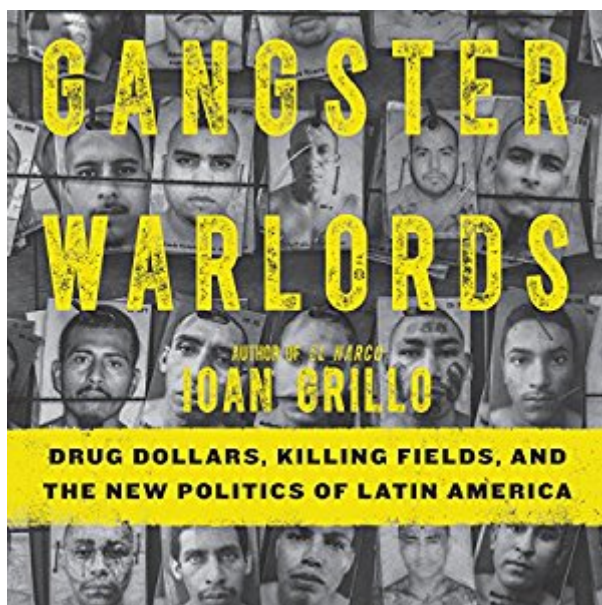


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Gangster Warlords



Synopsis

In a ranch south of Texas, the man known as The Executioner dumps 500 body parts in metal barrels. In Brazil's biggest city, a mysterious prisoner orders hit men to gun down 41 police officers and prison guards in two days. In Southern Mexico a meth maker is venerated as a saint while enforcing Old Testament justice on his enemies. A new kind of criminal kingpin has arisen: part CEO, part terrorist, and part rock star, unleashing guerrilla attacks, strong-arming governments, and taking over much of the world's trade in narcotics, guns, and humans. What they do affects you now - from the gas in your car to the gold in your jewelry to the tens of thousands of Latin Americans calling for refugee status in the US. *Gangster Warlords* is the first definitive account of the crime wars now wracking Central and South America and the Caribbean, regions largely abandoned by the US after the Cold War. Author of the critically acclaimed *El Narco*, Ioan Grillo has covered Latin America since 2001 and gained access to every level of the cartel chain of command in what he calls the new battlefields of the Americas. Moving between militia-controlled ghettos and the halls of top policy makers, Grillo provides a disturbing new understanding of a war that has spiraled out of control - one that people across the political spectrum need to confront now.

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Customer Reviews

This book is not only a well-researched history of gangster warlords in the Americas but actually proposes serious remedies to this dangerous problem. Also this book was written from the front lines, not from the comfort of an office in the States and not with the courage of being out of range.

A most revealing journey through today's Western Hemisphere crime wars and their connection to gangs and drug trafficking in the USA. Highly recommended. I don't know any Americans who are aware of what's going on with these criminal enterprises. They represent a significant threat to our national security.

Pretty good. Last two chapters kind of meh

Exceeded my expectations - deep details and a honest (scary) depiction of cartels in LAR. Def worth the \$\$\$'

This book gives a very clear firsthand look into the drug culture from multiple countries. A great read if you've watched the documentary Narco Land.

Solid retelling of some pretty well-covered material. For me the classic in this genre is McMafia by Mischa Glenny.

After about 2/3rds of the book it got somewhat repetitive in describing the organizations

Simply superb. This is investigative reporting and analysis at it's very finest. Ioan Grillo does it again. Frankly...I'm speechless at how incredibly detailed and insightful this book is. As soon as I finished it I started from page 1 and read it again. There's just that much good stuff in it.

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