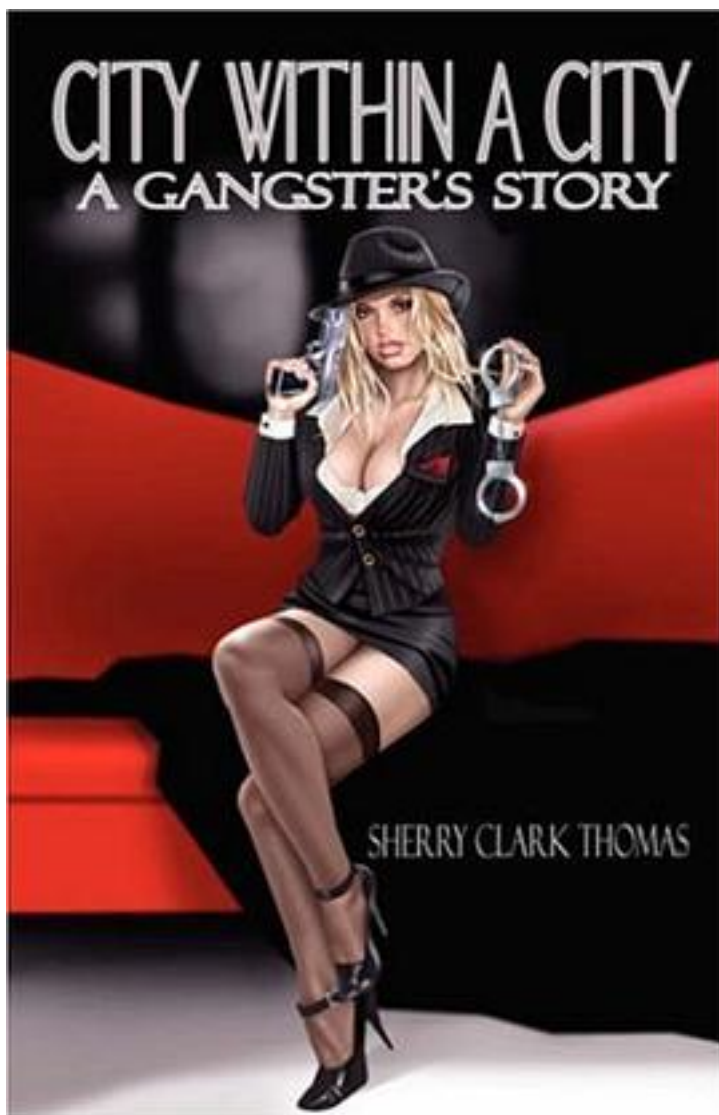


# City Within a City



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This is a story of an independent gangster named Joe Pastronoco (Joe, Jr.) aka Joe Thomas who was raised from childhood in a criminal environment. His father Joe, Sr., and his father's brother Salvatore were bootleggers during the 1900's and they both were gangsters involved in a secret organization similar to the Mafia in Italy when Benito Mussolini was dictator. Salvatore was shot and left for dead in Italy but he managed to escape, and he came to America as a stowaway, lived on a farm and sent for his brother Joe, Sr. who left Italy with his wife and five siblings to live with him. The entire family ran an illegal bootlegging and numbers business at his farm during the Prohibition days. Joe, Jr. accepts his father's criminal lifestyle as an ordinary day, and under the influence of his father and uncle he gradually turns into a seasoned criminal. He becomes a drug dealer, runs a lucrative prostitution business, and he branches out into other crimes. This tale takes on an astonishing turn of events with an unusual spiritual intervention that protects Joe throughout his life, and by some unknown spiritual means is recognized by his father at his birth and he names his son "The Chosen One." City Within A City is going to give you a glimpse into the criminal mind and a terrifying insight of what prison life is really like. Raw, gripping, prison letters are exchanged by Joe and his last wife, Sherry, that are filled with deep emotional pain and humiliation. Joe marries 9 times. Sherry Clark becomes his 6th and 9th wife. She is a woman who is blinded by love and endures abuse beyond belief by his hand and gives up her soul for the love of a man who gives her nothing in return. It is not only a detailed account of a criminal lifestyle, but it is also a powerful and compelling love story.

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