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Soy Gracias a Ti.

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**“One day I want to start a
Coffee Library, where I want to
show people that everybody is
equal. That’s what I call
Humanity.”**

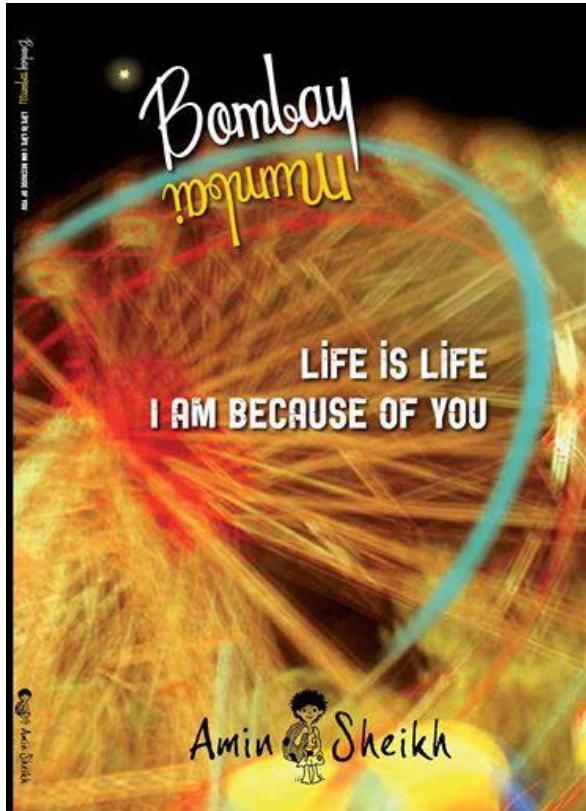




Soy Gracias a Ti (I'm because of you) is a Spanish non-profit organization which aims to support Amin Sheikh's solidarity project. Amin spent his childhood living in the streets of Mumbai and he is nowadays fully focused on his dream of running a **Library-Café** in this same city. Through this cafeteria, Amin seeks to offer other street boys and girls from Bombay the chance of finding a decent work, through social integration and the development of their personal skills.

A dream about a change in the streets of Mumbai

When he was only 5 years old, Amin ran away from his home and started to live in Mumbai's railway stations. In order to survive he had to beg, work as shoeshine, sing, eat from the garbage... while suffering a wide range of abuses. Fortunately, some years later he moved to an orphanage called **Snehasadan**. In Snehasadan Amin found the opportunity of starting a new life. Over time, he got his driving license and started working as a driver. It was then when his project **Sneha Travels** emerged, organization where he still works nowadays as a taxi driver.



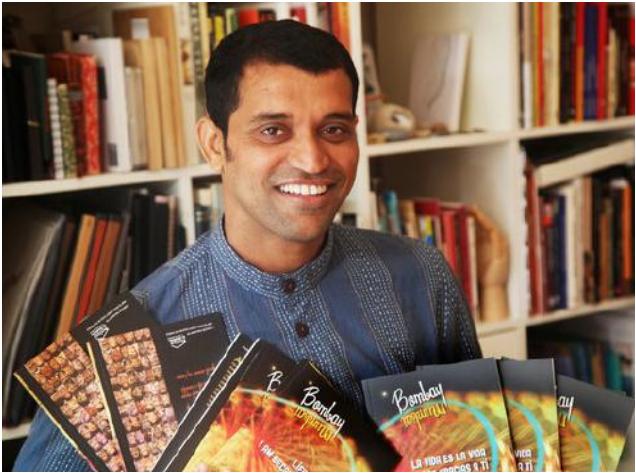
Currently Amin is thirty five years old. He has found a place in society, always moving forwards and earning his own living. However, he does not forget the hard times he spent living in the streets of Mumbai nor the several “Amins” who, unlike him, did not suffer the same fate.

A story of survival and overcoming

Amin has decided to release his history by means of a book written by himself called “**Bombay, Mumbai. Life is life. I am because of you**”.

Amin has self-edited his book. He has also sold hundreds of copies beside the traffic lights from the same streets where he had lived years ago. **More than 10.000 books** have been sold in cities such as Barcelona, Madrid, Alicante or Paris. Libraries and other places and organizations have offered their collaboration by supporting and empowering this solidarity initiative.

