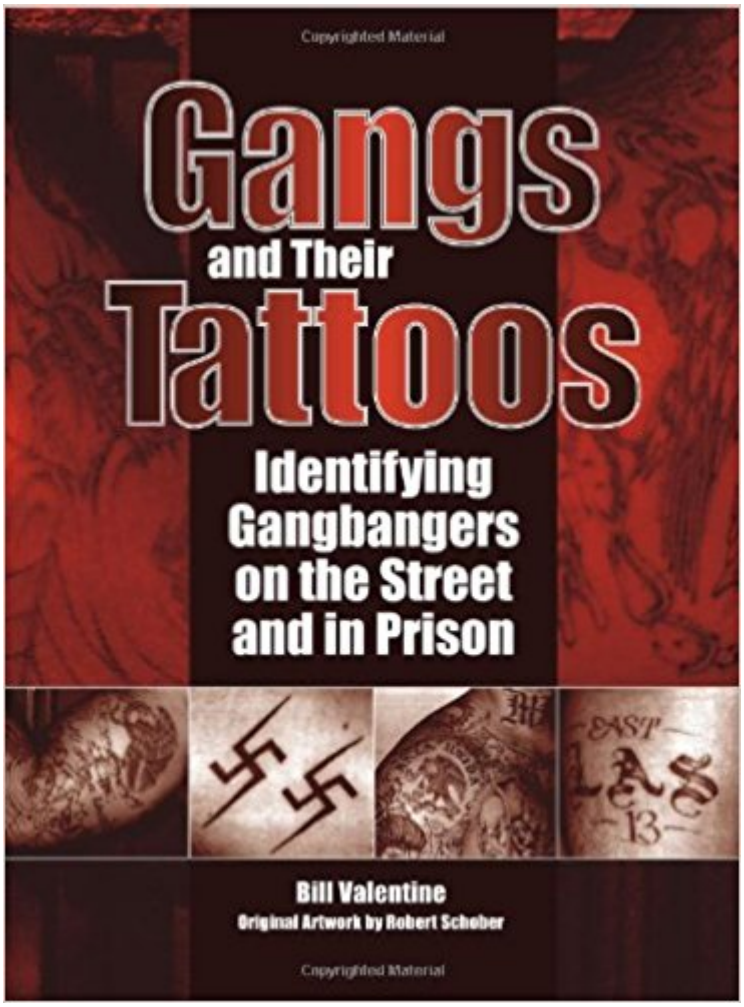
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Gangs And Their Tattoos: Identifying Gangbangers On The Street & In Prison



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Synopsis

In this book, Bill Valentine, author of Gang Intelligence Manual, shares the latest intelligence on the predominant street and prison gangs and other disruptive groups, with particular emphasis on their identifying tattoos. Supplementing the text are scores of detailed illustrations by Correctional Officer Robert Schober that replicate some of the most common tattoos worn by members of each of the groups discussed. This groundbreaking work makes a substantial amount of previously classified information available to the general public for the first time. In addition to presenting the latest intel on white, black, Hispanic and Asian gangs, it also includes new information on groups such as the White Afrikaner Resistance Movement and the Russian Mafia, which add to the mounting challenge faced by those laboring to hold the line against the menace posed by gangs, hate groups and organized crime.

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Customer Reviews

This is not a bad book; however, for a law enforcement professional, it is not exactly what I was looking for. The illustrations in the book are poorly drawn and that’s putting it softly. The information is detailed, but not specific enough. The writer presentation of the information is not as organized as it could be. Full sized color photographs could have been used to drive home the points presented by the author; any photographs that were contained in the book were of poor resolution and did not specifically articulate what the author was attempting to present to the reader. Additionally, some of the information contained in the book is outdated as it was written almost fifteen years ago; an updated edition should be released of this book. I suppose for the lay person interested in gang

tattoos, this could be a good book to purchase; however, if you’re in the law enforcement profession and looking for a reference guide, this is not your book. I would suggest the Gang Investigators Handbook.

lots of good info on gangs and there tattoos. I never knew there where so many gangs in the world

The concept behind this book is good enough, but unfortunately, not only is the writing mediocre, but the drawings are subpar and the drive of the book seems to be towards informing frightened people who want to know who, of the people around them, are "gang members" or "dangerous." What’s unfortunate is that, for example, dragons and tigers are outlined as "gang" tattoos for Asians with dangerous lifestyles, which, while that is relevant, it is problematic because it is not pointed out that not *all* Asians with those as tattoos are dangerous. I imagine that anyone who is reading this to "identify gangbangers on the street" around them, aside from, say, security guards or similar individuals, will give into fear and judge those around them with tattoos because of what they read in this book. But as I said. The writing has errors in it, such as the constant misspellings of TeotihuacÃƒÂ¡n, and gems like saying that Asians get tattoos of dragons and tigers because those animals are native to Asia. (Tigers, maybe. Dragons? Better wording is in order.)In sum, I have read much better books on the topic and not only because they contained better data, but because they were written and/or illustrated more professionally.

This book is particularly valuable in that it raises awareness. It establishes a baseline of identification on which to build your skill of spotting and validating gang members. If your not sure, ask your STG officers.

This book is good to place on the shelf as a go to manual in regards to gang tattoos especially when identifying the various gangs and their tattoos.

A lot of gang members are going to have local cliques with their own unique tats.The author covered a lot of national prison gangs, but this isn’t going to be very helpful for learning how to decipher tats on local gang members. Also, not a lot of coverage on more recent, growing prison gangs like PTB.

GREAT BOOK FOR REFERENCE MATERIAL.

Our institution have this book in our office to reference off, I wanted to have a copy of my own...Some of the intel are related to the Nevada Dept of Correction, which I am an officer there. The book is a good read, but a little out of date, but still great to have in a collection.

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