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# Lady Q: The Rise And Fall Of A Latin Queen



## Synopsis

Offering a rarely seen female perspective on gang life, this raw and powerful memoir tells not only of one woman's struggle to survive the streets but also of her ascent to the top ranks of the new mafia, where the only people more dangerous than rival gangs were members of her own. At age 5 Sonia Rodriguez's stepfather began to abuse her; at 10 she was molested by her uncle and beaten by her mother when she told on him; and by 13 her home had become a hangout for the Latin Kings and Queens who were friends with her older sister. Threatened by rival gang members at school, Sonia turned away from her education and extracurricular activities in favor of a world of drugs and violence. The Latin Kings, one of the largest and most notorious street gangs in America, became her refuge, but its violence cost her friends, freedom, self-respect, and nearly her life. As a Latin Queen, she experienced the exhilarating highs and unbelievable lows of gang life. From being shot at by her own gang and kicked out at age 18 with an infant daughter to rejoining the gang and distinguishing herself as a leader, her legacy as Lady Q was cemented both for her willingness to commit violence and for her role as a drug mule.

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"A brutal, chilling firsthand account of how a young person who is raised without positive family values will reach out to a gang to find a support system and a substitute family." — Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State and founder, the Jesse White Tumblers, an anti-gang and -drug program  
"A slow-motion riot of drugs, sex, and gunplay." — Publishers Weekly on My

Bloody Life"An oftentimes painful, close-up look at the blow-by-blow evolution of a female gang leader." •Gini Sikes, author, 8 Ball Chicks: A Year in the World of Girl Gangs

Reymundo Sanchez is the pseudonym of a former Latin King who no longer lives in Chicago. He is the author of My Bloody Life and Once a King, Always a King and has appeared on Fox News Chicago, Telemundo, and Univision. Sonia Rodriguez is the pseudonym of a former Latin Queen who no longer lives in Chicago.

Although the book was good and was well written the issues that Lady Q continued to experience went continuously around in a vicious cycle. In some ways this proved to show you how the gang lifestyle would suck you back in over and over while in others it made you wonder why she wouldn't realize this and break away. I understand that she never knew any different but yet I find it hard that there was no way for her to reach out if she really wanted free. My heart hurts for her for the things she went through and also for her kids. Growing up in that environment had to be hard but every day is a step towards better. I hope she is doing well now.

Such a great read! I finished the book in 3 days because I was hooked on it and I didn't want to put it down. It makes you feel bad for Lady Q, all she wanted was to be loved and accepted by her family. Many youth turn to gangs to feel loved and accepted as well as for protection in a dangerous neighborhood. Such a shame that she didn't have the guidance and support as a young teenager looking for attention and support but her telling her story so that many other young females can avoid going down the same path. Lady Q sharing her story is brave and hopefully it inspires other young ladies to let them know that they have options and they can be successful if they stay away from the negativity in their neighborhood. I bought another book by the author because I needed to read all the books he wrote- it was awesome!

Never finished reading this book. But i read the 1st few chapters. Really good book. If you guys get this make sure to also check out My Bloody Life and also check out Once a King Always a King

QUICK AND EASY... SCHOOL IS EXPENSIVE, BUT PRODUCT IS GOOD AND AS EXPECTED.

This book was an easy read that highlighted one woman's story of the rise and fall of gang life in her particular situation. As a person who likes to learn and read about all different walks of life, this book

was engaging as I could actually see myself taking the journey with Sonia; all the while praying that somewhere now The Lord is blessing her for such a hard beginning to her life. It also highlighted the cycle of abuse that we continue to see daily.

A student asked if I had this book in my library, I ordered it , he and his friends are passing it around. Good for inner city kids investigating the dark side of the streets before making negative life changing choices.

Amazing and really inspiring. I live in the same area that Sonia was a gang member and a lot has changed but these gangs are still out there and everyone should read this book. I love it and it shed a lot of light on how gangs are looked at in Chicago. This book is a 5 or 5 rating in my opinion. I would recommend it to young teenage readers to show how life really is and why the streets shouldn't be an option.

I choose this rating because it opened my eyes of how the gang life really is. I enjoyed reading this book. I will pray for single mothers that struggle like Sonia did.

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