

## Gang Leader For A Day By Sudhir Venkatesh

This fast-paced action novel is set in a future where the world has been almost destroyed. Like the award-winning novel *Freak the Mighty*, this is *Philbrick* at his very best.It's the story of an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz, who begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the planet. In a world where most people are plugged into brain-drain entertainment systems, Spaz is the rare human being who can see life as it really is. When he meets an old man called Rytter, he begins to learn about Earth and its past. With Rytter as his companion, Spaz sets off an unlikely quest to save his dying sister -- and in the process, perhaps the world. High-rise public housing was a signature of the post-World War II city. A hopeful experiment in providing temporary, inexpensive homes for all Americans, the "projects" soon became synonymous with the black urban poor, isolation and overcrowding, drugs, gang violence, and neglect. Here, Venkatesh seeks to salvage public housing's troubled legacy.

This classic history of crime tells how Chicago's underworld earned-and kept-it's reputation. Recounting the lives of such notorious denizens as the original Mickey Finn, the mass murderer H. H. Holmes, and the three Car Barn Bandits, *Asbury* reveals life as it was lived in the criminal districts of the Levee, Hell's Half-Acre, the Bad Lands, Little Cheyenne, Custom House Place, and the Black Hole. His description of Chicago's infamous red light district-where the brothels boasted opulence unheard of before or since-vividly captures the wicked splendor that was Chicago. The Gangs of Chicago spans from the time "Slab Town" was settled to Prohibition days. The story of Chicago's golden age of crime climaxes with a dramatic account of the careers of the "biggest of the Big Shots": Big Jim Colosimo, Terrible Johnny Torrio, and the elusive Al Capone.

Integrates sections on European gangs and prison gangs. Emphasizing community and neighborhood, this book weaves contemporary research and policy findings around classic and emerging theories of gangs. It is designed for courses on gangs, delinquency, criminology, violence, social problems, juvenile justice, and criminal justice. Street gangs are a major concern for residents in many inner-city communities. However, gangs' secretive and, at times, delinquent tendencies limit most people's exposure to the realities of gang life. Based on eighteen months of qualitative research on the streets of Indianapolis, *Real Gangstas* provides a unique and intimate look at the lives of street gang members as they negotiate a dangerous peer environment in a major midwestern city. Timothy R. Lauger interviewed and observed a mix of fifty-five gang members, former gang members, and non-gang street offenders. He spent much of his fieldwork time in the company of a particular gang, the "Down for Whatever Boyz," who allowed him to watch and record many of their day-to-day activities and conversations. Through this extensive research, Lauger is able to understand and explain the reasons for gang membership, including a chaotic family life, poverty, and the need for violent self-assertion in order to foster the creation of a personal identity. Although the book explores many troubling aspects of gang life, it is not a simple descriptive or a sensationalistic account of urban despair and violence. Steeped in the tradition of analytical ethnography, the study develops a central theoretical argument: combinations of street gangs within cities shape individual gang member behavior within those urban settings.

Within Indianapolis, members of rival gangs interact on a routine basis within an ambiguous and unstable environment. Participants believe that many of their contemporaries claiming gang affiliations are not actually "real" gang members, but instead are impostors who gain access to the advantages of gang membership through fraud and pretense. Consequently, the ability to discern "real" gang members—or to present oneself successfully as a real gang member—is a critical part of gangland Indianapolis. *Real Gangstas* offers an objective and fair characterization of active gang members, successfully balancing the seemingly conflicting idea that they generally seem like normal teenagers, yet are abnormally concerned with—and too often involved in—violence. Lauger takes readers to the edge of an actual gang conflict, providing a rare and up-close look at the troubling processes that facilitate hostility and violence.

