Record Nr. UNINA9910410025703321 Autore McLean Robert **Titolo** Scotland's Gang Members: Life and Crime in Glasgow / / by Robert McLean, James A. Densley Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan, , 2020 **ISBN** 9783030477523 3030477525 Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xxi, 188 pages): illustrations, map Disciplina 364.9411 345.03 Soggetti Organized crime Crime - Sociological aspects Juvenile delinquents Criminal behavior Criminology Community development Social service **Organized Crime** Crime and Society Youth Offending and Juvenile Justice Criminal Behavior Crime Control and Security Social Work and Community Development Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index.

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"Scotland's Gang Members successfully harmonizes gang research and Sommario/riassunto

narrative criminology. McLean and Densley defy convention by

interweaving in-depth life history accounts with core substantive themes in the literature. They expertly situate people within places and institutions, groups and networks. The challenges young people face in navigating family, school, neighborhood, and imprisonment are laid bare. The evolving gang landscape, including its territoriality, relationships, and conflicts, is captured excellently. Readers will depart with a new understanding of gangs and violence and hope for the future of young people in Glasgow and beyond." -David C. Pyrooz, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder "This is a first rate text, carefully researched, refreshingly creative and innovative in approach. It is accessibly written not only for academics and practitioners but also for the general public. A mustread for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the structural backdrop of gang violence and its relationship with organised crime in the West of Scotland." -Ross Deuchar, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of the West of Scotland Drawing on extensive life-history interviews with serious violent offenders, this book offers a unique socio-historical analysis of gang membership and gang evolution in Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. The book chronicles the lives of young men in and around Glasgow from early childhood to present day and examines the lived experience of family, friendship, community, and crime. It demonstrates how street reputations are won and lost and how gang membership is not a single event but an experiential process of offending, victimisation, consensus, and conflict. The book follows the young men's descent into knife crime and street violence and the impact of imprisonment on their life chances. Detailed narratives capture how they individually and collectively transitioned from street violence to profit-driven organised crime, before eventually disengaging from gangs and desisting from offending. The book concludes with an in-depth discussion of the evolution of gangs and organised crime in the 21st century and in the inner-workings of Scotland's marketplace for illegal goods and services, with implications for police, practitioners, and policymakers. A page-turner from start to finish, Scotlands' Gang Members is a truly unique contribution to knowledge about gangs and crime, written to high academic standards but readable and accessible to all. Robert McLean is Lecturer in the Interdisciplinary Research Unit on Crime, Policing and Social Justice at the University of the West of Scotland, UK. James Densley is Professor and Chair of the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University, USA, part of the Minnesota State system.