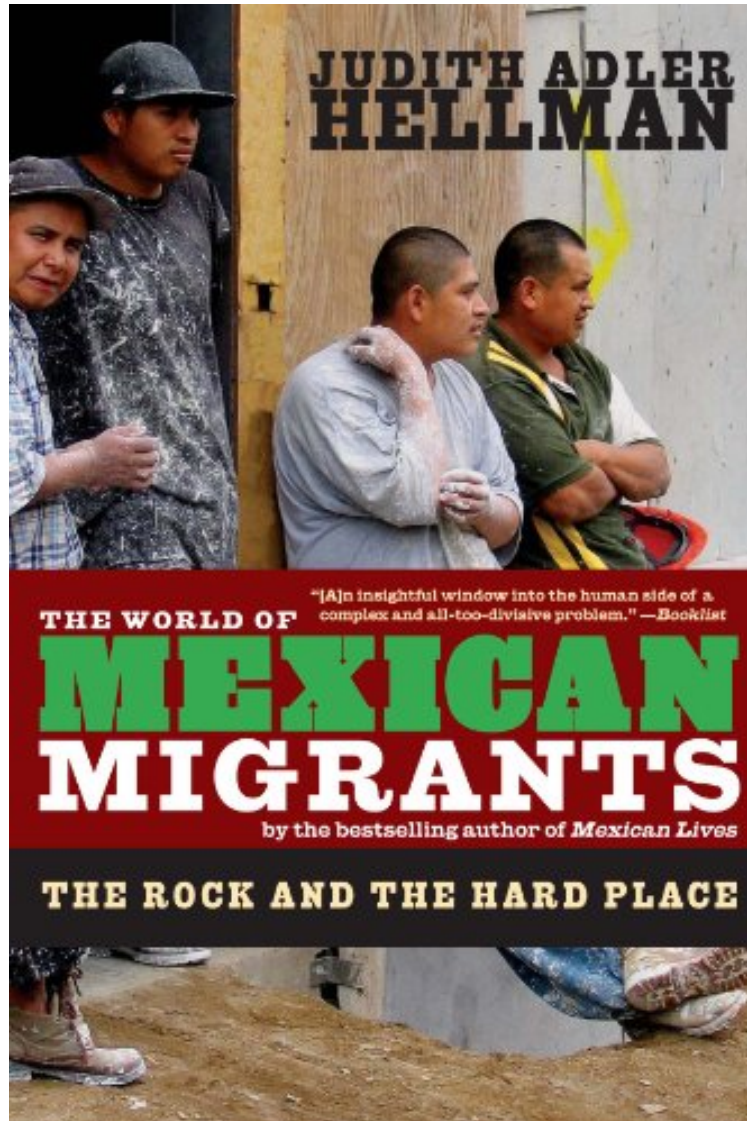


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Americans like myself don't often get to hear the stories of Mexican migrants told by Mexican migrants themselves. We are fed whatever images and explanations the dominant culture chooses to give us through media and politicians. This book is a gift in that the author serves as more of a microphone than a pen. Through interviews with migrants in Los Estados Unidos (the hard place) and in Mexico (the rock) she allows the migrants and their families to speak for themselves. These are voices and stories we all need to hear. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful.

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Widely praised as a splendid addition to the literature on the great wave of post-1970 immigration from Mexico as a result of which an estimated 6 million undocumented Mexican migrants now live in the United States *The World of Mexican Migrants*, by acclaimed author Judith Adler Hellman, takes us into the lives of those who, no longer able to eke out even a modest living in their homeland, have traveled north to find jobs. Hellman takes us deep into the sending communities in Mexico, where we witness the conditions that lead Mexicans to risk their lives crossing the border and meet those who live on Mexico's largest source of foreign income, remittances from family members in the U.S. We hear astonishing border crossing tales including one man's journey riding suspended from the undercarriage of a train. In New York and Los Angeles, construction workers, restaurant staff, street vendors, and deliverymen share their survival strategies—the ways in which they work, send money home, find housing, learn English, send their children to school, and avoid detection. Drawing upon five years of in-depth interviews, Hellman offers a humanizing perspective and essential window (Booklist) into the lives and struggles of Mexican migrants living in the United States.

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Often overlooked in the heated political debate over the conundrums of immigration reform are the personal lives of the immigrants themselves. Hellman has written about Mexicans for more than 40 years. Here she offers a lucid overview of Mexican immigration to the U.S., beginning with profiles of the sending communities—small Mexican villages that have lost more than half their population to migration and the sense of abandonment of those left behind, and the concomitant decline in the local economy. Increasingly dangerous and expensive border crossings have forced seasonal workers to either remain in the U.S. or return home permanently. This choice is complicated by such factors as children born in the U.S. who wish to stay, and the harsh realities of life in Manhattan or Los Angeles, including low wages and crowded housing neglected by slum landlords. Surprising, perhaps, to many readers will be the goal of most of Hellman's interviewees—simply to raise enough money to build a modest home back in their native village. Hellman provides an insightful window into the human side of a complex and all-too-divisive problem. -- Deborah Donovan "A sympathetic, wide-ranging portrait of the lives of Mexicans on both sides of the border." -- Kirkus "Kirkus "[Hellman] skillfully allows the immigrants to express their experiences through some of their own words....An outstanding book." --Choice