



## The Gang as an American Enterprise

By Felix M. Padilla

Rutgers University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 214 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. 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. - Publishers 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...



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