### The Duh! Book of Management and Supervision An Informal History Of The Underworld Redemption in the Life of Willie Rico Johnson

### The Book Thief A Rogue Sociologist Takes to the Streets Monster 21-Day Action Plan to Your Professional Best

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I began walking around the Chicago neighborhoods surrounding the university, which were predominantly African American. I didn't see any crime, and I didn't feel particularly threatened. I wondered why the university kept warning students to keep out of those areas. #2 I was a student at the University of Chicago, and I was interested in the more scientific branch of sociology. I was not impressed by the lectures, so I went to see William Julius Wilson, the most eminent living scholar on the subject and the most prominent African American in the field of sociology. #3 I was assigned to help with a study on how black youth are affected by specific neighborhood factors, such as growing up in a poor area. I had no idea how to interview anyone, so I went to the library to look over questionnaires. #4 I would go running in Washington Park, which was one of Chicago's stateless parks. I would often stop by the lagoon in the middle of the park, where I would listen to the old black men play cards and fish. They would never trust a white man, and thought blacks were no better.

"This is a story of a tough young man who lost his way, and of a loving God who never forgot him, no matter where he was." – Nicky Cruz, bestselling author of *Run Baby Run*
The son of El Salvadorian immigrants, Casey Diaz was brought to Los Angeles at the age of two. An abusive, impoverished family life propelled Casey at only eleven years of age into the Rockwood State Looos gang. Casey was willing to do anything to be number one, but years of chasing rival gang members led to a dramatic ambush and arrest by the LAPD. At just sixteen, Casey was sentenced to more than twelve years in solitary confinement in California's toughest prison as one of the state's most violent offenders. He thought his life was over. Yet, when a determined elderly woman paid Casey a visit, a whole new world of possibilities began to unfold. Casey scoffed as she quietly insisted God was going to use him. As the days in solitary wore on, Casey realized someone else was calling the shots. What happened next can only be described as a miracle. Perfect for: People who believe they're too far gone Parents who want to keep their kids out of gangs – what are the warning signs? Social workers who interact with at-risk youth Those looking for a gritty, informed perspective on LA street gangs and gang culture A visceral Insider's look at the violent world of gangs and prison life, The Shot Caller is a remarkable demonstration of God's reckless, unending grace and His desire to reach even the worst of sinners–no matter where they are.

We know that power is shifting: From West to East and North to South, from presidential palaces to public squares, from once formidable corporate behemoths to nimble startups and, slowly but surely, from men to women. But power is not merely shifting and dispersing. It is also decaying. Those in power today are more constrained in what they can do with it and more at risk of losing it than ever before. In *The End of Power*, award-winning columnist and former Foreign Policy editor Moisés Nájim illuminates the struggle between once-dominant megaplayers and the new micropowers challenging them in every field of human endeavor. Drawing on provocative, original research, Nájim shows how the antiestablishment drive of micropowers can topple tyrants, dislodge monopolies, and open remarkable new opportunities, but it can also lead to chaos and paralysis. Nájim deftly covers the seismic changes underway in business, religion, education, within families, and in all matters of war and peace. Examples abound in all walks of life: In 1977, eighty-nine countries were ruled by autocrats while today more than half the world's population lives in democracies. CEO's are more constrained and have shorter tenures than their predecessors. Modern tools of war, cheaper and more accessible, make it possible for groups like Hezbollah to afford their own drones. In the second half of 2010, the top ten hedge funds earned more than the world's largest six banks combined. Those in power retain it by erecting powerful barriers to keep challengers at bay. Today, insurter forces dismantle those barriers more quickly and easily than ever, only to find that they themselves become vulnerable in the process. Accessible and captivating, Nájim offers a revolutionary look at the inevitable end of power—and how it will change your world. Includes a new Afterword Finalist for the Council on Foreign Relations Arthur Ross Book Award One of the world's foremost authorities on the subject of suicide terrorism, the esteemed political scientist Robert Pape has created the first comprehensive database of every suicide terrorist attack in the world from 1980 until today. In *Dying to Win*, Pape provides a groundbreaking demographic profile of modern suicide terrorist attackers—and his findings offer a powerful counterpoint to what we now accept as conventional wisdom on the topic. He also examines the early practitioners of this guerrilla tactic, including the ancient Jewish Zealots, who in A.D. 66 wished to liberate themselves from Roman occupation; the Ismaili Assassins, a Shi'ite Muslim sect in northern Iran in the eleventh and twelfth centuries; World War II's Japanese kamikaze pilots, three thousand of whom crashed into U.S. naval vessels; and the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, a secular, Marxist-Leninist organization responsible for more suicide terrorist attacks than any other group in history. *Dying to Win* is a startling work of analysis grounded in fact, not politics, that recommends concrete ways for states to fight and prevent terrorist attacks. Transcending speculation with systematic scholarship, this is one of the most important studies of the terrorist threat to the United States and its allies since 9/11. "Invaluable . . . gives Americans an urgently needed basis for devising a strategy to defeat Osama bin Laden and other Islamist militants." —Michael Scheuer, author of *Imperial Hubris* "Provocative . . . Pape wants to change the way you think about suicide bombings and explain why they are on the rise." —Henry Schuster, CNN.com "Enlightening . . . sheds interesting light on a phenomenon often mistakenly believed to be restricted to the Middle East." —The Washington Post Book World "Brilliant." —Peter Bergen, author of *Holy War, Inc.*

