life, the Pennsylvania prison system and prisons in general. The drugs, the murders, the geographical wars, racist wars, fi rebombing wars, the breaking of men and boy's minds. The prison holes, prison politics the multimillion business of prisoner's labor, the world war two Nazi Germany secret descendants. The common prison life homosexuality, the envy, the jealousy, the hate of irrelevancy, and so much more. A must read for all.

CITY OF NIGHTMARES PART ONE

A Companion to Latina/o Studies is a collection of 40 original essays written by leading scholars in the field, dedicated to exploring the question of what 'Latino/a' is. Brings together in one volume a diverse range of original essays by established and emerging scholars in the field of Latina/o Studies Offers a timely reference to the issues, topics, and approaches to the study of US Latinos - now the largest minority population in the United States Explores the depth of creative scholarship in this field, including theories of latinisimo, immigration, political and economic perspectives, education, race/class/gender and sexuality, language, and religion Considers areas of broader concern, including history, identity, public representations, cultural expression and racialization (including African and Native American heritage).

A Companion to Latina/o Studies

As a young boy, Otilio Quintero lived with his family in abject poverty in a labor camp in California's San Joaquin Valley. Later, they moved to a housing project that exposed him to the madness of violence. Despite his difficult childhood, he managed to go to college. But more important to his development was a trip to Mexico in which he was taken in and taught by the Mayan Chol people. In his memoir, Quintero writes he found his calling at an indigenous ceremony during The Longest Walk, a 3,000-mile march across the country—from Alcatraz Island in San Francisco to Washington, DC—in 1978 by Native Americans to protest federal attacks on their way of life. The marchers carried the sacred pipe to the nation's capital and ultimately legislative bills detrimental to indigenous people were defeated. His life took a dramatic turn when he found himself in a maximum-security prison facing a possible 20-year sentence! Through a miracle of faith and hope, Quintero escaped prison and began teaching farmworkers at a community college. He would go on to become a leader in the movement against gang violence, joining forces with organizations such as Barrios Unidos and Homies Unidos. He worked alongside the likes of Cesar Chavez, Harry Belafonte and Tom Hayden, and his efforts to save lives took him to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Venezuela. This compelling read exemplifies the need to make change within before attempting to change the world around us, and Quintero contends the challenges of the current times require our awakening now.

No Love Lost

This short, intense book exposes life inside the largest, most violent gang in the world, Mara Salvatrucha 13, more commonly known as MS-13. Right in the heart of El Salvador's capital San Salvador, anthropologist Juan José Martínez d'Aubuisson observes firsthand an escalating cycle of brutality between MS-13 and its sworn enemies from Barrio 18 as it becomes a war fought on a professional scale with grenades and machine guns. For the better part of a year, d'Aubuisson was embedded in one of the cells of MS-13, where he learned its moral codes, rules, legends, and contradictions. His journey into the heart of the gang is guided by an enigmatic character, Destino, a veteran leader of MS-13. After many conversations with Destino, a strange kind of friendship emerges between the two, and the anthropologist understands not only the origin of the gang and its war with Barrio 18 but the deep-seated reasons for the regional violence. The book culminates in one of the most violent acts ever in an area that has seen more than its share: a full-scale attack on a public bus with thirty-two passengers on board. Fourteen people were killed and twenty-eight wounded. Almost all the principal characters in this book end up dying: some are killed in the war, while others fall to the state security forces. Those that do escape the war are imprisoned, exiled or murdered by their own gang. This is a true testimony of life inside a wild gang, in a neighborhood governed by abandoned boys. Juan José Martínez d'Aubuisson is a Salvadoran socio-cultural anthropologist committed to understanding

violence in Central America. His uncle was one of Latin America's most notoriously brutal military officers during the 1980s.

The Sign Catcher

This is an updated edition of the story of the gang scene in East L.A. and Father Gregory Boyle's innovative ministry and economic development efforts in the area.

