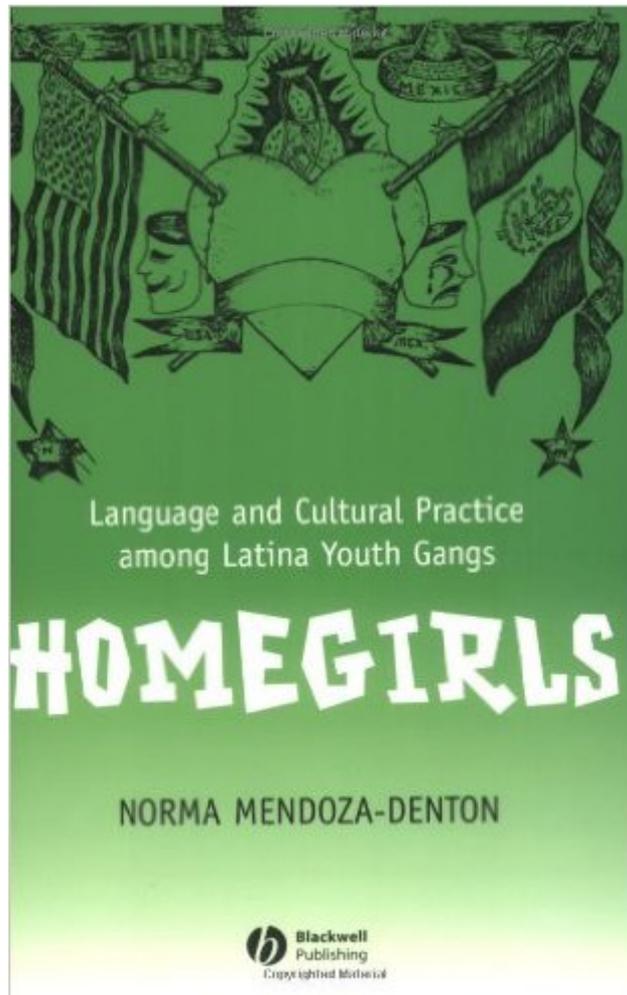


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# Homegirls: Language And Cultural Practice Among Latina Youth Gangs



## Synopsis

In this ground-breaking new book on the NorteÑ a and SureÑ a (North/South) youth gang dynamic, cultural anthropologist and linguist Norma Mendoza-Denton looks at the daily lives of young Latinas and their innovative use of speech, bodily practices, and symbolic exchanges that signal their gang affiliations and ideologies. Her engrossing ethnographic and sociolinguistic study reveals the connection of language behavior and other symbolic practices among Latina gang girls in California, and their connections to larger social processes of nationalism, racial/ethnic consciousness, and gender identity. An engrossing account of the Norte and Sur girl gangs - the largest Latino gangs in California Traces how elements of speech, bodily practices, and symbolic exchanges are used to signal social affiliation and come together to form youth gang styles Explores the relationship between language and the body: one of the most striking aspects of the tattoos, make-up, and clothing of the gang members Unlike other studies â “ which focus on violence, fighting and drugs â “ Mendoza-Denton delves into the commonly-overlooked cultural and linguistic aspects of youth gangs

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I'm currently reading this book at midnight for a quiz in an anthropology class tomorrow. I want to go to bed, but I can't stop reading - I might complete my homework assignment in spite of myself! My study break is writing a 5-star review for it. Norma Mendoza-Denton has an amazing voice - she's clearly intelligent, but doesn't write in an alienating, overly-academic way. Her points are always

clear and well-developed and often surprising. I love the process of how she came to her conclusions and how her research questions changed throughout the study, and how openly she admits that everything she experienced and transcribed is open for interpretation and shaped by her own identity as an anthropologist. She just seems like a great person and it's so much fun to read a book written by someone who enjoys what they're writing about. Highly recommended.

This book is actually quite enjoyable, given that it's an anthropology book. I had to read this for a class and me and several other students had a fine time reading the book. It's informative without it being too wordy.

Wonderful book that provides both an ethnographic as well as scientific approaches to the language and cultural practices of Latina girls.

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The book arrived on time. The description says moderate writing on the book and in excellent condition. The cover and pages are worn out and there is more than moderate writing on the book. Looks like they have some kind of writing on every page. But i bought this for the price. A-. thanks

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