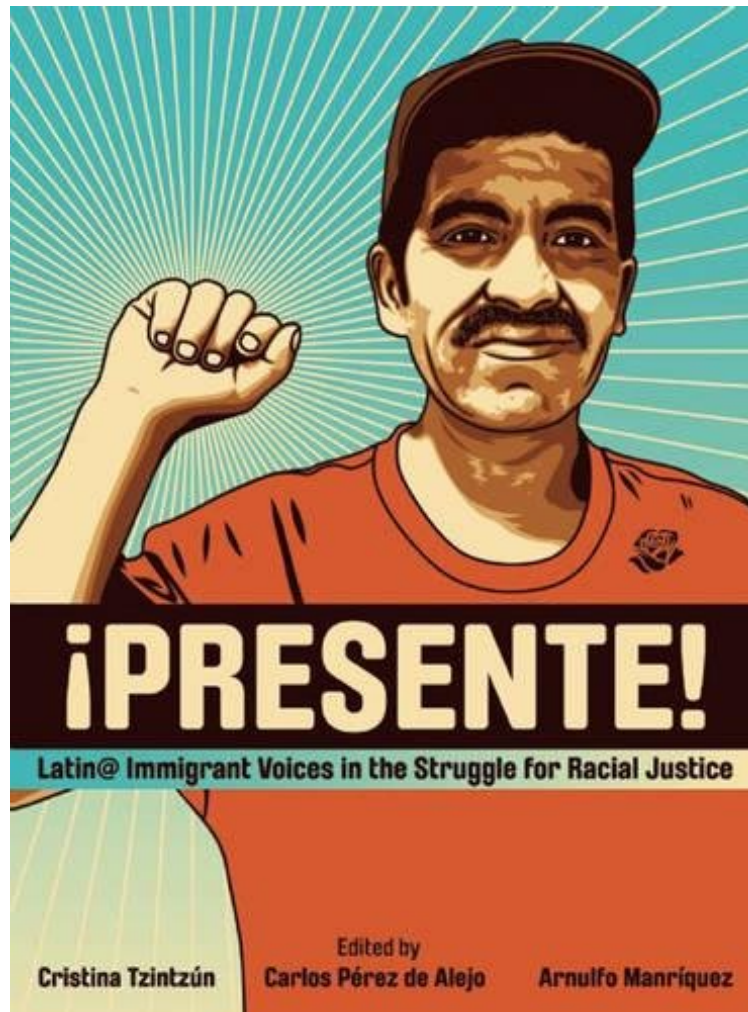


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learned a lot in this eye opening book, and it was a very good read. It was not only informational but it was entertaining too. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a clearer picture of the real America that we currently live in. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. No One is Illegal! By wildflowerboy Simply put, this is a book that every social justice activist in the US needs to read. With superlative essays by Mexican, Honduran, and Salvadoran immigrant rights activists, this beautifully illustrated bilingual book shows the life-and-death struggles of Latin@ undocumented workers who are forced to leave their countries of origin due to corporate globalization and US orchestrated counterinsurgency wars in the region. Importantly, the book discusses in depth the tragedy of NAFTA and how it inevitably exacerbated the impoverishment of subsistence farmers who, unable to compete with US agricultural corporations, are forced to migrate north in order to feed their families and survive. The essays in this anthology are easy to read and once you pick up this book you will be unable to put it down. Having grown up in Florida, I was especially interested in the excellent chapter about the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. This is a powerful book and I hope you read it and that it inspires you to work for immigrant rights, economic justice, and a world without borders. If you care about peace and justice in Latin America, I encourage you also to join the movement to shut down the School of the Americas! El pueblo unido jamas sera vencido! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This makes the book a fantastic critical tool for classrooms and homes. By A. Pantoja This book is outstanding for a number of reasons. First, it written by immigrants themselves. Second, in relation to immigrant rights, it addresses racial injustice and the process of racialization of all Latin@ immigrants in the US. I cannot stress enough how powerful this is. Third, it is bilingual! This makes the book a fantastic critical tool for classrooms and homes. Fourth, it stresses the importance of coalition building between Black and Brown folks, as well as across immigrant groups and with US-born allies. The only delta for me is that it doesn't have a chapter that addresses LGBTQ issues as related to the racial, labor and human rights injustices immigrants face. To me, this book is a great example of the kind of writing and reading we ought to be encouraging and seeing more of in these times; those most affected by unjust and violent policies speaking up about their own expert knowledge and powerful organizing and in doing disrupting the mainstream discourse about undocumented immigrants that consistently excludes the very population it discusses. Get the book and support both the authors and their organizations, as well as AK Press!

Read the media coverage of the increasingly heated debate around immigration reform in the United States: two dominant narratives emerge. From Lou Dobbs to Sean Hannity, commentators on the right have crafted an image rooted in fear, demonizing undocumented immigrants as a threat to national security and raising the specter of a deliberate "browning of America." Left-leaning journalists, on the other hand, foreground victimization, emphasizing the plight of immigrants, stripping them of their agency. Neither captures the range of experiences within undocumented immigrant communities, and both fail to see immigrants as active participants in their own struggle for racial and economic justice. *Presente!* offers a rare perspective on the immigrant-rights movement, written by immigrant workers themselves. Including a range of essays exploring the intersection of race, class, and immigration in the United States, this anthology challenges its readers to move beyond a "legalization-only" framework and embrace a broader vision for social justice organizing embodied in the work of grassroots organizations across the country resisting state repression, cultivating solidarity, and building alternative models for progressive social change. Offered in a dual-language edition, with a foreword by Democracy Now! co-host Juan Gonzales. Cristina Tzintzn is the executive director of Workers Defense Project, a Texas based workers' rights organization. Carlos Prez de Alejo is the executive director of Cooperation Texas, an organization dedicated to the creation of sustainable jobs through the development, support, and promotion of worker-owned cooperatives. Arnulfo Manrquez is an organizer at Workers Defense Project, where he organizes immigrant construction workers to defend their labor and human rights. In Oakland, California on March 24, 2015 a fire destroyed the AK Press warehouse along with several other businesses. Please consider visiting the AK Press website to learn more about the fundraiser to help them and their neighbors.

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