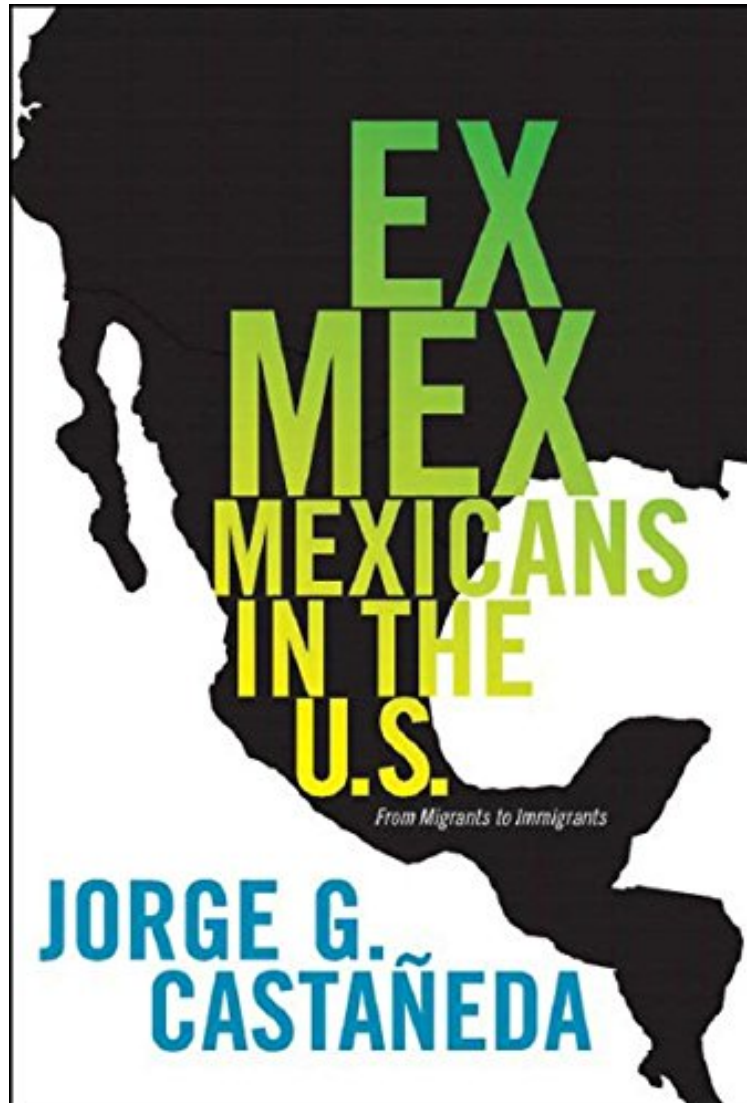


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negotiations) concerning the border issues, he has insights that are valuable and illuminating. He also does a good job with the broader historical sweep of the immigration issue, emphasizing the principle of "circularity" - where traditionally, migrants came across the U.S. border, worked, then returned home. He shows how a number of factors have altered this traditional pattern: Reagan's "Amnesty" legislation, NAFTA, the Immigration Reform Bill of 1996; and more recently, the impact of 9/11. The net result of all these variables being an increase in illegal immigration, and the tendency not to return. On the above issues, he supplies an overview that is lacking in the usual critiques and more hysterical media reporting. Unfortunately, it is somewhat cumbersome reading while extracting those points. The book lacks judicious breakdowns on the topics, and the writing is awkward, with excessively long paragraphs and other structural difficulties. Nevertheless, and though I think he underestimates the impact of NAFTA on increased immigration, it is still an informative contribution to the immigration discussion with solid statistical support and evidence to bolster his arguments.

From the massive nationwide rally in support of immigrant rights in May 2006 to protests against the increasingly frequent immigration raids across the country, the public debate on immigration reform has largely centered on Mexican immigrants. Yet, in the United States, we rarely hear the Mexican perspective on the issue. In portraits that defy American stereotypes of who is a Mexican immigrant (Booklist), former Mexican foreign minister and eminent scholar Jorge G. Castaeda describes just who makes up the newest generation of immigrants from Mexico, why they have chosen to live in the United States, where they work, and what they ultimately hope to achieve. Drawing on his wide-ranging experience, Castaeda examines the century-long historical background behind the labor exchange between Mexico and the United States, while offering an insiders account of the official conversations and secret negotiations between the two countries in recent years. Both authoritative and timely, *Ex Mex* is essential reading for all who want to make sense of the complex issue of immigration.

From Publishers Weekly Mexico's foreign minister from 2000 to 2003, now a political science professor at New York University, delivers a timely consideration of the complex contemporary relationship between Mexico and the United States. Going beyond the importance of undocumented workers to the American economy, Castaeda (*Compaero: The Life and Death of Che Guevara*) tackles the effects of migration on Mexico, as well as root causes such as multiple, destabilizing financial crises and the exacerbating influence of the North American Free Trade Agreement. A member of President Vicente Fox's administration, Castaneda goes inside the bold reformer's attempts to improve the lot of his people, including the ups and downs of negotiations with an enthusiastic, freshly elected Bush administration. Honest about both progress and setbacks—occasionally belying official reports—Castaeda considers the larger issues ignored by the White House's more recent anti-immigration rhetoric and 2006's "hateful Secure Fence Act," which calls for 700 miles of fencing along the border. The structure may make Castaeda's argument difficult to reference (though an index helps, chapters lack titles or headed sections), but his authoritative primer contends convincingly that all the "barriers, checkpoints, and lighting" in the world will solve nothing. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A straightforward, useful guide to the two countries complex and sometimes surprising history of labor exchange." #8212Business Week "Castaeda removes the shrillness from the immigration debate. His calming argument merits an audience, especially among the fence-builders in Congress." #8212Kirkus s