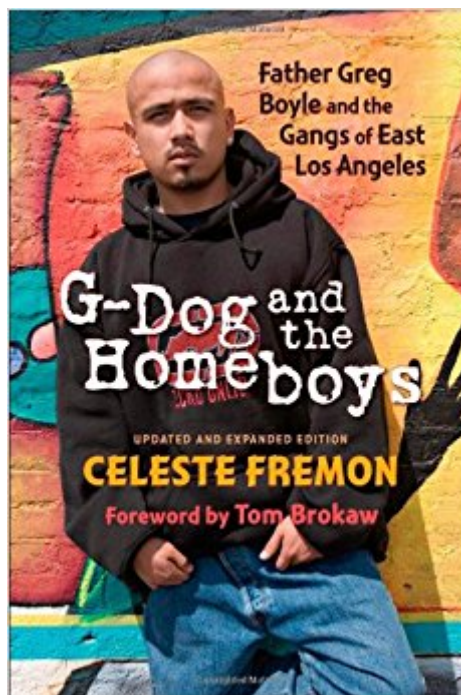




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G-Dog And The Homeboys: Father Greg Boyle And The Gangs Of East Los Angeles



Synopsis

Father Gregory J. Boyle, SJ, is a native of Los Angeles, a Jesuit priest, and founder of Homeboy Industries, an economic development and jobs program begun in 1988 for at-risk and gang-involved youth. "A great many kids in my neighborhood don't plan their futures; they plan their funerals." G-Dog and the Homeboys presents the story of Boyle's unconventional ministry and its extraordinary successes. In this expanded, updated edition, Celeste Fremon has returned to East L.A. to report on gang members she first profiled fifteen years ago. Using their individual stories as models, she examines what policy makers should know about gang intervention now, years later. About the previous edition: "[Celeste Fremon] offers [Father] Boyle as an example of how approaching gang violence with an eye towards prevention and intervention can be much more effective than simply aiming for 'lock-'em-up and-throw-away-the-key' suppression. Throughout she includes the words of the gang members themselves as they reflect on their lives and what would aid them in improving their circumstances. In this new edition, she adds an afterword that follows up on the fates of a number of the individuals discussed in the main body of the text."--streetgangs.com"

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Customer Reviews

"Cops, rabbis, judges, janitors, teachers, talk show hosts, citizens: Read G-Dog and the Homeboys!"

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.

I read this after the deeply moving 'Tattoos of the Heart' by Gregory Boyle, who has made working with gang and former gang members his spiritual mission, one that keeps him intensely alive. This book was good to read afterwards but the one I recommend more is 'Tattoos'. My friend went to a 2 day retreat with him and described as tender and soulful.

My students requested this for the classroom library and they can't put it down. It's checked out all the time.

I know Greg Boyle, slightly, and was pleased to read this book. He tells it just as it is in LA gang life. I have worked with some of the younger homeboys in LA, and I thank God that Father G tends to them. He is a treasure and the book is very interesting and well-written. It's worth reading for the insights into a culture that you have probably never been exposed to in person.

Read about Father Greg Boyle, the Mother Theresa of LA, who runs a successful gang intervention program in the hardest streets and barrios of LA, spreading his message of tough love. The stories include episodes of great sadness and redemption. Very uplifting. The book makes you appreciate how much one man can do to change his piece of the world.

Fremon delivers an inside look at the life of Father Greg Boyle and the East LA gang members he serves. Though the story is going on 20 years old at this point, it still rings true to what I see as a teacher in inner-city Los Angeles. It was a gripping read and well worth my time. That being said, the Kindle edition needs some serious copyediting. I found numerous spelling errors, some of which made it difficult to understand what Fremon meant. It seems like it was rushed into "print." There's even a written placeholder in the author's bio at the end that says "Insert author's picture here." Keep it classy, .

Gives you a very different and eye opening view of gangs and why they exist. It humanizes the people involved.

Book arrived fast and in great shape. Book so far is awesome! Wow, a must read for anyone who

wonders about juvenile delinquency.

Inspiring story of Greg Boyle and his founding of Homeboys industries.

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