

# GANGS

## Learning About Them, Living Without Them

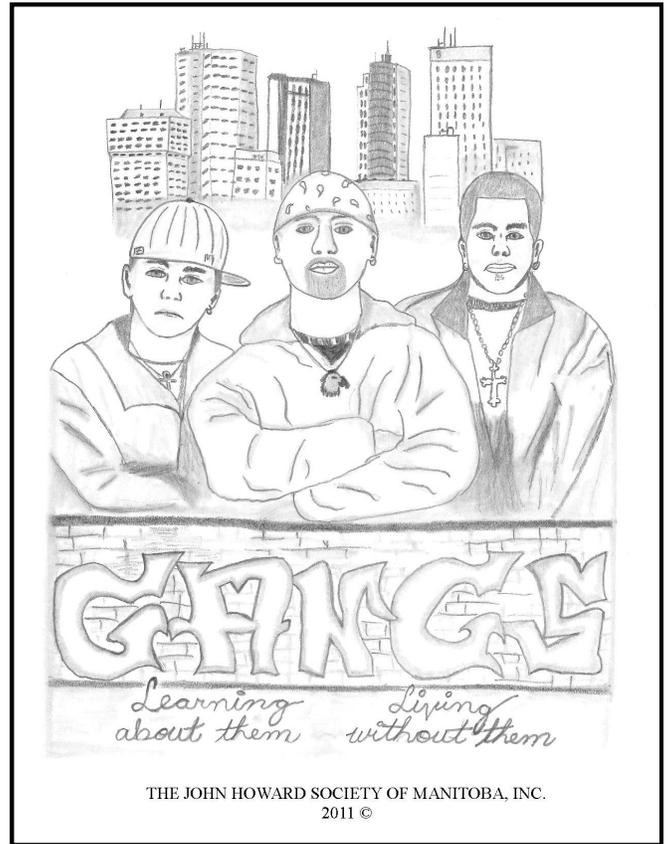
The John Howard Society Literacy Series was developed to help students improve their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills while providing them with information on topics that are interesting, engaging and relevant to their daily lives.

Our gang awareness workbook is the product of numerous interviews with current and former gang members on the realities of gang life. The purpose of this book is to provide an honest and non-judgmental account of gang life for literacy students who are interested in reading about this subject. We do this through our students' and former students' personal narratives, as well as with excerpts from articles, novels, and research about gangs – particularly with a local focus.

This book is written in plain language and at approximately a grade eight reading level. It is illustrated by students of the John Howard Society literacy program. Learners can complete this workbook on their own or with the help of a tutor; its exercises help to build essential literacy skills such as writing, reading comprehension, numeracy, and document use, and discuss practical applications for these skills.

*Gangs: Learning about Them, Living Without Them* is 100 pages and bound with a plastic coil for use in correctional settings. It is available for \$15.00 per copy from the John Howard Society of Manitoba.

You can order copies by contacting Janet Johnson at 204-775-1514. View the rest of our workbook series online at [www.johnhoward.mb.ca](http://www.johnhoward.mb.ca).



### FEATURES:

- Twenty lessons and accompanying literacy exercises
- Personal experience stories from current and former gang members, including advice on exiting gang life
- Twelve pages devoted to “Literacy Tips,” which contain instruction on complete and incomplete sentences, paragraphing, punctuation, capitalization, finding the main idea, filling out forms, writing a business letter, and more!
- Profiles of local organizations working in the areas of gang awareness and prevention
- A community resource listing, including contacts for education, recreation, and employment opportunities.