



## Latino Young Men and Boys in Search of Justice: Testimonies

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Arte Publico Press, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In "Message to My Seventeen-Year-Old Self," Roberto Martínez, a California Correctional inmate, writes that he wishes he would have taken school more seriously. "Prison aint anything like the thug life lies romanticize it to be; it doesnt make you a man." In this compelling collection of first-person testimonials, essays, poetry and letters, Latino men and boys who have been or are incarcerated write movingly about their past and future. The book also incorporates essays by community advocates seeking criminal and juvenile justice system reform. Leaders of organizations including Barrios Unidos, Homeboy Industries, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice and National Compadres Network contribute pieces that address issues such as culture-based healing and violence prevention. Many use artistic expression as a form of healing, and this volume includes a wide variety of art, from poetry to drawings, tattoos and murals. Acclaimed author and former gang member Luis J. Rodríguez writes in his foreword that the disproportionate number of young men of color in the justice system is rooted in economic, political and historical factors. He asserts that the United States punitive laws and...

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