

# Luis J. Rodriguez

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When you win, we win; but when you go down, you go down alone.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

Nobody supported me; my family thought I had gone crazy. They thought, you crazy gangster, you crazy drug addict, now you want to be a writer? That's it! They totally gave up on me after that.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

Nobody had books at home. My dad was a very educated person, so he would have books at home. All Spanish books. That helped. Most of my homies had no books at home.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

The more you know, the more you owe.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

I'm not really anti-gang - I was a gang member and so was my son. I'm pro-youth, pro-community, pro-family, pro-arts, and pro-peace.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

There are choices you have to make not just once

~Luis J. Rodriguez

Eventually I went back to high school. I went to a coaching center in my neighborhood. I had to leave the homeless situation because it was so bad and I knew that I was falling deeper and deeper.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

I've always been prepared to write about the hard things. Only for healing, teaching, and enlightening purposes not to hurt or disparage anyone.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

In order to stay out of trouble I worked in industry. You can't even do

that nowadays; there were all those factories.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

I was kind of a weird homie; I was a weird kid. Nobody in my family loved books. I'm the only one.

~Luis J. Rodriguez

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