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This beautifully written and much-needed book illuminates the convergence of interests between politicians and corporations by criminalizing immigrants. Built on a fear of crime and of foreigners, our current draconian immigration policies generate massive profits through incarceration and law enforcement. Framing her argument in a human rights perspective, Tanya Golash-Boza outlines the violations and the steps needed to move toward an immigration policy with a human rights vision. --Mary Romero, author of *The Maid's Daughter: Living In and Out of the American Dream*

This urgent and original book offers an unflinching examination of the current U.S. deportation system, and its many deleterious consequences for immigrant communities and the nation at large. Tanya Golash-Boza adopts a human rights perspective to shed light on the 'immigration industrial complex,' describing in moving detail the impact on immigrant communities and families. The accessible writing makes this book an excellent choice for classroom adoption. --Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, University of Southern California and author of *God's Heart Has No Borders: How Religious Activists are Working for Immigrant Rights*

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