



# The Gang as an American Enterprise

*Felix M. Padilla*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# The Gang as an American Enterprise

*Felix M. Padilla*

## **The Gang as an American Enterprise** Felix M. Padilla

"Padilla writes with earnestness and concern ... the author never exploits or sensationalizes the kids he has written about ... this is vastly preferable to other recent titles on this timely subject."- Publisher's Weekly  
"This is the most thorough look at the operation of a violent street gang."-Library Journal "Makes a unique contribution to the literature on Puerto Rican ethnicity, a turf already centrally occupied by the author."- Jeffrey Fagan, Rutgers University "Padilla has dealt with gang drug dealing-one of the more sensationalized features of urban life-in a down-to-earth and realistic fashion. The reader begins to understand poor minority adolescents in a broad sociological context. This book is a significant contribution to urban ethnography."- Joan Moore, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
The Diamonds are a Chicago street gang whose members are second-generation Puerto Rican youths. For Felix Padilla the young men who join the Diamonds have made a logical choice. The gang is an alternative and dependable route to emotional support, self-respect, material goods, and upward mobility. Although Padilla shares the same ethnic background as the gang members and also grew up in a Chicago barrio, gaining the trust of the Diamonds was not easy. But eventually he was able to get close enough to the members to interview and observe them. Padilla shows us the process behind the decision to join the Diamonds. From early childhood, boys develop positive images of the gang. They realize that the dominant culture promises mobility, but that their paths to the mobility are blocked. By joining a gang they can creatively oppose the dominant culture. Padilla does not paint a romanticized picture of the Diamonds. Some members come to understand that when they sell drugs, they benefit the gang's leaders and suppliers more than themselves. Further, they recognize that the gang is also subject to problems of domination and inequality. Padilla shows that though the Diamonds are sometimes violent, they are not psychopaths. While we need not approve of what they do, Padilla urges us to understand it as a rational response to the doors these young men see closed around them. Felix M. Padilla is a professor in the Department of Latin American and Puerto Rican Studies at Lehman College-CUNY.

 [Download The Gang as an American Enterprise ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Gang as an American Enterprise ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online The Gang as an American Enterprise Felix M. Padilla

---

### From reader reviews:

#### **Anthony Pisano:**

The book *The Gang as an American Enterprise* can give more knowledge and information about everything you want. So just why must we leave a good thing like a book *The Gang as an American Enterprise*? A number of you have a different opinion about publication. But one aim this book can give many info for us. It is absolutely proper. Right now, try to closer along with your book. Knowledge or information that you take for that, you are able to give for each other; it is possible to share all of these. Book *The Gang as an American Enterprise* has simple shape but you know: it has great and massive function for you. You can appear the enormous world by open up and read a reserve. So it is very wonderful.

#### **Jon Cerrone:**

Does one one of the book lovers? If yes, do you ever feeling doubt while you are in the book store? Try to pick one book that you never know the inside because don't assess book by its protect may doesn't work this is difficult job because you are afraid that the inside maybe not since fantastic as in the outside search likes. Maybe you answer might be *The Gang as an American Enterprise* why because the fantastic cover that make you consider in regards to the content will not disappoint anyone. The inside or content is fantastic as the outside or maybe cover. Your reading 6th sense will directly show you to pick up this book.

#### **Lila Johnson:**

This *The Gang as an American Enterprise* is great guide for you because the content that is full of information for you who have always deal with world and get to make decision every minute. This specific book reveal it facts accurately using great manage word or we can state no rambling sentences inside. So if you are read the item hurriedly you can have whole facts in it. Doesn't mean it only offers you straight forward sentences but hard core information with lovely delivering sentences. Having *The Gang as an American Enterprise* in your hand like finding the world in your arm, details in it is not ridiculous just one. We can say that no book that offer you world within ten or fifteen second right but this book already do that. So , this is good reading book. Hey Mr. and Mrs. hectic do you still doubt this?

#### **Nathan Pope:**

Beside this kind of *The Gang as an American Enterprise* in your phone, it can give you a way to get nearer to the new knowledge or info. The information and the knowledge you might got here is fresh from oven so don't end up being worry if you feel like an outdated people live in narrow village. It is good thing to have *The Gang as an American Enterprise* because this book offers to your account readable information. Do you sometimes have book but you rarely get what it's all about. Oh come on, that won't happen if you have this within your hand. The Enjoyable option here cannot be questionable, like treasuring beautiful island. So do you still want to miss it? Find this book along with read it from now!

**Download and Read Online The Gang as an American Enterprise  
Felix M. Padilla #CJ6T72BOGM1**

## **Read The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla for online ebook**

The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla books to read online.

### **Online The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla ebook PDF download**

**The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla Doc**

**The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla Mobipocket**

**The Gang as an American Enterprise by Felix M. Padilla EPub**