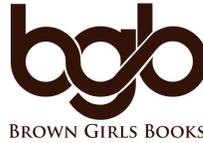


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## **Once Upon A Time in Compton**

**From gangsta rap to gang wars...The murders of Tupac & Biggie....  
This is the story of two men at the center of it all**

**[Los Angeles, CA -- April 2017]** – Gangsta Rap. Gang wars. The investigation into the murders of Tupac and Biggie. These are all issues former Compton Gang Detectives Tim Brennan and Robert Ladd found themselves at the center of in their 20-year career with the now-defunct Compton Police Department. And now, the former detectives are exposing their journey in ***Once Upon A Time in Compton*** (Brown Girls Books, \$16).

Full of revelations never shared, ***Once Upon a Time in Compton*** reveals the good, the bad and the underside of life in Compton. Brennan and Ladd witnessed the birth and rise of gangsta rap with acts they knew personally, such as N.W.A and D.J. Quik; dealt firsthand with the chaos of the L.A. riots, its aftermath, and the gang truce that followed; were involved in the investigations of the murders of hip-hop stars Tupac Shakur and The Notorious B.I.G., and were major players in an all-out tug-of-war with City Hall that ultimately resulted in the permanent shut-down of the Compton Police Department. Through it all, they developed an intricate knowledge of gangs and the streets and a methodology that has been implemented by local law enforcement agencies across the country.

*“As someone who loves hip-hop, I was astonished by what I didn’t know. Tim Brennan and Bobby Ladd are the real deal. I still cannot believe how two white men could navigate the streets of Compton with such respect. Lovers of hip-hop will appreciate the truth this book offers and historians and fans of true crime will love the history it unfolds,”* stated bestselling author, screenwriter, and producer Lolita Files, who co-wrote the book with Brennan and Ladd.

***Once Upon a Time In Compton*** will release on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. The book can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google Play and Wal-Mart. For more information or to arrange an author interview, contact Norma Warren at Norma@BrownGirlsBooks.com.

#### **About the Authors**

**Tim Brennan** and **Robert Ladd** were hired as police officers for the Compton Police Department in 1982 and 1983, respectively, where they served until 2000, when the department was disbanded. As Gang/Homicide Investigators, they helped shape the way gang investigation is done nationwide today. Their work as a part of the 1992 Los Angeles riots task force, the Tupac Shakur murder case, and the Biggie Smalls Task Force investigating the murder of the Notorious B.I.G. has made them experts in high demand on these subjects.

**Lolita Files** is the bestselling author of six novels, a screenwriter, and a producer for stage, film, and television. Her novel *.sex.lies.murder.fame* is being developed for film by Byron Allen’s Entertainment Studios with Files having adapted the script, and a series based upon her popular Misty/Reesy trilogy is headed for television. Files has a BS degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Florida and is the Chief Content Officer and Co-Executive Producer at FGW Productions in Los Angeles, CA.

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