

The book was found

Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought For Racial, Sexual, And Political Freedom (The David J. Weber Series In The New Borderlands History)



Synopsis

In this book, Mireya Loza sheds new light on the private lives of migrant men who participated in the Bracero Program (1942–1964), a binational agreement between the United States and Mexico that allowed hundreds of thousands of Mexican workers to enter this country on temporary work permits. While this program and the issue of temporary workers has long been politicized on both sides of the border, Loza argues that the prevailing romanticized image of braceros as a family-oriented, productive, legal workforce has obscured the real, diverse experiences of the workers themselves. Focusing on underexplored aspects of workers' lives--such as their transnational union-organizing efforts, the sexual economies of both hetero and queer workers, and the ethno-racial boundaries among Mexican indigenous braceros--Loza reveals how these men defied perceived political, sexual, and racial norms. Basing her work on an archive of more than 800 oral histories from the United States and Mexico, Loza is the first scholar to carefully differentiate between the experiences of mestizo guest workers and the many Mixtec, Zapotec, Purhepecha, and Mayan laborers. In doing so, she captures the myriad ways these defiant workers responded to the intense discrimination and exploitation of an unjust system that still persists today.

Book Information

Series: The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History

Paperback: 254 pages

Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press; 1 edition (September 6, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1469629763

ISBN-13: 978-1469629766

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.7 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #171,756 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #116 in Books > History > Americas > United States > Immigrants #134 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Caribbean & Latin American #148 in Books > Business & Money > Economics > Labor & Industrial Relations

Customer Reviews

An essential purchase for any serious collection on labor, social, and migration history, and should be included within any course or curriculum related to gender studies, human rights, oral

testimonies, public history, or Latino/a studies.--American Historical Review An exceptional addition to the historical literature on braceros. . . . A highly accessible and necessary work for anyone wanting to understand the long, complicated history of Mexican laborers in the United States.--Arkansas Historical Quarterly This book offers an excellent example of a qualitative research project for methods courses. Highly recommended.--Choice

Defiant Braceros is unique in that it both signals original arguments concerning the diversity of the bracero population and demonstrates how the effort over the last twenty years to create the 'ideal bracero' has sanitized and shaped the public memory of the program and its workers. In examining the 'deviant' nature of this diversity, Loza brings the braceros into full view where one can see that these workers were often defiant in the face of intense discrimination and exploitation as transnational workers without a country looking out for their well-being and security.--George Sanchez, University of Southern California An accessible, original, and deeply researched analysis of the Bracero Program, written by the most accomplished oral historian of braceros in the United States and Mexico. Loza builds upon, and goes well beyond, recent studies, advancing a portrayal of braceros as 'deviants' who pushed against expectations and challenged the governmental logic surrounding the program from the 1940s into the early twenty-first century. This is the best book written on the topic.--Stephen Pitti, Yale University

Bought as a gift. did not read it.

Great Book and easy read!

Excellent!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom (The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History) Metis and the Medicine Line: Creating a Border and Dividing a People (The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History) From South Texas to the Nation: The Exploitation of Mexican Labor in the Twentieth Century (The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History) CorazÃ n de Dixie: Mexicanos in the U.S. South since 1910 (The David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History) The Defiant Child: A Parent's Guide to Oppositional Defiant Disorder Defiant: The POWs Who Endured Vietnam's Most Infamous Prison, The Women Who Fought for Them, and The One Who Never Returned Weber:

Political Writings (Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought) Migrant Imaginaries: Latino Cultural Politics in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (Nation of Nations) Borderline Americans: Racial Division and Labor War in the Arizona Borderlands Health Care for Migrant Workers: Policies and Politics Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers Hard Travelling: Migrant Farm Workers in America Hair Styling Guide: Hair Care For African American And Bi-Racial Children: Quickly style, grow and maintain healthier more beautiful African American and Bi-racial hair in record time. Suspect Freedoms: The Racial and Sexual Politics of Cubanidad in New York, 1823-1957 (Culture, Labor, History) Metroimperial Intimacies: Fantasy, Racial-Sexual Governance, and the Philippines in U.S. Imperialism, 1899-1913 (Perverse Modernities: A Series Edited by Jack Halberstam and Lisa Lowe) Whose Hat Is This?: A Look at Hats Workers Wear - Hard, Tall, and Shiny (Whose Is It?: Community Workers) Whose Tools Are These?: A Look at Tools Workers Use - Big, Sharp, and Smooth (Whose Is It?: Community Workers) Disabled Village Children: A Guide for Community Health Workers, Rehabilitation Workers, and Families Raising the Workers' Flag: The Workers' Unity League of Canada, 1930-1936 The Global Sexual Revolution: Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)