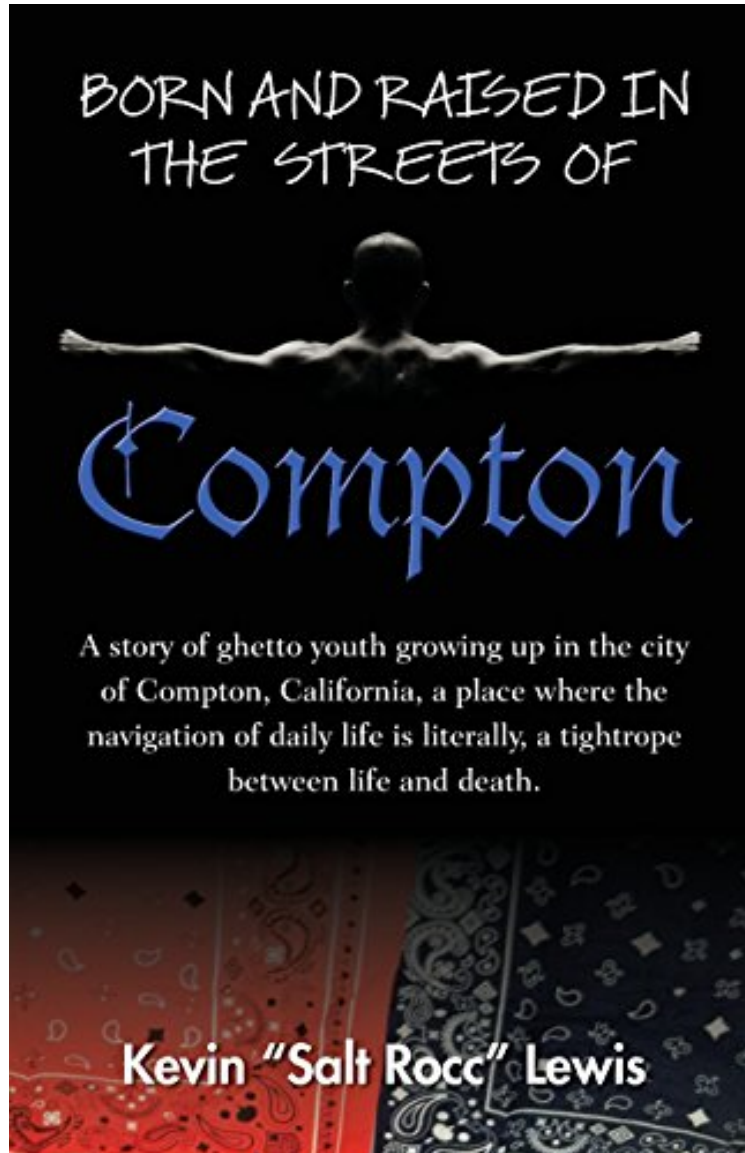


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Kevin Salt Rocc Lewis : Born and Raised in the Streets of Compton before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Born and Raised in the Streets of Compton:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Poorly edited and highly problematicBy tinybookfortThis book is highly problematic. At the most basic level it is poorly written with erratic and nonsensical grammar and stylizing. I would like to make it clear that I am not taking issue with the use of AAVE dialogue but rather the random bolding, italicizing, sprinkled asterisks followed by frequent and unnecessary definitions within parentheses, words used out of

context, frequent missing words, disorganization, redundant information, etc. This book desperately needs extensive editing. Supposedly a fictionalized account of the author's experiences, the third-person story is frequently interjected with a first-person nonfiction narrative including the author's personal thoughts. It makes for a jarring and frustrating reading experience. What makes it truly problematic, however, are the values and ideology promoted through the book by the author. There is strong misogynoir, rampant use of stereotypes, the promotion of corporal punishment as a part of curing black people's social issues, an preoccupation with "black on black" violence, and it is apparent the author is deeply invested in respectability politics. The style of narrative both sensationalizes and romanticizes the lives and experiences of urban black communities. I believe that honesty is the best policy in works of nonfiction, no matter how unpleasant, and that accurate accounts are of the utmost importance. Therefore, again, I want to make it clear that I am not taking issue with the book containing strong language and other adult content as lived and recorded by the author. It is the manner of presentation and the fact that this account is supplemented by the promotion of harmful values and ideologies. If you are looking for books through which to expand your knowledge of urban black communities, I simply cannot recommend *Born and Raised in the Streets of Compton*. I would, however, recommend *Voice of Witness' High Rise Stories: Voices from Chicago Public Housing* edited by Audrey Petty and *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City* by Elijah Anderson. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An in depth look at how poverty and economic conditions impact culture. By Andrew Cormier This is a good read for getting a perspective on how many minorities, or really any group, can be impacted by violence, poverty, and poor education. It really shows the struggle that many black youths have had to overcome. It makes you think about how we should all be treating each other better, and it also gets frustrating when it seems that there is no answers. This book flowed well, and really brought you into the frame of mind of a gang member. It is terrible to see how little they value life, and how misled they are. The book had a decent number of typos though, and in places it seemed to repeat... like it would use a word like heat (meaning carry a gun), and it would define the same slang term several times throughout the book. That got old quickly. It assumed the readers couldn't remember terms. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Talk about a cultural education, an eye opener for bringing forth great healing to the streets of gangs in the world. By Sharon Thompson For a small town girl from the central USA, boy was this book an eye opener. All through my life all I have seen about gangs are in the movies, magazines or on TV. Boy that is no match to what I learned in this book. The spirit of the book takes you into the each situation through Kevin's life with a REAL look at what day to day living is like for those, not just in gangs but how it is just to grow up in the neighborhood where gangs congregate day and night. I have heard through the years many say that these thug kids have a choice. This book shows and as I heard Kevin say at a speaking engagement, "If you don't know there is a choice how can you choose a different one"? People born and raised in Compton that are poor and never see streets outside of the city see the rest of the world like I saw gangs before this book, just a made up story on the TV. The language is sharp, but it is the real world in the streets of Compton. I was captivated and intrigued the whole book. I felt like I took a class in a whole different culture. My compassion has grown by leaps and bounds for children in the streets of gangs everywhere. I have donated this book to several institutions already. It is a great teaching tool for cultural awakening and a wake up call to bring forth great healing in our world.

A story of ghetto youth growing up in the city of Compton, California, a place where the navigation of daily life is literally, a tightrope between life and death. *Born and Raised in the Streets of Compton* is a true story based upon many events among the urban black youth growing up amidst poverty in the notorious city of Compton, California. This story follows the path of a second generation Crip member, who weaves his journey into the context of the United States sociological history and governmental action that propagated the birth and escalation of gangs and gang violence, now careening out of control. This work represents the personal history of a young black man's struggle in the context of racism, poverty, and violence, serving as a valuable historical resource. Included is a report released by the United States Senate Select Committee on COINTELPRO's activities against the Black Panther Party and Martin Luther King Jr., in 1975, along with another report that outlined a plot to dismantle stability in the black community. Finally added, is a historical break-down of the evolution of street gangs from the 1930's to the present, which includes a complete compilation of gangs and gang territories in the United States as well as statistical material and an extensive reference listing.