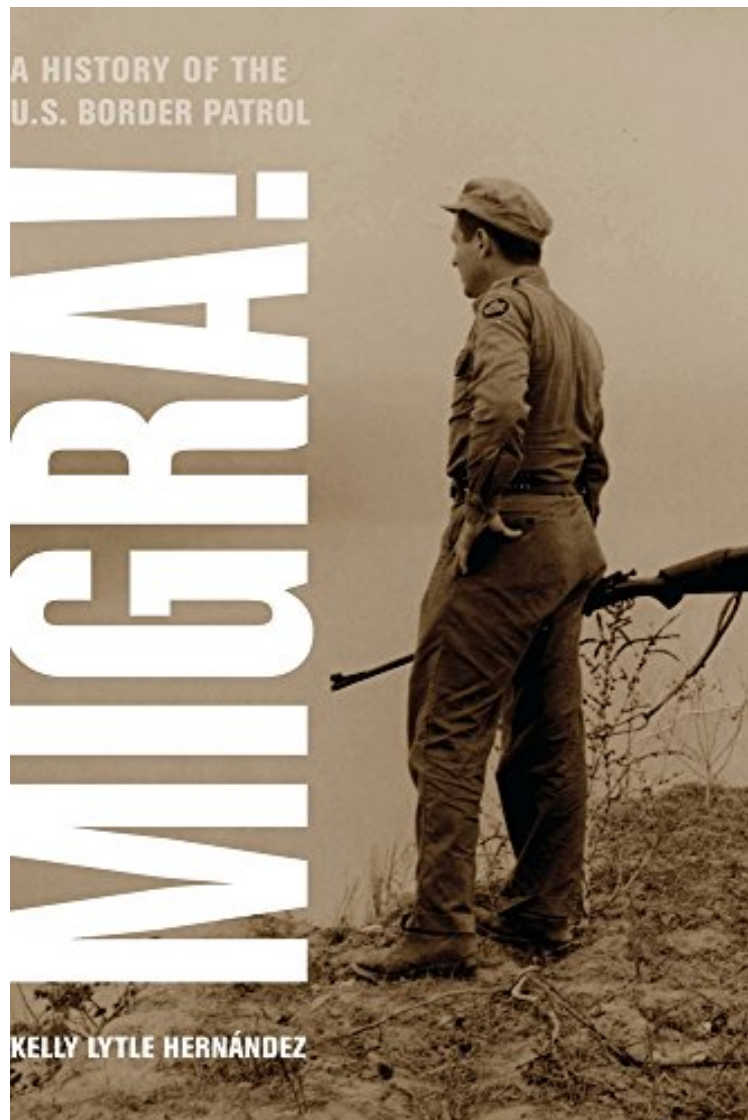


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violence to do its work. As it grew and transformed, it became more complex, changed tactics, and often had varying missions. This book also chronicles the changing and complex attitudes towards Mexican migrants in Texas and California. Many farmers wanted Mexicans for cheap labor, while most lower-income people opposed their impact on wages. The USBP fit into all of that, often at war with both migrants and farmers. The book itself could have benefited from a better editor. A few areas were repetitive or poorly organized, but the reading itself is nonetheless interesting. This is not a casual read, certainly intended for an academic audience. But those who are highly interested in immigration and Border Patrol issues will find this a worthwhile read. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Must read for people interested in immigration. By academicgirl I think that *Migra!* is one of the most thorough and interesting books discussing the policies around the U.S.-Mexican border. Not only does she discuss the U.S. border patrol, she discusses how the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico largely impacted the practices and policies of the U.S. It's both fascinating and well-written as well as delving into the complex interplay between policy and enforcement. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A very fine history of the United States Border Patrol. By Albert Rush A very fine history of the United States Border Patrol, warts and all, that offers a very excellent overview of the early days of this important law enforcement agency.

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If you had to choose one book as a starting place for an intelligent discussion about immigration issues, you would do well to begin with *Migra!* by UCLA assistant professor of history Kelly Lytle Hernandez. [It] is surprisingly complex and nuanced.