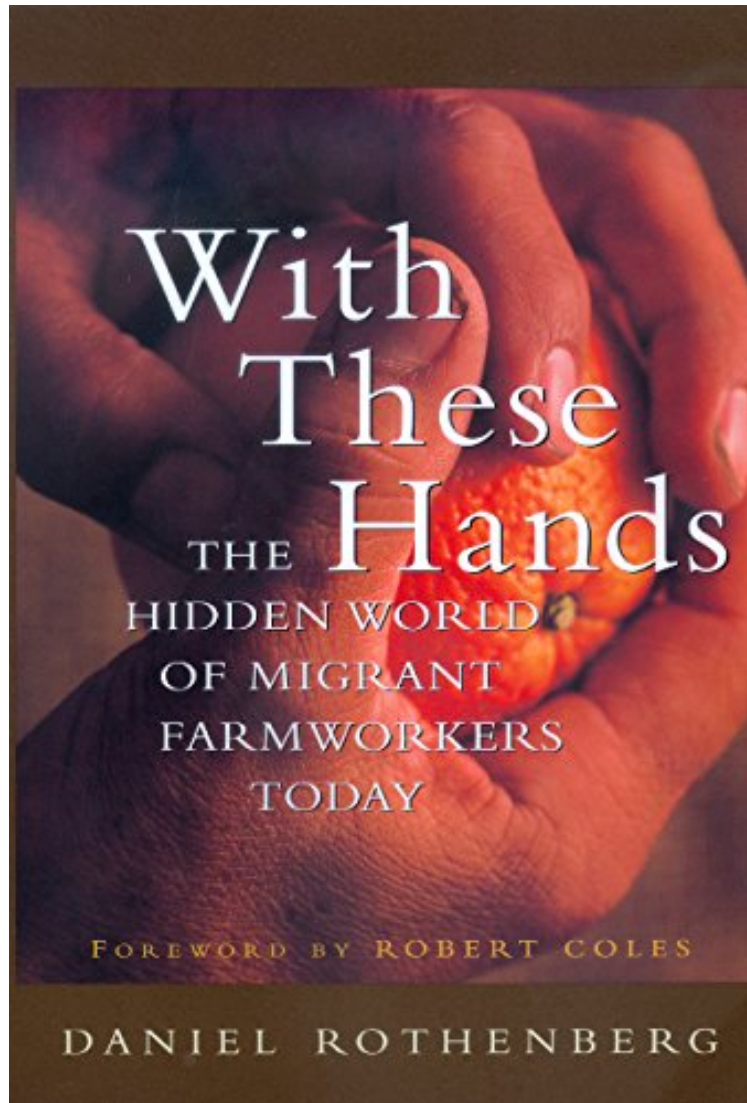


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With These Hands documents the farm labor system through the presentation of a collection of voices workers who labor in the fields, growers who manage the multi-billion dollar agricultural industry, contractors who link workers with growers, coyotes who smuggle people across the border, union organizers, lobbyists, physicians, workers' families in Mexico, farmworker children and others. The diversity of stories presents the world of migrant farmworkers as a complex social and economic system, a network of intertwined lives, showing how all Americans are bound to the struggles and contributions of our nation's farm laborers.

From Publishers Weekly More than 30 years after activists like Cesar Chavez called attention to conditions in California's fields, this remarkable study shows that the grinding poverty and abuse suffered by America's most vulnerable workers remains a national disgrace. Anthropologist Rothenberg, a former outreach worker and paralegal representing farmworkers, has weighed in with an epic account culled from more than 250 interviews conducted throughout the United States and Mexico. Here are cameo portraits of illegal immigrants, political refugees, "fruit tramps," drug addicts held in debt peonage at Southern labor camps ("Everybody knew about the labor camp. The sheriff, the farmers, and the crewleader were all in cahoots," recounts one cocaine user), growers, contractors, human smugglers or "coyotes," migrant children, all of them speaking in their own words. Rothenberg includes unidentified photos, one of the few lapses in a richly textured documentary that evokes both pity and terror, as when the daughter of a single migrant woman in Florida describes how her mother's boyfriend once sexually abused her and how her mother took violent revenge. Rothenberg's book is clearly an indictment of a farm labor system that, he writes, allows large companies to distance themselves from workers. And those workers, despite changes of the 1960s, continue to struggle against abuses, poor pay and a "special status" that seems increasingly entrenched. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Last year's *The Fight in the Fields*, Susan Fertiss and Ricardo Sandoval's impressive biography of Cesar Chavez, stirred renewed interest in the plight of farmworkers and their movement. Despite Chavez's success at organizing workers nearly 30 years ago, farmworkers' wages have fallen 20 percent or more (accounting for inflation) over the last two decades, and their situation is perhaps worse than ever. Rothenberg is an anthropologist who was an outreach worker and advocate for a federally funded legal services program that represented farmworkers. There he was struck by the eloquence and dignity of the people he met. Determined to document their world, he left his job and began collecting the stories of individual workers. He realized that to paint a complete picture, he also needed to talk to contractors, growers, lobbyists, organizers, coyotes, and others. In all, Rothenberg gathered more than 250 interviews. His goal is to show that farmworkers are "people like the rest of us," and by doing so, make more real the tragedy of their hardships. David Rouse "There are hands at both ends of the food chain. That is what Daniel Rothenberg strives so mightily and successfully to show us in this book, an engrossing and often surprising collection of oral histories." -- "San Diego Union Tribune"