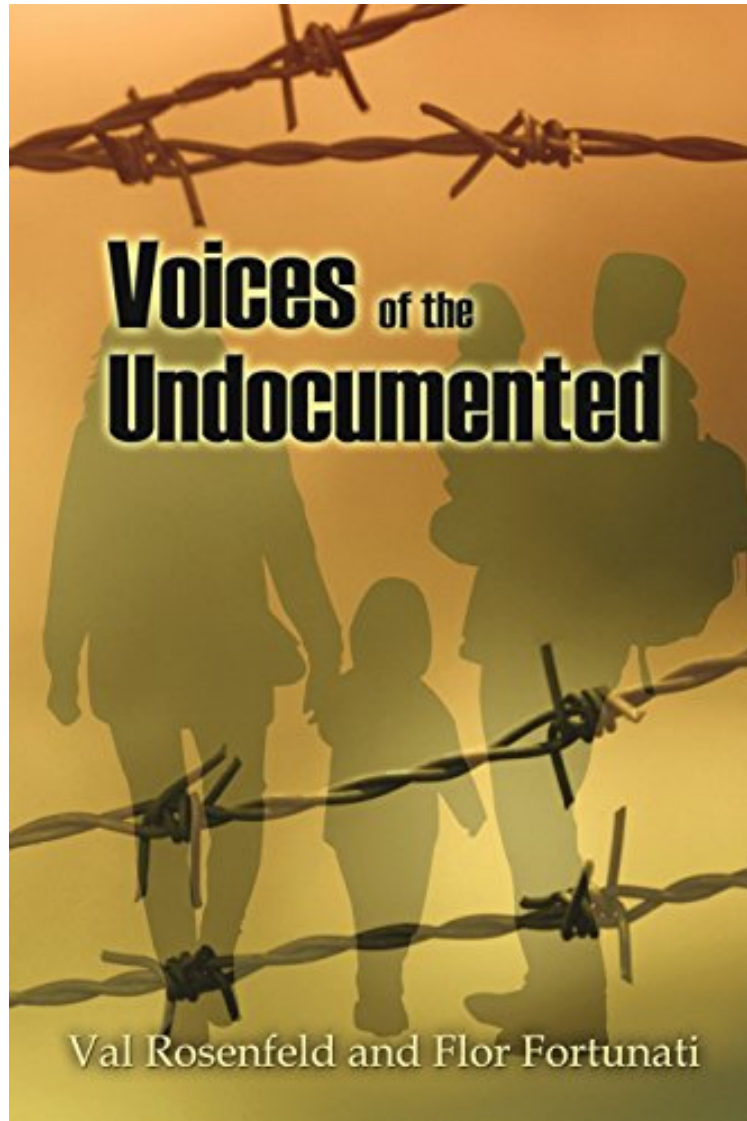


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share the hopes, dreams and frustrations of every foreigner who has ever landed on our shore. They come here for a variety of reasons, ranging from seeking asylum to simply wanting to better themselves. Here, they experience a complex mixture of expectations and misconceptions. Enduring loss of family and culture, they persist using initiative and determination in the face of the frustrations of a broken system of immigration. From their own testimonies, we see that they are not here to cause problems or "milk" our systems of welfare; rather they are here striving to better themselves and their families. (Forbes reported for example that, in 2013, immigrants sent more than \$100 billion back home to their families.) That persons remain in our country "undocumented" (and often return multiple times) is a testament to their resilience in seeking a better life. Most interesting, is their shared desire to return to their own country when they have achieved some financial success, indicating that their resolve is for betterment, not welfare. Rocios story is particularly instructive. A brilliant and dedicated student, her only career ceiling is her undocumented status. The book does not provide answers - rather it asks questions, the queries we don't necessarily want to resolve. The most important question is: do we want to be the nation we have always been, a melting pot for the world where cultures blend and free people can achieve? This book should be required reading for any citizen, politician or not, who believes that the solution to our immigration "problem" is a higher wall. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The stories of the people you drive by everyday By Steven Asch Lending voice to the voiceless is a time honored tradition in journalism, literature and oral history. This is a wonderful work is a bit of all three. In a twitter world, the chapters do not shy away from the depth that brings humanity to the day workers' lives and stories. Next time you drive by a group of Latinos looking for work on a corner or in front of a Walmart, this is what they would say to you if they could. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent! The stories told directly by immigrants By Silvina Font Excellent! The stories told directly by immigrants, in their own words are really touching. The most important thing is that behind every story there is a real person with a family who strives for a change of life. The authors -in this non-fiction book- show us the realities of immigrants, the reasons that made them take the decision of leaving their original countries, their families and their culture looking for a better quality of life. They achieve for the reader to feel in the skin of each character. Wonderful book!

America is in the midst of a daily debate about the issue of undocumented workers. It seems that every day there is another controversy about immigration in the news. Most Americans read these articles and look upon the undocumented immigrants as an undifferentiated block of people. Few seem to truly understand them as individuals, how they got here and their personal stories. This non-fiction book, *Voices of the Undocumented*, tells the stories of nine undocumented individuals, their struggles as day workers, how their lives are in limbo and their hopes for a better future. This is not a political book. The purpose of these life stories is to give these faceless people a voice. From the heartbreaking story of Salvador (an illiterate Mexican farm worker who entered the U.S. illegally four times), to Ernesto (an educated Peruvian womanizer), to the amazing accomplishments of Roco (a graduate of a prestigious university), *Voices of the Undocumented* relates poignant accounts of the undocumented workers' lives. One must know the stories to truly know the people. Val Rosenfeld is retired and lives in Los Altos, California. She has been a volunteer with various organizations and is currently an ESL teacher at the Day Worker Center of Mountain View, California. She has an MBA degree from the University of Santa Clara and worked in corporate finance for several high-technology companies. She is a grandmother to three girls and two English Springer Spaniels. Flor Fortunati lives in Sunnyvale, California. She is from Buenos Aires, Argentina and is temporarily living in the United States. She is currently a volunteer at the Day Worker Center of Mountain View. She graduated from the Universidad de Buenos Aires with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Before moving to the United States in 2013, she worked for various petroleum companies. She is married and has an English Cocker Spaniel named Boris. keywords: Undocumented, Illegal, immigrant, Mexican, Immigration, Border, Green card, Amnesty, Citizen, Latino