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## King Kong On 4th Street: Families And The Violence Of Poverty On The Lower East Side (Paperback)

By Jagna Sharff

INGRAM PUBLISHER SERVICES US, United States, 1998. Paperback. Condition: New. New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.In King Kong on 4th Street, Jagna Sharff chronicles an ethnographic team's involvement over a span of fifteen years with the people of a poor, largely Puerto Rican neighbourhood in New York City. Anchoring her observations in field notes, she recounts the joys, fears, and disappointments of daily life as well as the drama of large events. Arson, the murder of a popular local teenager, the mobbing of a grocery store as an act of retribution for his death, all are projected onto a canvas of shifting local and national policies toward poor people and neighbourhoods. Sharff provides new insights into gender and family roles, how adaptations to available resources from the welfare state may shape the membership of households, and how children may be trained for specific adult roles that will advance the family's well-being. She also reveals how the underground economy, particularly the commerce in drugs whose profits are realized outside of the neighbourhood, undermines neighbourhood-wide solidarity and sends people scrambling against one another for jobs in the quasi-licit and illicit sector. Following the lives of a number...



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