A Year Inside MS-13

Curtis Mozie, known on the streets as C-Webb is without a doubt a leader in Washington DC. He spends every waking moment trying to prevent gangs and gun violence on the streets of DC. With the creation of Tale of the Tape Foundation, Curtis produces films that document the lives and death of 65 of his friends murdered by gun violence. He has been a catalyst for positive change for over twenty years, earning the trust of both police officers and gang members having been a police officer himself, its incredible that gangs have allowed him to intimately explore their violent and brutal world. His video camera captures their day-to-day lives playing basketball and also their candidness in interviews at his apartment, which is known as the Safe House, a place where at risk youth come to be mentored on life skills, and to have someone hear their problems and concerns. When one of them gets killed or injured in gang violence, Curtis is there to mourn the lost with family members. He then creates a montage of their lives and deaths in a video tribute-lessons learned. Curtis without a doubt is a unique individual a community hero for DC Mothers, and Fathers. Hes appeared on numerous news media outlets across the world. His message is an unfaltering dedication and commitment to making the streets of DC safer for everyone. He now works at the Kennedy Recreation Center for the Department of Parks & Recreation working with youth and serving the community.

G-dog and the Homeboys

If Jesus can change the life of a gangster, what could He do with you? After reading this book, you will have the practical tools needed for developing a deep, fruitful relationship with God. You will have the encouragement you need to see that Jesus is real and fully present in whatever circumstances you face. Discover the astonishing journey of Mondo De La Vega in My Crazy Life: The Moments That Brought a Gangster to Grace. Step into a world where respect, power, and money lure a young man into the dark embrace of one of Los Angeles' most notorious Latino gangs. But behind the facade lies a haunting reality of crime, guns, and the constant threat of death or imprisonment. Mondo's life takes root in a turbulent childhood, filled with abuse and violence. Escaping his reproachful father in Central America, he, along with his sister and mother, seeks refuge in families' homes, moving around from place to place in a small town in Central America, surviving undercover for over a year before their ultimate quest for freedom leads them to the brutal streets of Los Angeles. Driven by bitterness and anger, Mondo is pulled into one of the city's most notorious gangs, climbing its ranks and facing an inevitable future of either imprisonment or an early grave. Yet amidst the darkness, Mondo's sister refuses to give up on him. With unyielding faith, she prays for a miracle and receives a prophetic word that seems impossible to Mondo--a word that will change everything. My Crazy Life is a gripping narrative much like the story of Nicky Cruz, as we see God interrupt Mondo's path with His relentless love and grace. Through supernatural encounters, miraculous escapes, and undeniable fulfilled prophecies, Mondo finds the strength to leave the gang behind and embrace a new life.

Beyond the Yellow Tape: Life & Death on the Streets of Dc

The Journey of Frank Antoine Lewis is the first book of a series that will walk you through the life of an ex-gang member that at fourteen years old shot two young USC students in a blotched Hollywood armed robbery. The journey will outline the contributing factors that caused such a young child to take a path of destruction, drug abuse, gang membership, incarceration, and death. After serving several years in a youth correctional facility, Frank Lewis now serves time teaching in a youth correctional facility. The journey series will walk you through the steps that he took to make the proper changes that are required to make a change in life. The Journey is the heartfelt story of a young man that at ten years old witnessed a horrific murder that traumatized him. With no proper guidance, discipline, or structure, young Frank turned to the local Inglewood, California, street gang for support. After being recruited by a current California death row inmate, Frank become more tunnel-visioned, remorseless, and criminal minded. If you google "Frank Antoine Lewis," you can see that this young man has walked a hard journey and most individuals, statistics, and recidivism rates predicted that he should be in

prison today. That is not the case Frank Lewis currently is a two-time college graduate with both an associate's and bachelor's degrees. Frank has overcome the obstacles that many at risk youth face today. The journey is the blueprint to counter the blueprint established by Willie Lynch and his blueprint of slavery. The journey will give young people a hope that no matter how bad today looks if you keep striving for excellence than good things will happen. Frank Lewis has walked the life of a criminal, and it is his passion to assist other young people in their struggle to get back on track. The journey provides that example of a young man that, despite the odds, has risen up from his criminal behavior to make a change in the future generation so that they can see if you strive to accomplish your goals that you can do just that.

