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**David Bacon : Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants*:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. specifically "free" trade agreements like NAFTA, CAFTA By Harriet Heywood David Bacon, the author of *Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes*

Immigrants has written a monumental work detailing the root causes behind immigration to this country by people from Mexico and Latin America. Bacon, an award-winning journalist, union organizer, and historian makes an ironclad case why the United States and Canada must re-think their economic policies aimed at pillaging countries to the global south, specifically "free" trade agreements like NAFTA, CAFTA, and why we must stop bad trade deals and the instrument that rushes them through, Fast Track, currently being pushed by the Obama administration to push TPP, TTIP, and a host of other bad trade agreements currently being negotiated in secret. *Illegal People* lays out in heartbreaking detail, the systematic destruction of the Mexican economy, its unions, and Constitution, for the benefit of Big AG, Big Mining, and Big corporate interests at the expense of indigenous farmers, workers, and teachers. A must read for all people striving to understand the root causes of the current Immigrant/refugee crisis. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the best books on this subject. By Allen R. Julian One of the best books on this subject. It explains the forces at play that push people to make the choice to immigrate illegally. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Melina Melgoza GREAT BOOK! REALLY RECOMMEND!

For two decades David Bacon has documented the connections between labor, migration, and the global economy. In *Illegal People* he explains why our national policy produces even more displacement, migration, immigration raids, and an increasingly divided and polarized society. Arguing for a sea change in how we think, debate, and legislate about and around immigration, Bacon promotes a human rights perspective in a globalized world.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . In this incisive investigation of the global political and economic forces creating migration, journalist and former labor organizer Bacon offers a detailed examination of the trends transforming, for example, Mexican farmers into California farm workers. Bacon condemns efforts to criminalize illegal immigrants, noting that Congress's immigration proposals and debates take place outside any discussion of its own trade policies that displace workers and create migration in the first place. The whole process that creates migrants is scarcely considered in the U.S. immigration debate, argues Bacon, who posits that displacement and migration are two perennially necessary ingredients of capitalist growth. According to the author, the same system... produces migration needs and uses that labor while the vulnerable undocumented or guest-worker status keeps that labor controllable and cheap. Readers disinclined to consider economic rights as human rights may balk at the general direction, but Bacon's timely analysis is as cool and competent as his labor advocacy is unapologetic. In mapping the political economy of migration, with an unwavering eye on the rights and dignity of working people, Bacon offers an invaluable corrective to America's hobbled discourse on immigration and a spur to genuine, creative action. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist The persistence in calling undocumented workers illegal signifies the political forces that mean to demonize workers who are not U.S. citizens. But it also aptly describes the gross lack of legal rights for these workers and their families. Bacon, an award-winning photojournalist, labor organizer, and immigrant-rights activist, follows the lives of undocumented workers at the Westin Suite Hotel in California and a Smithfield meatpacking plant in North Carolina, who travel back and forth from Mexico to the U.S. He examines the economic and social forces in both countries that lure workers to a market where they can earn higher wages but are vulnerable to exploitation. Bacon goes on to analyze guest-worker programs and other developments meant to balance the needs of U.S. employers and workers. He ties together interviews, personal histories, and political analysis to provide a vivid image of what life is like for workers with little rights or protections in an increasingly globalized economy. A fascinating look at trade and immigration policies and the people directly affected by them. --Vanessa Bush Bacon's timely analysis is as cool and competent as his labor advocacy is unapologetic. In mapping the political economy of migration, with an unwavering eye on the rights and dignity of working people, Bacon offers an invaluable corrective to America's hobbled discourse on immigration and a spur to genuine, creative action. Publishers Weekly, starred review "A fascinating look at trade and immigration policies and the people directly affected by them." -Booklist "David Bacon is the conscience of American journalism and an extraordinary social documentarist." Mike Davis "Illegal People documents how undocumented workers have become the world's most exploited workforce-subject to raids and arrests, forced to work at low pay and under miserable conditions, and prevented from organizing on their own behalf. In this richly reported book, David Bacon makes a powerful case for the centrality of 'illegals'-of all nationalities-in the global struggle for economic justice." Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* "From the Hawaiian sugar plant organizing drives of the 1930s to the 2007 miners' strike in the Sonoran Desert, Bacon chronicles the struggles and lives of Mexican, Guatemalan, Filipino, Indian and Salvadoran workers . . . [and] unabashedly writes as an advocate. The result is refreshing." Gary Delgado, *ColorLines* "David Bacon's book . . . demonstrates that there is hope, and we can win something better, today, not just for immigrants, but for all working people!" Dolores Huerta, cofounder of United Farm Workers