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postwar American Dream The book also addresses the scattering of the black community during the region s late yet rapid urban growth after 1950 which led to the creation of several distinct black suburban communities clustered in metropolitan San Jose Ruffin treats people of color as agents of their own development and survival in a region that was always multiracial and where slavery and Jim Crow did not predominate but where the white embrace of racial justice and equality was often insincere The result offers a new view of the intersection of African American history and the history of the American West

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numbers cross illegally Since NAFTA was signed into law the border has become a greater obstacle for people moving between countries Transnational powers have exerted greater control over the flow of goods services information and people This book examines the flow of people commercial traffic and the development of relationships across this border It shows that since NAFTA Tijuana has become a significant place for both nations in terms of jobs and residents The authors emphasize that the border itself has different meanings whether one crosses it frequently or not at all The interviews probe into matters of race class gender ethnicity place violence and political economy as well as the individual s sense of agency

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