

## Gangster Redemption Book Reviews

I had a few people read the manuscript to give me their views, this is what they said

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**Jeff Kottkamp – Florida's 17<sup>th</sup> Lt. Governor: Ft. Myers, Florida**

*As the first-ever Chairman of Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet I have worked with hundreds of children who have made bad choices in life---but have so much good to offer the world. This book is an inspiration to anyone who wants to turn their life around. Mr. Lawton's story is inspirational and authentic. He opens his heart and soul to the reader. I highly recommend this "must read" book.*

Florida's 17th Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp

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**Billy Cassara – 60 Minutes and 20/20 Cameraman and the late Don Hewitt's son-in-law: New York, NY**

*Your book is amazing....Connor LOVED it so don't forget teens in your marketing plan. It's so honest Larry...scary,...real...and you don't apologize for being a bad guy in a former life. It was your life...and you paid dearly.*

*Your description of the loneliness (and torture) of prison life is a must read for any kid who might think that prison is what you see in those Discovery Channel TV shows. It's also a must read for the rest of us...the political nature of the system is not something I had ever given thought to...*

Bill Cassara

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**Dominic M. Calabro - President & CEO of Florida TaxWatch: Tallahassee, Florida**

*"There is no more important asset to the state of Florida than our children, and their paths through life are defined by the choices they make, and the guidance they receive along the way. Experience is often the best guide, and we should all look to learn from those who have traveled the path before us. Larry's story is genuine and stirring, and this book can be a fantastic tool for anyone looking to change his or her life for the better."*

Dominic M. Calabro

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**Carol Kalet - teacher with 30 years experience working with children: Atlanta, Georgia**

*Your book was very inspiring. Though the abuses you withstood were very difficult to read, I couldn't put it down. I was especially impressed with how you turned your life around and your dedication to helping teens do the same with their lives. The book is well written and awe inspiring. A must read for anyone, especially anyone with teens.*

Carol Kalet

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**Theresa Sample Nunez - teacher, mother of 4, grandmother of 7: Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

*Being from Iowa and reading this book opened my eyes about life in the mob and life in prison. I was mesmerized by Larry's stories from childhood and his experiences in prison. He never gave up!! And what a message for our young. You can change, become a better person, and learn from your mistakes and go on to help others learn from your mistakes.*

*Larry is stronger than any person I have ever known and the fact that he could move on from all the injustices in his past life, is a miracle. Yet he did!!*

*The book is easy to read, keeps your interest, and reaches your soul in a way that I haven't experienced in any books I have ever read.*

Theresa Sample Nunez

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**Joe Fraumeni - retired business owner: Melbourne, Florida**

*You truly amaze me....you "walked the walk" and came out with a positive and up-beat attitude. Your program to help young people avoid the life you clearly and honestly detailed in this riveting book speaks volumes as to the man you are. Your vivid descriptions reflecting what life is really like in prison should be a wake-up call to society, especially to those who are dangerously close to crossing the line. It brings to the forefront, a serious problem in our society that most people are not aware of and leaders tend to shy away from. It's a great book.*

Joe Fraumeni

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**Justin Wasson - Golf Professional, Father of one: Viera, Florida**

*Larry Lawton is a man of many experiences! Larry Lawton is a man of trial and error! Larry Lawton is success! His book "Gangster Redemption" will have you looking over your shoulder as if he's brought you with him as he describes in detail his life story. "Gangster Redemption" is all things right and wrong with society today. Larry Lawton is not a man who uses his past as an excuse. He doesn't blame anyone for his past except himself. While he certainly has endured immense trauma throughout his life as you will read in "Gangster Redemption", he takes ownership of the life changing decisions and comes out of the fire with an influence for children and adults that is almost incomprehensible. "Gangster Redemption" is a compilation of action, history, biography and politics that ends with a feel good story with proven positive results. Larry Lawton doesn't tell you what you want to hear, he tells you what you need to hear and you will listen when Larry speaks!*

Justin Wasson

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**Michelle Kovach-Silverman - Artist, Mother of three: Melbourne, Florida**

*Larry Lawton is one in a million! His book, "Gangster Redemption" is even more unique! Yes, I loved it! Yes, it was thought provoking and informative! More than that, though, he has accomplished in his book something even more seasoned writers can only dream of. His content and writing style and content crosses genre barriers like a leaping gazelle! This book is a biography, a thriller, a self-help book, a political commentary as well as the written form of an unfinished symphony. It leaves you wanting to know more. I enjoyed the book immensely, but it also left me enthusiastically waiting to see what Larry Lawton's boundless enthusiasm and energy will come up with next! Making up for lost time is a powerful, adrenaline pumping motivator and Larry Lawton's ability to deliver his message passionately, whether it be in a book, a seminar or a movie is unique. His humanity is not a mask he takes off at night. He is the real deal!*

*Michelle Kovach-Silverman*

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