Google Drive



We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords

Mickey Melendez

Download now

Click here if your download doesn"t start automatically

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords

Mickey Melendez

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords Mickey Melendez

The Young Lords were one of the most provocative and controversial organizations to arise during the tumult of the late 1960s. Inspired by the wave of protest movements sweeping the country, and the world, as well as organizations like the Black Panthers, the Brown Berets, and the American Indian Movement, the Young Lords became the most respected and powerful voice of Puerto Rican empowerment in the country.

In 1968 Miguel "Mickey" Melendez was a college student, developing pride in his unique cultural identity as Cuban and Puerto Rican, while growing increasingly aware of the lack of quality health care, education, and housing—not to mention respect—his people endured for the sake of the American Dream. He was not alone. Bringing together other like-minded Latino student activists, like Juan Gonzalez, Felipe Luciano, David Perez, and Pablo "Yoruba" Guzman, Melendez helped to form the central committee of what would become the New York branch of the Young Lords.

Over the course of the next three years, the Young Lords were a force to be reckoned with. From their storefront offices in East Harlem, they defiantly took back the streets of El Barrio. In addition to running clothing drives, day-care centers, and free breakfast and health programs, the Young Lords became known for their bold radical actions, like the takeovers of the First People's Church and Lincoln Hospital. Front-page news, they forced the city to take notice of their demands for social and political justice and make drastic policy changes.

Melendez was part of it all, and describes the idealism, anger, and vitality of the Lords with the unsparing eye of an insider. For the first time, he reveals the extent of the clandestine military branch of the organization and his role coordinating and arming the underground.

The fall of the Young Lords was as swift and as public as their rise. Fractured by internal ideological differences and plagued by infiltrators, the Young Lords imploded in 1972. The underground was disbanded and for many, like Melendez, the group they had dedicated their lives to vanished—but not its mission. Many former Young Lords continue to fight for Latino rights, including Melendez, who in 1977 led a takeover of the Statue of Liberty to dramatize the plight of Puerto Rican nationalists languishing in prison and continues to fight for peace in Vieques.

0Although they were active for only a brief period of time, the legacy of the Young Lords—their urban guerilla, media-saavy tactics, as well as their message of popular power and liberation, civil rights, and ethnic equity—is lasting. *We Took the Streets* is one man's passionate and inspiring story of the Puerto Rican struggle for equality, civil rights, and independence.

Download We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights wi ...pdf

Read Online We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights ...pdf

Download and Read Free Online We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords Mickey Melendez

---

From reader reviews:

Howard Depriest:

Information is provisions for anyone to get better life, information currently can get by anyone with everywhere. The information can be a understanding or any news even a concern. What people must be consider any time those information which is from the former life are challenging be find than now is taking seriously which one is appropriate to believe or which one the particular resource are convinced. If you get the unstable resource then you have it as your main information it will have huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen within you if you take We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords as the daily resource information.

Emily Walker:

The actual book We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords will bring you to the new experience of reading a book. The author style to clarify the idea is very unique. In the event you try to find new book to study, this book very acceptable to you. The book We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book from the official web site, so you can more readily to read the book.

Timothy Rhine:

As we know that book is vital thing to add our knowledge for everything. By a e-book we can know everything we wish. A book is a set of written, printed, illustrated or even blank sheet. Every year was exactly added. This e-book We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords was filled regarding science. Spend your time to add your knowledge about your science competence. Some people has various feel when they reading the book. If you know how big good thing about a book, you can sense enjoy to read a guide. In the modern era like currently, many ways to get book you wanted.

Pamela Wilson:

Publication is one of source of understanding. We can add our know-how from it. Not only for students but in addition native or citizen want book to know the update information of year to year. As we know those publications have many advantages. Beside we all add our knowledge, can bring us to around the world. By the book We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords we can get more advantage. Don't that you be creative people? Being creative person must choose to read a book. Merely choose the best book that suited with your aim. Don't be doubt to change your life by this book We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords. You can more attractive than now.

Download and Read Online We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords Mickey Melendez #GJ58KQXMU9P

Read We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez for online ebook

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez books to read online.

Online We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez ebook PDF download

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez Doc

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez Mobipocket

We Took the Streets: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords by Mickey Melendez EPub