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Increasing interconnections between nations and regions have made the transnational perspective a key to understanding our world. Immigrants and their descendants contribute to immigration studies and hold great promise for deepening insights into transnational migration. This book provides an accessible yet rigorous overview of cross-border migration from a transnational perspective – as experienced by family and kinship groups, networks of entrepreneurs, diasporas and immigrant associations, and as regulated by states. As well as defining the core concepts of transnationalization, transnational social spaces and transnationality, we describe everyday transnational life, explore the implications for immigrant integration, and take a fresh look at issues of membership and citizenship. By examining the political, economic, social and cultural dimensions of transnational migration, we seek to capture the distinctive features of the new immigrant communities that have reshaped the ethno-cultural mix of receiving nations, including the US and Western Europe. Importantly, we also examine the effects of transnationality on regions of migrants' origin, viewing migrants as agents of political and economic development. In doing so, we aim to balance theoretical discussion with relevant examples and cases, making this an ideal book for upper-level students covering immigration and transnational relations, in sociology, political science and globalization courses.

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