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Those Oldies But Goodies



Synopsis

Third in a series, this story begins with Art's release from the youth authority. As a young adult it takes a few years to get a control of his life. He marries young and only finds heartache. He toys with organized crime as he tries to run his new business. This young man survives his ordeal with the difficulties of life.

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Customer Reviews

I am a teacher in a juvenile hall court mandated school and my students love this series. These books have been read and re-read so much that they are in tatters. My Latino kids can really relate to these stories and I know that they start to think about rerouting their lives in a more positive direction as a result of reading about Art's life which is not so dissimilar to theirs. I only wish I could find more copies to replace our well read (and loved) ones!

Award-winning Latino author Art Rodriguez presents the true story of his adolescence and adulthood in *Those Oldies But Goodies*. From his obstacles growing up, to the ups and downs of his love life and the difficulties of maintaining a marriage, raising children and facing down the pressures (and temptations!) of organized crime and more. Told with complete honesty, and no attempts to whitewash the author's choices and justifications, good or bad, *Those Oldies But Goodies* resonates with the tantalizing allure that only real life's rocky road can bring.

I ordered this book for my grandson. It is one in a series of three by this author. He really enjoyed it

as well as the others in the series. Hopefully it is helping him turn his life around. I believe it will.
Thank you.

In this sequel to *East Side Dreams* the author takes you through his life after his release from the California Youth Authority. The narrative covers his struggle to find employment - his description of the unemployment office on Alum Rock Avenue eerily familiar the world over, as well as his experimental use of LSD. The demise of his first marriage leaves him with the added responsibility of raising two young children. A natural optimism radiates throughout the book as the author describes his struggles with housework asking his acquaintances whether they 'haven't heard...that a woman's work is never done?' The conclusion of the book shows him successfully married to his second wife, raising a large family and operating his own business having survived the temptation to cave in to pressures from organized crime.

I've fallen in love with Art and his family and friends. When I'm reading I can feel myself there with him. Once I started to read this book I could not put it down. It's definitely one of my favorite books

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