The book has already been translated to **seven different languages**: English, Spanish, Catalan, French, Deutsch, Marathi and Hindi and it will soon be translated into Italian, Hebrew and Portuguese.



With the money collected by the selling of the book, Amin hopes to obtain the necessary funds to make his dream come true. That is, to open the **Library-Cafe** in Mumbai and arrange in that way, a place to give an opportunity to the street children who, once they have to leave the orphanage, run the risk of suffering social exclusion.

If I can, You can

Amin's story continues exciting and thrilling all people who open their hearts to listen the testimony of a street child from Mumbai who has decided to change the reality of other street children like himself.

His motto is “If I can, You can”, he does not surrender and with admirable energy, joy and happiness stirs up everyone who has the opportunity to listen to him.

However, there is still much work to do and many books to sell in order to achieve the necessary funds to make his dream a reality.

A song about love and kindness



“**Les Yeux de Séraphine**”, Séraphine's eyes, is a song composed by the well-known composer and producer, Arnaud Kerane, played by the singer **Jeremy Plank** and produced by **RASIBUS editions**. This song is another initiative born to support Amin Sheikh's project.

The song, **dedicated to the street children of Mumbai**, tells the story of Amin and how he was rescued by Sister Seraphine, who took him to the orphanage of Snehasadan, key that changed his life.

Introductory video for the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5PmLZCnvAE&feature=share>

Song available in:

iTunes <http://bit.ly/TSnCaC>

Amazon <http://amzn.to/VJyk8u>





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The Spanish NGO “Soy Gracias a Ti” actively supports Amin Sheikh’s solidarity initiative, getting to know the project “Bombay to Barcelona” to other people; promoting, broadcasting and organization talks and events and encouraging people to buy the book “Bombay, Mumbai. Life is life. I am because of you”, in search of achieving the maximum support in order to make the Library-Café long-term sustainable.

If you believe in this dream and you want to support, you can do it buying the book or the song, or making a donation to the NGO bank account:

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The profits obtained will be wholly addressed to Amin Sheikh’s project “Bombay to Barcelona Library Café”, a Library-Café in Mumbai for giving employment opportunities to the young people out of Snehasadan Orphanage, in order for them not to live in the streets of Mumbai again.

How to get the book (*)

BARCELONA

Llibreria +Bernat
C/ Buenos Aires, 5

Llibreria Laie
C/ de Pau Claris, 85

Mitte Barcelona
Galería Arte-Cafetería
C/ Gasometre, 32

MADRID

Setem
Tienda Comercio Justo
C/ Gatzambide, 50

La infinito
Café-libros-arte
C/ de los Tres Peces, 22

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Café-librería de viajes
C/ Costanilla de Los
Ángeles, 7

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Gimeno, 11

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- store.kobobooks.com



(*) Spanish, English and Catalan versions.

Cafe library dream for street children in India

Matthew Karib

Amin Sheikh was a boy like many others, living in a slum in Mumbai, India. He was often ignored by his parents, who were drunkards, and suffered physical and emotional abuse, including by his mother. Amin's life changed when he met Andrean Fernandes, who has dedicated his life to making a difference. Instead of being a "tangle," Andrean made him an "angel," said his caretaker.

"He took Amin to the best school in Mumbai, which gave him the confidence to speak up. Amin became a leader in his community and he even wrote a book and gave a speech at the United Nations to promote his work and raise awareness about the rights of children."



So how did a homeless kid achieve all that Amin has? His is a story of passion and dedication that not only changed his own life but is changing the lives of other street children around him today.



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CULTURA

El activista indio Amin Sheikh presenta su libro en Hipérbole de Vila

El escritor, taxista en su Bombay natal, cuenta en su obra su experiencia como niño de la calle.

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El escritor y activista indio Amin Sheikh presentó ayer la noche el 4 de mayo su libro "La vida es la vida. Soy gracias a ti" en la librería Hipérbole de Vila a partir de las 20.30 horas. Sheikh presentará un proyecto con el que quiere hacer la vida un poco más fácil a los niños de la calle. "Quiero que los niños de las calles sin apenas oportunidades. Y ego es precisamente lo que Sheikh quiere ofrecerles: «la oportunidad de tener algo que llevarse al señor». La oportunidad de ver el vaso, aunque sea medio vacío», según una nota de la librería ibicenca.