Managerial styles are influenced by habit, familiarity, and workplace culture. It's no wonder that well-intentioned professionals doing their best to be good organizational leaders often repeat unhelpful supervisory practices experienced in their early careers, even if they disliked them at the time. In the *DUH!* Book of Management and Supervision, the author disagrees with many accepted leadership principles (unabashedly referring to them as myths) and makes new and different approaches easier to imagine. Her challenging and controversial concepts illustrated with poignant stories suggest common-sense and immediately applicable alternatives more suitable in today's workplace.

### Competing for Control

### The Rise and Fall of a Modern Ghetto

### The Insane Chicago Way

### One Man's Journey from Gangleader to Peacekeeper

### The Shot Caller

### Study Guide

### Gang Leader for a Day

*For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, here are strength and thoughtful words to inspire and comfort.*

*Max is used to being called Stupid. And he is used to everyone being scared of him. On account of his size and looking like his dad. Kevin is used to being called Dwarf. On account of his size and being some cripple kid. But greatness comes in all sizes, and together Max and Kevin become Freak The Mighty and walk high above the world. An inspiring, heartbreaking, multi-award winning international bestseller.*

*The fear of violent crime dominates Guatemala City. In the midst of unprecedented levels of postwar violence, Guatemalans struggle to fathom the myriad forces that have made life in this city so deeply insecure. Born out of histories of state terror, migration, and US deportation, maras (transnational gangs) have become the face of this new era of violence. They are brutal organizations engaged in extortion, contract killings, and the drug trade, and yet they have also become essential to the emergence of a certain kind of social order. Drawing on years of fieldwork inside prisons, police precincts, and gang-dominated neighborhoods, Anthony W. Fontes demonstrates how gang violence has become indissoluble from contemporary social imaginaries and how these gangs provide cover for a host of other criminal actors. Ethnographically rich and unflinchingly critical, Mortal Doubt illuminates the maras' role in making and mooring collective terror in Guatemala City while tracing the ties that bind this violence to those residing in far safer environs.*

