Abstract
While border regions in other parts of the world share many features, nowhere else do so many millions of people from two dissimilar nations live in such close proximity and interact so intensely. Chapters one and two which make up Part I, discuss general concepts pertaining to global border phenomena and transnational interaction in the US-Mexico borderlands, respectively. Part II examines the nature of border society, with Chapters three through five presenting typologies and case histories of Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and Anglo Americans. Part III portrays the experience of border people through selections from oral history interviews, with Chapter six focusing on migrants and workers, Chapter seven on functionaries and activists, and chapter eight on "mixers", or individuals with a high degree of involvement with people from the other side of the border and from other cultures. The conclusion addresses salient questions pertaining to contemporary borderlands society. -from Author

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dissimilar nations live in such close proximity and interact with each other so intensely. Based on firsthand interviews with individuals from all walks
of life, Border People presents case histories of transnational interaction and transculturation, and addresses the themes of cross-border migration,
interdependence, labor, border management, ethnic confrontation, cultural fusion, and social activism. Here migrants and workers, functionaries and
activists, and "mixers" who have crossed cultural boundaries recall events in their lives related to life on the border. In the United States, people of
Mexican heritage comprise the largest of the fast-growing census-counted Hispanic population of 18 percent, and significant numbers either
migrated across the border or the border crossed their ancestors when Mexico lost half its territory to the United States in the mid-19th century under
the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In the mid-1970s, the interdisciplinary border studies discipline was born with a focus on the politics of the US-
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