My Crazy Life

Why would a gun-wielding, tattoo-bearing "homie" trade in la vida loca for a Bible and the buttoned-down lifestyle of an evangelical hermano (brother in Christ)? To answer this question, Robert Brenneman interviewed sixty-three former gang members from the "Northern Triangle" of Central America--Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras--most of whom left their gang for evangelicalism. Unlike in the United States, membership in a Central American gang is hasta la morgue. But the most common exception to the "morgue rule" is that of conversion or regular participation in an evangelical church. Do gang members who weary of their dangerous lifestyle simply make a rational choice to opt for evangelical religion? Brenneman finds this is only partly the case, for many others report emotional conversions that came unexpectedly, when they found themselves overwhelmed by a sermon, a conversation, or a prayer service. An extensively researched and gritty account, *Homies and Hermanos* sheds light on the nature of youth violence, of religious conversion, and of evangelical churches in Central America.

The Journey of Frank Antoine Lewis

This resource guide to 100 key events in Latino history provides students, librarians, and scholars with hundreds of original and compelling term paper ideas and the key print and electronic sources needed for research. Latinos are the largest, fastest growing minority group in the United States, and the ways they have positively impacted our nation are significant and undeniable. This book examines the contributions of Latinos to U.S. history, providing hundreds of possible topics for term papers and research projects along with primary, secondary, web, and multimedia sources of topical information. Subjects such as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848); the Bracero Program (1942); the United Farm Workers of America Is Formed (1962); and The Great American Boycott ("A Day Without Immigrants") of 2006 are just a few samples of the topics included. Each historical event is described briefly, followed by direction toward specific research and writing topics for the student-historian. At least two alternative term paper suggestions complement these ideas, allowing creative, original approaches to historical inquiries.

Homies and Hermanos: God and Gangs in Central America

A police chief with an agenda. A man on a mission. A young man that can't stay out of trouble. Their worlds all collide in *Across the Border*. For Bill Reynolds, what is supposed to be a routine mission goes terribly wrong when three of his closest friends are captured and sent away to a place known as the Dungeon. Alvin Fisher is the chief of police in San Diego, California. He is also in cahoots with an unsavory character by the name of Larry Morgan. Together, Fisher and Morgan will do whatever they have to do in order to keep their operations flowing smoothly. Corey Duncan is a seventeen-year-old heading on a continued downward spiral. Having no meaning or purpose in life after losing his father, Corey turns to tagging and the streets. He is also at odds with his mother and her new love interest, Randy. One fateful night will bring all three of these men together.

Term Paper Resource Guide to Latino History

It has been called the most dangerous gang in American history. In Los Angeles alone it is responsible for over 100 homicides per year. Although it has fewer than 300 members, it controls a 40,000-strong street army that is eager to advance its agenda. It waves the flag of the Black Hand and its business is murder. Although known on the streets for over fifty years, the Mexican Mafia has flown under the radar of public awareness and has flourished beneath a deep cover of secrecy. Members are forbidden even to acknowledge its existence. For the first time in its history, the Mexican Mafia is now getting the attention it has been striving to avoid. In this briskly written and thoroughly researched book, Tony

Rafael looks at the birth and the blood-soaked growth of this criminal enterprise through the eyes of the victims, the dropouts, the cops and DAs on the front lines of the war against the Mexican Mafia. The first book ever published on the subject, *Southern Soldiers* is a pioneering work that unveils the operations of this California prison gang and describes how it grew from a small clique of inmates into a transnational criminal organization. As the first prison gang ever to project its power beyond prison walls, the Mexican Mafia controls virtually every Hispanic neighborhood in Southern California and is rapidly expanding its influence into the entire Southwest, across the East Coast, and even into Canada. Riding a wave of unchecked immigration and seemingly beyond the reach of law enforcement, the Mexican Mafia is poised to become the Cosa Nostra of twenty-first-century America.

Across the Border

This is my very first self published book and it is far from perfect. This process has been going on for a year and I believe it is complete. I know there may be some grammatical errors along with fragments, but it is truly a work in progress.

