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BOOKS FOR UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION

*Scholars Provide Cultural, Legal, Political,  
and Economic Contexts*

*April 19, 2006 (New York)*— The issue of immigration reform has brought many thousands of people to the streets and to the communication networks in recent weeks. Debate over opposing bills in the halls of Congress has widened to effectively engage the public on the history and future of an immigrant nation. At the heart of the debate are the complex effects of immigration policies on the economy, families, security, civil rights, and cultural identities.

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