*An award-winning journalist's dramatic account of a shooting that shook a community to its core, with important implications for the future On the last evening of summer in 2013, five shots rang out in a part of northeast Denver known as the Holly. Long a destination for African American families fleeing the Jim Crow South, the area had become an "invisible city" within a historically white metropolis. While shootings there weren't uncommon, the identity of the shooter that night came as a shock. Terrance Roberts was a revered anti-gang activist. His attempts to bring peace to his community had won the accolades of both his neighbors and the state's most important power brokers. Why had he just fired a gun? In The Holly, the award-winning Denver-based journalist Julian Rubinstein reconstructs the events that left a local gang member paralyzed and Roberts facing the possibility of life in prison. Much more than a crime story, The Holly is a multigenerational saga of race and politics that runs from the civil rights movement to Black Lives Matter. With a cast that includes billionaires, elected officials, cops, developers, and street kids, the book explores the porous boundaries between a city's elites and its most disadvantaged citizens. It also probes the fraught relationships between police, confidential informants, gang members, and ex-gang members as they struggle to put their pasts behind them. In The Holly, we see how well-intentioned efforts to curb violence and improve neighborhoods can go badly awry, and we track the interactions of law enforcement with gang members who conceive of themselves as defenders of a neighborhood. When Roberts goes on trial, the city's fault lines are fully exposed. In a time of national reckoning over race, policing, and the uses and abuses of power, Rubinstein offers a dramatic and humane illumination of what's at stake.*

*Gang Leader for a Day is a gripping journey of discovery about life on the wrong side of the tracks. When a love-homesology student Sudhir Venkatesh went to find out more about urban poverty in Chicago, the last thing he expected was to be held hostage by a gang. And he never guessed that, after being released, he's want to return to find out more about them, ignoring everyone's advice and entering a dangerous world beyond anything he'd ever experienced. In the Robert Taylor Homes projects on Chicago's South Side, Sudhir befriends J.T., a gang leader for the Black Kings. As their friendship grows, he slowly gains J.T.'s trust, until one day, in order to convince Sudhir of his own CEO-like qualities, J.T. makes him leader of the gang. Deciding who cleans up the buildings after a party gets out of hand is one thing, but what do you do when somebody needs to be punished? What's more, why does J.T. make his henchmen, the 'shorties', stay in school? What is the difference between a 'regular' hustler and a 'hype' - and is Peanut telling him the truth about which she is? Why is Mochie sleeping with Ms Bailey, the all-powerful president of the building, thirty years his senior? And, when the FBI finally starts cracking down on the Black Kings, is it time to get out - or is it too late? Incredibly funny and heartbreaking, this is a story of one man's commitment to really crossing the line, to understanding how the people he is studying live day to day. What he doesn't expect is to become a part of their lives.*

### Gangs and American Urban Society

### Summary of Gang Leader for a Day: a Rogue Sociologist Crosses the Line by Sudhir Venkatesh

### Confronting Gangs

### Summary of Sudhir Venkatesh's Gang Leader for a Day

### Crime and Community

### Islands in the Street

### The Year of the Witching

*thinkalottery est un groupe d'amis qui é galement des businessmen et des fervents lecteurs. Nous voulions suivre les derniers livres de nos trouvons que le temps é fait un facteur important á prendre en compte. Nous avons donc divis é le travail et chacun d'entre nous a pris un livre et l'a r ésum é pour les autres. Nous pensons que cela pouvait étre une excellente idé e de partager ces é sum é s avec vous. Pour un prix r éduit et un investissement de 3 minutes, nos é sum é s vous offrent un peu de sagesse du livre, de quoi alimenter vos pens é es et avec esp é rons-é, vous donneront envie de prendre le temps de lire le livre en entier.*

A New York Times Bestseller "A rich portrait of the urban poor, drawn not from statistics but from vivid tales of their lives and his, and how they intertwined." —*The Economist* "A sensitive, sympathetic, unpatronizing portrayal of lives that are usually ignored or lumped into ill-defined stereotype." —*Financial Times* Foreword by Stephen J. Dubner, coauthor of *Freakonomics* When first-year graduate student Sudhir Venkatesh walked into an abandoned building in one of Chicago's most notorious housing projects, he hoped to find a few people willing to take a multiple-choice survey on urban poverty—and impress his professors with his boldness. He never imagined that as a result of this assignment he would befriend a gang leader named JT and spend the better part of a decade embedded inside the projects under JT's protection. From a privileged position of unprecedented access, Venkatesh observed JT, the rest of his gang as they operated their crack-selling business, made peace with their neighbors, evaded the law, and rose up or fell within the ranks of the gang's complex hierarchical structure. Examining the morally ambiguous, highly intricate, and often corrupt struggle to survive in an urban war zone, *Gang Leader for a Day* also tells the story of the complicated friendship that develops between Venkatesh and JT—two young and ambitious men in an universe apart. Sudhir Venkatesh's latest book, *Floating City: A Rogue Sociologist Lost and Found in New York's Underground Economy*—a memoir of sociological investigation revealing the true face of America's most diverse city—is also published by Penguin Press.

