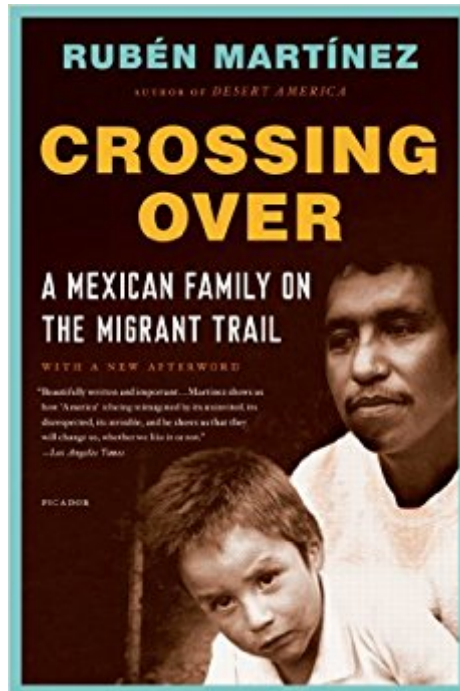




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# Crossing Over: A Mexican Family On The Migrant Trail



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On Martinez, an Emmy Award-winning journalist and poet, is associate editor at Pacific News Service and a correspondent for PBS's religion and ethics news weekly. Author of *The Other Side*, he has appeared as a commentator on Nightline, Frontline, and CNN. He lives in Los Angeles.

This title was included in the reading list for our class on Cross Cultural Awareness. We bring a group of nursing students to Oaxaca to learn more about the culture, the health systems, the challenges of living in Mexico, and the strengths of the people that remain. In addition, we link this exploration to the immigrant farm workers in our area. This book gives a perspective on what happens on both sides of the border, as well as the profound challenges of crossing the border. The reporting is raw, deep, authentic. It has helped me and our students have a better perspective of challenges, strengths and the levels of complexity for Mexican families.

congratulations to ruben for telling a story that hasn't been told in this fashion before. it took incredible patience, risk and "digesting it all" for this immigrant to tell the stories of others so different than he and yet, basically, wit the same story. he is a great writer who knows his people. thanks! if you are working with mexican-americans in the US, this is a must read for a deeper understanding.

So timely. A good educational read.

Super book, I learnt so much about family life where I live. The writing was perfect for me, lots of description but not too much, the book progressed at the right speed for me. I really liked it. You have to be amazed by the Mexican ethics when it comes to family, work, progress and tradition.

Full disclosure: I didn't read this book. But I have read countless heart-string-tugging accounts of picture-perfect "poster-child" aliens pouring into the US by the endless millions. I seriously doubt if this book covers any of the following: 1.) ecological damage done by this massively unsustainable invasion, 2.) skyrocketing crime in communities where these people move to, 3.) huge demands (DEMANDS!) they make for: ---a.) all kinds of welfare, ---b.) affirmative action, ---c.) bi-lingual education, ---d.) dumbing down of our academia, ---e.) exemption from our laws prohibiting dog-fighting, cock-fighting, having sex with minors, etc. I'll be happy to apologize if I'm wrong about any of this. =====UPDATE: I revised my review to 1-star, based on my recent exchange with the author: -- [  
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