Se cuenta que Amin Sheikh, que vive de lo que en la convención en su Bombay natal, no

The story of Amin, also in the Media

"He was once a Homeless Kid. Today he is an Entrepreneur, Author and Supporter of Street Children."

The better India

07/07/2015

<http://goo.gl/Umq1MF>

"Cafe library dream for street children in India"

Times of Malta

02.06.2015

<https://goo.gl/qeMGbc>

"Mi historia es la de miles de niños en India"

Diario de Ibiza

05/05/2015

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"Amin Sheikh, Soy Gracias a Ti"

Canal UNED TV

14/06/2015

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BERTAN DIAZ

"No puedo cambiar el mundo, pero sí mi pequeño entorno"

Amin Sheikh vivió en las calles de Bombay desde los cinco hasta los ocho años, pero se ha convertido en un activista y escritor que desea ayudar a otros niños. Hoy contará su historia en el Teatre de Tolosa.

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In the interview with Amin Sheikh, he says that what's most important is to teach children that they can make a difference in the world. He believes that every child has the potential to change the world.

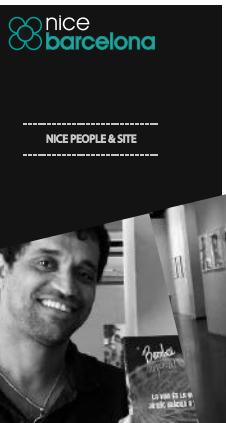
The interview also discusses his work with the Children's Library Project, which aims to provide books to children in need. Amin Sheikh believes that by providing books to children, they can have access to education and a better future.

In the end, Amin Sheikh encourages everyone to "think positive, live positive, and make a difference in the world."

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AMIN SHEIKH

"Amin Sheikh, un niño de India. Autor del libro 'Lo tienen todo... y no sonríen' vida, yo soy gracias a ti! Un hombre con un sueño, construir una biblioteca"



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ENTREVISTA AMIN SHEIKH El impresionante social y emotivo de la calle

«Lo tienen todo... y no sonríen»

Rafael Hernández

Amin Sheikh es un autor, activista y orador social que ha dedicado su vida a mejorar la vida de los más vulnerables. Nació en Mumbai, India, y creció en las calles. Sin embargo, a pesar de sus dificultades, hoy es un hombre exitoso y motivador. Su libro, "Lo tienen todo... y no sonríen", es un testimonio emocional de su vida y de su trabajo por los demás.

En la entrevista, Amin Sheikh habla sobre su infancia en las calles de Mumbai, su educación y su trabajo para crear bibliotecas en las comunidades más necesitadas. También habla sobre su pasión por la lectura y cómo ha sido una herramienta fundamental para su éxito.

El libro "Lo tienen todo... y no sonríen" es un relato inspirador que muestra la resiliencia humana y la importancia de la educación. A través de sus palabras, Amin Sheikh nos invita a reflexionar sobre lo que significa tener todo y ser feliz.

"En Barcelona todo el mundo tiene de todo y no sonríe"

Nice Barcelona

01/07/2015

<http://nicebarcelona.es/amin.html>

"Amin Sheikh, Soy Gracias a Ti"

Canal UNED Radio

15/06/2015

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"No puedo cambiar el mundo, pero sí mi pequeño entorno"

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18.06.2015

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Amin Sheik: "A mis 33 años continúo siendo un niño de la calle"

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UNED

25/05/2015

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Life assurance

Amin Sheikh found a publisher in himself for his rags-to-riches story.

When Amin Sheikh was born in 1976, he was born into a life of poverty. He grew up in a slum in Mumbai, India, where he worked as a street child. He had no access to education or healthcare, and he lived a life of constant struggle. However, he never gave up hope, and he used every opportunity to better himself. He started working at a tea stall at the age of 5, and he continued to work there until he was 12. During this time, he also began to read books and newspapers, which helped him learn about the world around him. He eventually became a published author, and he now writes books for children, and he speaks at schools and universities around the world. He has written several books, including "The Street Child's Journey" and "The Street Child's Dream". He has also founded a non-profit organization called "Street Child Foundation", which aims to help other street children in India.

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Amin Sheikh
Pour les enfants de Bombay

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24/03/2014

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