The Insane Chicago Way is the untold story of a daring plan by Chicago gangs in the 1990s to create a Spanish Mafia—and why it failed. John M. Hagedorn traces how Chicago Latino gang leaders, following in Al Capone's footsteps, built a sophisticated organization dedicated to organizing crime and reducing violence. His lively stories of extensive cross-neighborhood gang organization, tales of police/gang corruption, and discovery of covert gang connections to Chicago's Mafia challenge conventional wisdom and offer lessons for the control of violence today. The book centers on the secret history of Spanish Growth & Development (SGD)—an organization of Latino gangs founded in 1989 and modeled on the Mafia's nationwide Commission. It also tells a story within a story of the criminal exploits of the C-Nots, the "minor league" team of the Chicago's Mafia (called the "Outfit"), which influenced the direction of SGD. Hagedorn's tale is based on three years of interviews with an Outfit soldier as well as access to SGD's constitution and other secret documents, which he supplements with interviews of key SGD leaders, court records, and newspaper accounts. The result is a stunning, heretofore unknown history of the grand ambitions of Chicago gang leaders that ultimately led to SGD's shocking collapse in a pool of blood on the steps of a gang-organized peace conference. The Insane Chicago Way is a compelling history of the lives and deaths of Chicago gang leaders. At the same time it is a sociological tour de force that warns of the dangers of organized crime while arguing that today's relative disorganization of gangs presents opportunities for intervention and reductions in violence.

A young woman living in a rigid, puritanical society discovers dark powers within herself in this stunning, feminist fantasy debut. In the lands of Bethel, where the Prophet's word is law, Immanuelle Moore's very existence is blasphemy. Her mother's union with an outsider of a different race cast her once-proud family into disgrace, so Immanuelle does her best to worship the Father, follow John Protocol, and lead a life of submission, devotion, and absolute conformity, like all the other women in the settlement. But a mishap lures her into the forbidden Darkwood surrounding Bethel, where the first prophet once chased and killed four powerful witches. Their spirits are still lurking there, and they bestow a gift on Immanuelle: the journal of her dead mother, who Immanuelle is shocked to learn once sought sanctuary in the wood. Fascinated by the secrets in the diary, Immanuelle finds herself struggling to understand how her mother could have consorted with the witches. But when she begins to learn grim truths about the Church and its history, she realizes the true threat to Bethel is its own darkness. And she starts to understand that if Bethel is to change, it must begin with her. Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. #1 New York Times bestseller \* 4 starred reviews \* A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year \* A Kirkus Best Book of the Year \* A Booklist Editors' Choice \* A Bustle Best YA Novel \* A Paste Magazine Best YA Book \* A Book Riot Best Queer Book \* A Buzzfeed Best YA Book of the Year \* A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Esterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day. In the tradition of *Before I Fall* and *If I Stay*, They Both Die at the End is a tour de force from acclaimed author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy Than Not*, the *New York Times* called "profound." Plus don't miss *The First to Die* at the End: #1 New York Times bestselling author Adam Silvera returns to the universe of international phenomenon *They Both Die at the End* in this prequel. New star-crossed lovers are put to the test on the first day of Death-Cast's fateful calls.

