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Sommario/riassunto	The publication of Sanyika Shakur's <i>Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member</i> in 1993 generated a huge amount of excitement in literary circles--New York Times book critic Michiko Kakutani deemed it a "'shocking and galvanic book'"--and set off a new publishing trend of gang memoirs in the 1990's. The memoirs showcased tales of violent confrontation and territorial belonging but also offered many of the first journalistic and autobiographical accounts of the much-mythologized gang subculture. In <i>The Culture and Politics of Contemporary Street Gang Memoirs</i> , Josephine Metcalf focuses

