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Beyond Borders: A History Of Mexican Migration To The United States



Synopsis

Beyond Borders: A History of Mexican Migration to the United States details the origins and evolution of the movement of people from Mexico into the United States from the first significant flow across the border at the turn of the 20th century up to the present day. Considers the issues from the perspectives of both the United States and Mexico. Offers a reasoned assessment of the factors that drive Mexican immigration, explains why so many of the policies enacted in Washington have only worsened the problem, and suggests what policy options might prove more effective. Argues that the problem of Mexican immigration can only be solved if Mexico and the United States work together to reduce the disequilibrium that propels Mexican immigrants to the United States.

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Customer Reviews

An excellent objective history of Mexican immigration to the US. Very readable and definitely a "can't put it down (or rather with Kindle - can't turn it off!)" book. Excellent analysis of the politics surrounding the efforts of both governments to solve this elusive problem. Henderson provides a moving chronicle of the conflictive nature of this not-so-recent phenomenon. He includes some interesting background on how the European Union handled this situation. His account of the Bracero movement provides some interesting insights. This report makes it crystal clear how powerful business interests and politics rule. The realistic conclusions help us to understand how difficult the solution will be. A must read for all those in both the US and Mexico who wish for a just and lasting solution. Thanks, Tim, Good Job!

When I started attending junior high school in the western San Fernando Valley (Los Angeles County) in the mid-1960s, I noticed from the outset small groups of Mexican-Americans hanging out together at lunch hour and other times. I had attended an all-white elementary school, so junior high was my first significant exposure to racial and ethnic minorities. I was curious about these Mexican-American students. Why did they stick to themselves? Where did their families come from? Where did they live? I didn't know the answers to these questions until I read Timothy Henderson's *Beyond Borders*. *Beyond Borders* is an excellent analysis of the history and politics behind today's immigration debate. Henderson takes us back to the Spanish colonial period, the Mexican-American War, the pre- and post-World War II era, and NAFTA to explain why our immigration situation seems so chaotic and sometimes ludicrous. If you want to get a handle on why there are an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants in the United States, this book provides the answers in a very readable manner. The historical perspectives were particularly helpful to me. I recommend this book for anyone who's trying to get a grip on our nation's immigration issue.

A good book about immigrants and reasons for migration. As an increasingly hot topic in politics, it presents information factually and true.

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