

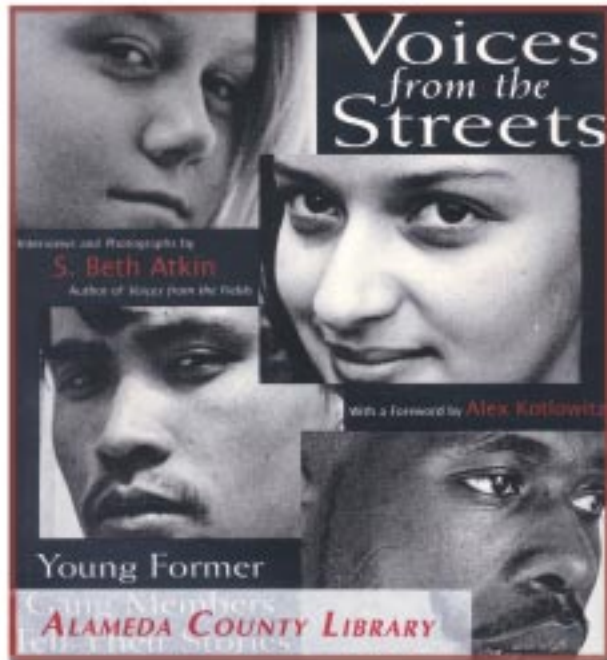
***Voices from the Streets: Young Former Gang Members Tell Their Stories***

Interviews and Photographs  
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***Difficulty Level: 2-3***

This book is about young former gang members telling their stories, in their own words. Why they get into gangs and drugs is because they are angry about their broken families, racism, and poverty. But the most important part of the book was when it talks about where they got the help to get out of gang life and have a better life. What I really enjoyed was the poems. What I perceive in them was the power of hope.

They put their feelings, minds and heart into the poems. Also it had pictures that showed to me the person in the story. I always asked myself how the teens get into gangs and drugs. In the book they talk about it, so it gives me their point of view. Now I know how I can help teens with the same problems if they are in my family.



**What we liked about this book**

- It's interesting, gets our attention
- It's like real life
- Is not depressing or sad
- It's for adults
- It's for kids
- We feel comfortable thinking about the subject of the book
- It encourages us, makes us think about our lives
- It doesn't use too much slang
- It's easy to follow what's happening
- It's very easy to read
- It has good size print
- The sentences are not too long.
- The paragraphs are a good size
- It has pictures
- Most people can relate to it because there are gangs in every city

**What we didn't like about this book**

- It doesn't teach about history