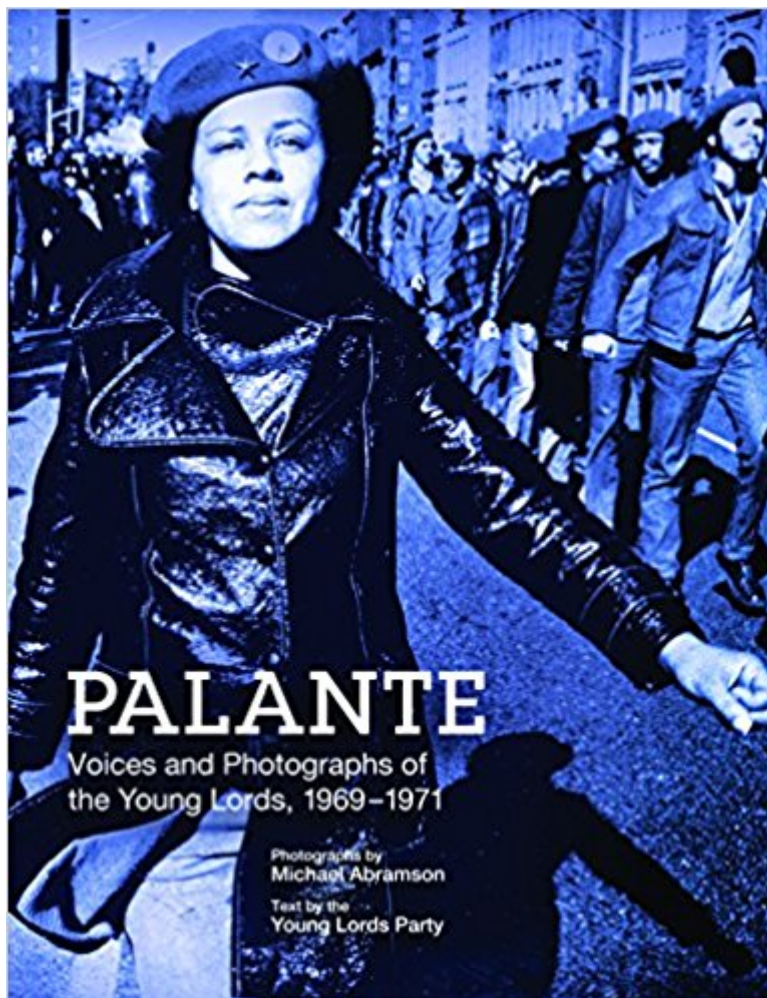




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In 1969, a group of young Puerto Rican activists founded the Young Lords Party in New York City, taking inspiration from the Black Panthers. *Palante*, the first book by and about the radical organization, is brought back into print here with new introductory material. Capturing the spirit and actions of the sixties movements, *Palante* features political essays by members, oral histories of their lives leading into the party, and more than seventy-five photos of their vibrant membership and actions. Michael Abramson is a photographer and publisher who lives in Brooklyn, New York. Iris Morales is the producer of the documentary *¡Palante, Siempre Palante! The Young Lords*, which aired on PBS, and is the executive director of the Union Square Awards.

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In 1969, a group of young, primarily Puerto Rican activists founded the Young Lords Party in New York City, taking inspiration from the Black Panther Party. Organizing directly in Latino/a communities the Young Lords took up slum housing conditions, garbage clean ups, "serve the people programs," and health care. Dramatic takeovers of institutions—such as The People's Church, where they ran a free breakfast program, and Lincoln hospital, where they held free testing for tuberculosis and lead poisoning—brought media and public attention to the socio-economic and political situation of people of color in the United States. They summarized their political beliefs and goals in a 13-point program, published and distributed a newspaper called

PALANTE and produced a weekly radio show on WBAI also called PALANTE. Iris Morales is an activist, educator, media Producer and author who has spent her life in the struggle for human rights and Puerto Rican liberation. A member of the Young Lords for five years, she rose through the ranks to become Deputy Minister of Education and leader of the Women's Union. ¡Palante, Siempre Palante!, her award-winning documentary about the Young Lords was broadcast on national public television and continues to be screened widely in colleges and community venues across the United States. Ms. Morales lives in New York City.

This book used to be very hard to find but has recently been re-issued. The Young Lords were such an important organization, similar to the Black Panthers but with unique innovations. Their occupation of New York City's Lincoln Hospital in 1970, along with revolutionary hospital workers, is of particular interest. They also liberated a city-run tuberculosis x-ray truck. The city had tested 300 people in a week, neglecting the much greater needs of the community, but the Young Lords examined 300 people in a day while they had the truck, showing the community how much better things could be run if the people took over. The book bursts with the eager optimism of the Young Lords in their own voices at the time. It's an incredible document of the hope and possibility of that moment.

history as I remember it.

Great book. Lots of primary sources and the photographs are beautiful. It stirs up my soul and makes me wish I was a part of that movement. Serve the People

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