



## Yakuza Moon: Memoirs of a Gangsters Daughter

By Shoko Tendo

Kodansha. Paperback. Condition: New. 216 pages. Dimensions: 8.2in. x 5.5in. x 0.5in. Born to a wealthy and powerful yakuza boss, Shoko Tendo lived the early years of her life in luxury. However, when she was six, everything changed: her father was jailed, and the family fell into debt. Bullied by her classmates because of her fathers activities, and terrorized at home by her father, who became a drunken, violent monster after his release from prison, Tendo rebelled. As a teenager she became a drug addict and a member of a girl gang. At the age of 15 she spent eight months in a juvenile detention center after getting into a fight with another gang. During Japans bubble economy of the eighties, Tendo worked as a bar hostess, attracting many rich and loyal customers, and earning money to help her family out of debt. But there were also abusive clients, one of whom beat her so badly that her face was left permanently scarred. Her mother died, plunging Tendo into a depression so deep that she tried to commit suicide. Somehow, Tendo overcame these tough times. A turning point was getting a full-body tattoo with a design centered on a geisha with...

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