The Mexican Mafia

Beloved Jesuit priest and author of the inspirational bestsellers *Tattoos on the Heart* and *Barking to the Choir* returns with a call to witness the transformative power of tenderness, rooted in his lifetime of experience counseling gang members in Los Angeles. Over the past thirty years, Gregory Boyle has transformed thousands of lives through his work as the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest and most successful gang-intervention program in the world. Now, following his acclaimed bestsellers *Tattoos on the Heart*, “destined to become a classic of both urban reportage and contemporary spirituality” (*Los Angeles Times*), and *Barking to the Choir*, deemed “a beautiful and important and soul-transporting book” by Elizabeth Gilbert comes *The Whole Language*, a book that “filled my cup with hope” (*The Jesuit Review*). In a community struggling to overcome systemic poverty and violence, *The Whole Language* shows how those at Homeboy Industries fight despair and remain generous, hopeful, and tender. When Saul was thirteen years old, he killed his abusive stepfather in self-defense; after spending twenty-three years in juvenile and adult jail, he enters the Homeboy Industries training and healing programs and embraces their mission. Declaring, “I’ve decided to grow up to be somebody I always needed as a child,” Saul shows tenderness toward the young men in his former shoes, treating them all like his sons and helping them to find their way. Before coming to Homeboy Industries, a young man named Abel was shot thirty-three times, landing him in a coma for six months followed by a year and a half recuperating in the hospital. He now travels on speaking tours with Boyle and gives guided tours around the Homeboy offices. One day a new trainee joins Abel as a shadow, and Abel recognizes him as the young man who had put him in a coma. “You give good tours,” the trainee tells Abel. They both have embarked on a path to wholeness. Boyle’s moving stories challenge our ideas about God and about people, providing a window into a world filled with fellowship, compassion, and fewer barriers. Bursting with encouragement, humor, and hope, *The Whole Language* invites us to treat others—and ourselves—with acceptance and tenderness.

The Beginning Conclusion: A Collection of Poems

This world is not a world where the lowest can live through easily. It's needless this young man was born into it at its lowest point in New Orleans, Louisiana, where only the strong survived who were trained to murder the people closest to them as if it was common law for the good to die young. Growing up, he learned to stand his ground, and he did it alone. Year after year, the void in his heart became larger, and his hunger for love grew stronger as he searched through the mud for it, leaving him covered in disappointing associations with those of dirty intentions of breaking him down every time he appeared to them as if he was building himself up. As he attempted to make friends, it seemed as if he was being influenced to dig his own resting place in a life full of conflict, where the people he desired to love treated him as a spectacle only because they saw his quality, making themselves feel as if they were nothing. In his life, he realized that real things remain the same and that fake people, places, and things always change, leaving his heart filled with pain as God painted the picture vividly before his eyes.

The Whole Language

"Reflections of a Born-Again Pagan Radical evokes the powerful revolutionary spirit of the '60's."
-Kedron Bryson, Baytree Press Jenny and Noces meet as students at the University of Southern

California. They fall in love during a psychedelic pilgrimage to Mexico. Inspired by the profound socio-political upheaval of the 1960's, they shed their conservative backgrounds and plunge into the growing transnational counterculture, joining forces in rejecting the American system and building one of their own. Roving throughout North America, Western Europe, Mexico, Morocco, Jamaica and Nicaragua, the gutsy pair create an enterprise trading in psychedelics and enlightening herbs, while establishing their own radical political network. Opening themselves to totally new dimensions of mystical awareness, Jenny and Noces celebrate the magic, ecstasy and wonder of life. Exercising the social responsibility that accompanies enlightenment, they find themselves on the frontlines, battling riot police during the 1968 Democrat Convention in Chicago and the May Day 1971 take-over of the Washington Monument, and supporting the national student strike protesting Nixon's Cambodia invasion; in Mexico City, they're attacked by paramilitaries in a squatter settlement; finally, in Nicaragua, they end up joining armed revolutionaries in an assault on a military command center. While presenting a fascinating era in vivid detail, *Reflections of a Born-Again Pagan Radical* delivers urgent, timeless truths.

Field of Blood

With all that these couples have been through, you would think things become easier. That's not the case at all! Michelle is caught by Thor at prison visiting someone. Is it Tasheem, or is it someone Michelle has been hiding all along? With the restaurant closed, Thor has to make some decisions on what he's going to do with Maggie. Will he let things end with Maggie? Or will his big heart get in the way? Kelsie is left with the decision if she wants Milli to adopt Miracle. With Marcus not in the picture, allowing Miracle to have a father figure with Milli seems like the easiest choice, but where does that leave her relationship with Emont? Milli is ready to settle down and wants only one woman by his side: Kelsie. With Kelsie still with Emont, will he be able to make it work for a final time? Mello wants his wife back - bad. With Kenyetta in New York, he's forced to deal with the situation at hand. Even though Patsy called it quits, Mello feels he can somehow wiggle himself back into her life, especially since she's carrying his daughter. What happens when the shoe is on the other foot, and Kenyetta is up to no good? Patsy is all about growing and glowing. With her baby on the way, she's concerned with her health and wants nothing to do with Mello. When an old friend from high school pops up, will Patsy fall head over heels, or will she build a friendship instead? With Mello tossing his kids in her life, will Patsy tell him the truth about his youngest kid? In this finale, all the homies, lovers, and friends deal with situations that are bigger than them. Come take this last ride with these couples as they figure out if they want to be homies, lovers or friends.

