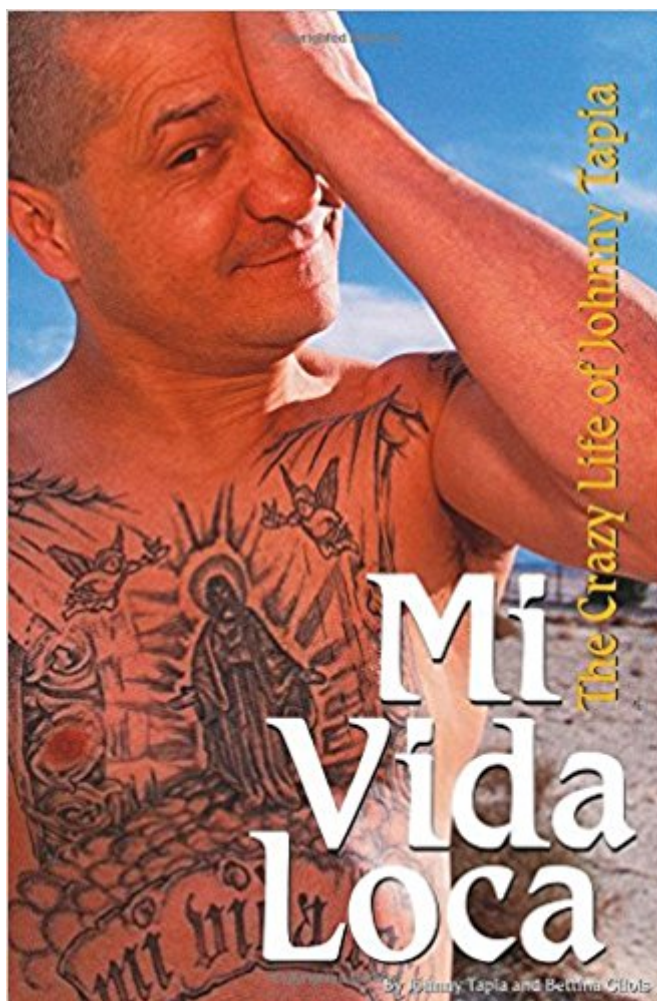


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# Mi Vida Loca: The Crazy Life Of Johnny Tapia



## Synopsis

There is only one winner in boxing. Fighting against your opponent and fighting against your own inner demons become one in the same. Those who survive both in and out of the ring are beloved worldwide. Those who do not spiral downward into drugs, prison, and even murder. "[My] life's been pretty tragic," remarks Johnny. "But in the ring, it's been a blessing." Mi Vida Loca is not just a nickname for Johnny, but a legendary tale of a life lived over the edge and back.

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...much like the tattoos that cover his body, (Mi Vida Loca) reveals the scars of Tapia's turbulent past. -- La Raza Newspaper  
An open and turmoil-filled book. -- San Antonio Express-News  
Even those of us who have followed Tapia's remarkable career continue to be astounded by his story. -- Boxing Monthly  
His story reads like fiction. -- iTV (UK Television)  
The book bares all...the craziest thing about "Mi Vida Loca" is that Tapia is still around to tell about it. -- Tim Dahlberg in Associated Press

"The nuclear reactor I have inside, the crazy machine that drives me all the time, the manic energy that drives me beyond my best instincts and my best heart and my best wishes for other people, and for myself, it's like a machine that has possessed me. I could never stop an impulse. And I never knew why I did afterwards. Couldn't remember half the time. Just got some idea in my head and had to act on it. It's like the usual moment of judgment somebody has, just wasn't there. Years later I would learn about my bi-polar disorder. Years later I understood

the chemical misfiring in the brain. But back then I was dousing my crazy fire cracker firing brain with so many illegal substances it just made for a cocktail of insanity. My crazy life was inside of me, too." ~ JOHNNY TAPIA, from *Mi Vida Loca* cocktail of insanity. My crazy life was inside of me, too."

I enjoyed reading Johnny's autobiography. What a tragic life, what a Great, Kind Man. He was born good. I was sorry to read his grandparents were not nurturing people no wonder he always missed his mother and he always yearned to be with her. Thank God he found a great wife that's the only reason he stuck around this earth a little longer but at the end not even her nor their children could mend his broken heart. His mother's death and his upbringing after she was gone broke him forever. May he rest in peace.

This is a fantastic, tough story as told by Johnny Tapia. I really admired his honesty in the book. What an incredibly tough life he endured. I can't say enough about Tapia, and his wife, Teresa, who stuck by him. She is truly an amazing woman, and without her, Johnny would've left this earth much earlier. God knows he tried, and he had good reason to want to, after what happened to his mother, who he loved so much. I hope that Johnny's family will one day add a postscript to this exceptional book and talk about his last years here and in particular, on how he found his father. I can only imagine how incredible that made Johnny feel. This book is a must read for everyone, not just boxing fans. Here's to a true heart: Johnny Tapia.

I am a 16 year old sophomore who finds reading a bit boring. "Mi Vida Loca" on the other hand is full of so much excitement that I found it hard to put down. With so many twists and turns throughout the story, it always kept me on my feet, wanting to find out what could possibly happen to Johnny next. It's an inspirational story that shows people no matter what background you come from, or even if you struggle with drugs, you can always become the person you want to be. This book is a must read for people who are looking for an exciting true story about the struggles of life and how no matter what, as long as you stick to your dream anything can happen. Elias C.

Johnny Tapia's life touched close to home, things I've been through minus the drug addiction. It is his crazy life. I loved it and I'd read it over and over again. I can't even stop talking about the book. He was a great man, with a positive attitude and a heart of gold.

Loved this book and even sent one to my son who lives in Albuquerque. It is written as though I was

sitting with Johnny while he told me his life story. Wish there had been some pictures of his younger years and from his boxing career. It made me wonder how someone could overcome such incredibly high odds that were stacked against him to become a successful boxer. Even though Johnny is totally honest about his drug use and bouts with the law, you cannot help but root for him because his heart is in the right place. I would recommend this book to anyone!

Loved this book. Was well worth the time and money. I know life's a struggle & Albuquerque was no exception.

A must for all boxing fans, warts and all true story of 6 time world champion. His life has many twists and turns and how he survived self abuse and still have such a wonderful record is astounding. Highly recommended reading.

For anyone looking to read about life struggles from a kid raised in less than favorable conditions. He was human, he had faults, but he had a heart of gold and an unwavering love for his mother, boxing, and his wife.

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