### A Rogue Sociologist Crosses the Line

### Off the Books

### Power Concedes Nothing

### From Boardrooms to Battlefields and Churches to States, Why Being In Charge Isn't What It Used to Be

### Legitimacy, Reputation, and Violence in the Intergang Environment

### Floating City

### 3 Minute Summary of Zuckenberg's Book Pick Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh

*The story of the young sociologist who studied a Chicago crack-dealing gang from the inside captured the world's attention when it was first described in Freakonomics. This is the full story of how Venkatesh managed to gain entrée into the gang, what he learned, and how his method revolutionized the academic establishment. When first-year grad student Venkatesh walked into one of Chicago's most notorious housing projects, he was looking for people to take a survey on urban poverty. He never imagined that he would befriend a gang leader and spend the better part of a decade inside the projects under his protection. He got to know the neighborhood dealers, crackheads, squatters, prostitutes, pimps, activists, cops, organizers, and officials. From his position of unprecedented access, he observed the gang as they operated their crack-selling business and rose or fell within the ranks of the gang's complex organizational structure.—From publisher description.*

*In this book, Sudhir Venkatesh takes us into the heart of Chicago's Southside, to explore the desperate and remarkable ways in which a community survives. The result is a dramatic narrative of individuals at work, and a rich portrait of a community. But while excavating the efforts of men and women to generate a basic livelihood for themselves and their families, Off the Books offers a devastating critique of the entrenched poverty that we so often ignore in America, and reveals how the underground economy is an inevitable response to the ghetto's appalling isolation from the rest of the country.*

*SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and Cliff'sNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 52-page guide for "Gang Leader for a Day" by Sudhir Venkatesh includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 8 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Race and Space. The overall goal of the research in this book was to understand gang phenomenon in the United States. In order to accomplish this goal, the author investigated gangs in different cities in order to understand what was similar in the way all gangs behaved and what was idiosyncratic to certain gangs. The research for this book took place over ten years and five months from 1978 to 1989 and will give the reader a comprehensive overview of gang behavior in the United States in that time period.*

*A dramatic narrative account of the life of William Justus Outlaw III, whose journey from housing-project youth to ruthless gangland kingpin to change-making community advocate represents a vital next chapter in the ongoing conversation about race and social justice in America. When he was in his early twenties, William Justus Outlaw III was sentenced to eighty-five years in prison for homicide and armed assault. The sentence brought his brief but prolific criminal career as the head of a forty-member cocaine gang in New Haven, Connecticut, to a close. But behind bars, Outlaw quickly became a feared prison "shot caller" with 150 men under his wing. Then everything he thought his original sentence was reduced by sixty years. At the same time, he was shipped to a series of the most notorious federal prisons in the country, where he endured long stints in solitary confinement—and where transformational relationships with a fellow inmate and a prison therapist made him realize that he wanted more for himself. Upon his release, Outlaw took a job at Dunkin' Donuts, volunteered in the New Haven community, and started to rebuild his life. He now is an award-winning community advocate, leading a team of former felons who negotiate truces between gangs on the very streets that he once terrorized. The homicide rate in New Haven has dropped 70 percent in the decade that he's run the team—a drop as dramatic as is any city in the country.*

*Written with exclusive access to Outlaw himself, Charles Barber's Citizen Outlaw is the unforgettable story of how a gang leader became the catalyst for one of the greatest civic crime reductions in America, and an inspiring argument for love and compassion in the face of insurmountable odds.*