Reflections of a Born-Again Pagan Radical

Virginia is for lovers, but in the heartless and unforgiving streets of Virginias 7even Cities: where disillusioned hustlers pitch narcotics on project blocks without a conscience, disgruntled stick up kids terrorize the streets with their ambitions attached to ski masks and twin pistols, and dispirited young females strip themselves of their self-worth and sell their most sacred possessions all for a piece of the Devils Pie, love is an ideal often spoke about, but seldom seen. The 7even Cities, where the disenfranchised take to the streets to obtain the American Dream of lavish homes, luxury automobiles, and tailored garments, while the aristocracy relentlessly aim to squander their hopes with oppressive laws and a multi-million dollar penal system. This is Virginia through the clairvoyant eyes of Marquis Cream Cureton in his classic debut novel, *When the Smoke Clears: An Urban Novel*. Inspired by true events, Cream narrates the story of Secoya Smoke Harris, a promising college basketball player with ambitions as vast as the oceans are blue, who tip-toed the fine line between success and the streets. Originally from the gang infested streets of Compton, California, Smoke cant resist the lure of the underworld of the 7even Cities, and in one costly decision finds himself incarcerated in Virginias Department of Corrections and marked for death by his big homie. His basketball career ruined and future bleak, Smoke apprehensively makes the decision to dive head first into the streets and get money the only way he sees possibletrafficking marijuana. Beef inevitable, bodies dropping, and indictments looming, Smoke drowns himself in a cloud of haze from the finest bud California has to offer in order to escape the harsh reality that in the streets nothing last forever, and no one ever wins; there are only those that survive the game and live to tell about it behind penitentiary walls, and those that lose, taking their last breath in the streets. Which side will Smoke find himself? Only God knows, *When the Smoke Clears*.

Homies, Lovers and Friends

This book is the story of Changa Asa Ramu, but there are many young men who walk in the same shoes and have experienced the same journey. Too often do young African-American men learn from their own experiences when they should have been mentored, educated, and prepared for life struggles as an African American in this racist and sometimes violent country. However, Changa has learned the hard way and finds himself in circumstances that aren't easy to overcome. He's now serving a life

When the Smoke Clears

An ethnographic analysis of the purported transnational gang crisis between the United States and El Salvador, based on extensive research in Los Angeles and San Salvador.

Internal Reflections

Inspiring and sometimes tragic personal stories of five Amerasian children left behind after the Vietnam War

Space of Detention

That's when it hits me. I'm staring at a war zone. In South Central. On an April night in 1992, Payasa learns that her older brother has been stabbed to death, his body left out in the road to rot. He was never involved. He was innocent. He didn't even carry a gun. And that messes with the rules, even for Lynwood, even for the streets. But it's the first day of the LA riots, and the city is tearing itself apart. Fire-fighters, graffiti artists, nurses and law enforcement – all of them connected by this murder – find themselves caught in the mayhem. Every cop is distracted, and for the people who see the law as an enemy, it's a chance to settle old scores. That's just too good an opportunity to miss. 'All Involved is a symphonic, pitch-perfect, superlative novel. It swallowed me whole.' – David Mitchell, author of Cloud Atlas 'A heart-breaking portrait of a city tearing itself apart. Ryan Gattis has created characters who live on in the imagination long after you have read the final page.' - Paula Hawkins, author of The Girl on the Train

Surviving Twice

With their families torn apart by the vicious life of the streets, Sunshine and Rain find each other living with the same foster mother, who has a secret life of her own. With Rain's stern heart of steel and Sunshine's innocent heart of gold, they try to cope with traumatic, unforeseen circumstances that come their way. As these two diamonds hook up and shine, they go from rags to riches. Watch as Sunshine and Rain deal with death, betrayal, love, and sweet temptation. Can their newfound friendship survive through all the madness?

All Involved

Sunshine & Rain