



True Stories of Life in Mexico's Most Corrupt Prisons

TALES FROM THE TIJUANA JAILS

By Sam Warren with 370 pages including photographs and illustrations

Violence, murders, kidnaping, sex (straight & gay), drugs, diseases, injustices, and even love. Can you imagine living in a place where there are stores open 24/7 to sell recreational drugs? Where if you have money you can live in a house with servants and if you don't, you sleep outside no matter what the weather is? Where there are every kind of store and service that a small town would have to include, restaurants, grocery stores, cable TV, and even a hardware store. Where drug lords and gang members ruled. Now partially cleaned up, this is a book about a little known bit of history of the border culture in Mexico.

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*The Mexican jail in which my friend Sam was unjustly confined was like nothing any American would expect. "Co-ed" with young children running about, shops selling all manner of goods, condos for the privileged and others sleeping on the out in the open, when I first visited Sam there it struck me as bizarre as the bar in the first *Star Wars* movie. Inside the 20 foot concrete and barbed wire high walls, the large block in eastern Tijuana was truly a "little city" and each inmate there had his or her own fascinating story to tell about their encounter with the "system" in Mexico.*

— Alan Mandelberg, Ph.d.

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