### American Project

### The End of Power

### The New Gang Saga

### The Gangs Of Chicago

### Gang Leader For a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh (SuperSummary)

### Dispelling Common Leadership Myths

### Anarchy in the Heartland

New York is a city of highs and lows, where wealthy elites share the streets with desperate immigrants and destitute locals. Bridging this economic divide is New York's underground economy, the invisible network of illicit transactions between rich and poor that secretly weaves together the whole city. Sudhir Venkatesh, acclaimed sociologist at Columbia University and author of *Gang Leader for a Day*, returns to the streets and connects the dots of New York's economic divide. Based on Venkatesh's interviews with prostitutes and socialites, immigrants and academics, high and drug bosses and street-level dealers, *Floating City* exposes the underground as the city's true engine of social transformation and economic prosperity—revealing a wholly unprecedented vision of New York. A memoir of sociological investigation, *Floating City* draws from Venkatesh's decade of research within the affluent communities of Upper East Side socialites and Midtown businessmen, the drug gangs of Harlem and the sex workers of Brooklyn, the artists of Tribeca and the escort services of Hell's Kitchen. Venkatesh arrived in the city after his groundbreaking research in Chicago, where crime remained stubbornly local: gangs stuck to their housing projects and criminals stayed on their corners. But in *Floating City*, Venkatesh discovers that New York's underground economy units instead of divides inhabitants of a vast network of "off the books" transactions linking the high and low worlds of the city. Venkatesh shows how dealing in drugs and sex and undocumented labor bridges the conventional divides between rich and poor, unmaking a city knit together by the invisible threads of the underground economy. Venkatesh closely follows a dozen New Yorkers locked in the underground economy. His greatest guide is Shine, an African American drug boss based in Harlem who hopes to break into the elusive, upscale cocaine market. Without connections among wealthy whites, Shine undertakes an audacious campaign of self-reinvention, leaving behind the certainties of race and class with all the drive of the greatest entrepreneurs. As Shine explains to Venkatesh, "This is New York! We're like hummingbirds, man. We go flower to flower. . . . Here, you need to float." *Floating City: A Rogue Sociologist Lost and Found in New York's Underground Economy* chronicles Venkatesh's decade of discovery and loss in the shifting terrain of New York, where research subjects might disappear suddenly and now allies emerge by chance, where close friends might reveal themselves to be criminals of the lowest order. Propelled by Venkatesh's numerous interviews and firsthand research, *Floating City* at its heart is a story of one man struggling to understand a complex global city constantly in the throes of becoming.

At the heart of civil rights attorney and second cousin to former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice describes the family beliefs and achievements that inspired her career, recounting her dedication to civil rights causes in areas ranging from transportation and education to the death penalty and the LAPD.

A young boy, his loyalties torn between the old world and the new, fights to save his family as he faces the monsters without, and those within.

Recounts the story of a young sociologist whose infiltration of a Chicago drug gang was originally introduced in the work "Freakonomics," describing the author's idealism, his friendship with gang leader JT, and his witness to the organization's crack-sel

Sudhir Venkatesh the young sociologist who became famous in *Freakonomics* (Why do drug dealers still live with their moms?) describes his time living with the gangs on the Southside of Chicago and answers another question: what's it like to live in hell? In the Robert Taylor Homes projects on Chicago's South Side, Sudhir befriends J.T., a gang leader for the Black Kings. As he slowly gains J.T.'s trust, one day, in order to convince Sudhir of his own CEO-like qualities, J.T. makes him leader of the gang... Why does J.T. make his henchmen, the 'shorties', stay in school? What is the difference between a 'regular' hustler and a 'hype' - and is Peanut telling him the truth about which she is? And, when the FBI finally starts cracking down on the Black Kings, is it time to get out - or is it too late?

### An Informal History Of The Chicago Underworld

### Citizen Outlaw

### They Both Die at the End

### The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism

### What's Wrong with Pauly?

### The Holly

### Real Gangstas

Confidently You: 21-Day Action Plan To Your Professional Best, written by Podcaster and Career Confidence Blogger & Coach Michele Badie, is a guide full of easy to implement career tips and thought triggers that will help you at any stage of your career to evolve into your next level of professional best. This book is an excellent resource for just about anyone from new grads to seasoned workers and can be utilized as a tool in the workplace to inspire professional development and implement team building exercises. In this guide Badie has identified timeless topics and components which includes: Career-centric topics that will boost your professional esteem.- Daily activities that can help you generate a new perspective to advancing in your career.- Action lists and affirmations that promote and develop successful career traits.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —*The New York Times* "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank." —*USA Today* DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

Billy Johnson doesn't give it a second thought when he joins in with his friends making fun of a little girl in a wheelchair. Then Pauly comes into his life, and Billy not only learns a valuable lesson about compassion and acceptance but he gets a new best friend! Grades 3-4

Rabbits Asbury presents here a vivid and startling account of his beginning in Revolutionary times to comparatively recent days. Here are the stories of the great gangs which terrorized the city and at times menaced its very existence—from the Bowery Boys and the Dead Rabbits to the Ophers and the Eastmans. Kid Dropper, Dopey Benny, Gyp the Blood and Ooney Madden are a few of the gangster luminaries described, not to mention such female evildoers as Gallus Hag and Sadie the Goat. Nor have the underworld's lesser lights been overlooked; for these pages are crowded with a host of gang warriors, pickpockets, tong leaders, murderers, politicians, gamblers, prostitutes, dive-keepers and a few would-be reformers. Mr. Asbury has created such a rich, factual background for this chronicle of crime and gangsterism that the book gains considerable stature as a revealing picture of New York City's history through a century of frenzied growth and expansion. Whether you read it as such or merely for amusement, it is a swift, exciting experience.

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### Mortal Doubt

### Gangs and the Social Order of Prisons

### The Daring Plan by Chicago Gangs to Create a Spanish Mafia

### Healing After Loss

### The Unfinished Fight for Social Justice in America

Sudhir Venkatesh the young sociologist who became famous in *Freakonomics* (Why do drug dealers still live with their moms?) describes his time living with the gangs on the Southside of Chicago and answers another question: what's it like to live in hell? In the Robert Taylor Homes projects on Chicagos South Side, Sudhir befriends J.T., a gang leader for the Black Kings. As he slowly gains J.T.'s trust, one day, in order to convince Sudhir of his own CEO-like qualities, J.T. makes him leader of the gang... Why does J.T. make his henchmen, the shorties, stay in school? What is the difference between a regular hustler and a hype - and is Peanut telling him the truth about which she is? And, when the FBI finally starts cracking down on the Black Kings, is it time to get out - or is it too late? *Gang Leader For a Day* is based on author Sudhir Venkatesh's ten years of personal, in-depth research conducted on-site at the notorious Robert Taylor Homes public housing projects in Chicago. Ignored by city government and law enforcement, residents in the close-knit community rely only on local gangs and each other for basic services and social support.

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

From Disgrace to Dignity: Redemption in the Life of Willie Rico Johnson examines the life of Rico Johnson who became the head of the Conservative Vice Lords, one of the largest street gangs in the United States. In addition to highlighting his life, this work considers how redemption has affected his life. In addition, Minister Rico is identified as a Godfather. Much like the Godfathers found in organized crime families, Rico sees himself as providing a positive force for Vice Lords' gang members. On one hand, what this involves is taking care of their needs (he feeds 150 families a day) and, on the other hand, providing guidance and direction for members' lives.

"Anarchy in the Heartland" is the true story about the world's first three train robberies that occurred just after the Civil War in the Midwest. These bold robberies not only stunned a war-weary nation, they resulted in horrific violence against suspected gang members by dozens, if not hundreds, of law-abiding citizens. Their gruesome retribution shocked the civilized world far more than the never-before-seen train robberies. As a direct result, a diplomatic incident with Canada and Britain unfolded in Washington, DC. The tragic events of 1868 were suppressed for years due to shame and fear of prosecution. "Anarchy in the Heartland" not only examines the historical record, but the widespread hearsay and rumors that surrounded the area's wealthy business leaders-turned vigilantes. For the first time, discover the breakdown of society that few wanted to publicize: including the United States Government.

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### Daily Meditations For Working Through Grief

### Five Bullets, One Gun, and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood

### The Last Book in the Universe

### From Disgrace to Dignity

### Transnational Gangs and Social Order in Guatemala City

### Examines the role of prison gangs and their members in controlling life in prison.

### Dying to Win

### The Underground Economy of the Urban Poor

### The Gangs Of New York

### The Outsiders

### A Latino Gangbanger's Miraculous Escape from a Life of Violence to a New Life in Christ