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Considering the impact of these transformations, this unique text examines the experiences of a range of ethnic groups in both historical and contemporary context. It begins by laying out a comprehensive conceptual framework that integrates immigration theory; globalization; transnational community formation; and urban, cultural, and economic geography. The contributors then present a rich set of case studies of key ethnic and racial communities—including those of long-standing significance such as Native Americans, African Americans, and Mexican Americans, along with the Latin American and Asian groups that make up the vast majority of newer immigrants.

Each case offers a brief historical overview of the group's immigration experience and settlement patterns and discusses its contemporary dynamics. All of these people have transformed—and been transformed by—the places in which they have settled. Exploring these changing communities, places, and landscapes, this book offers a nuanced understanding of the evolution of America's contemporary ethnic geographies.

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Contemporary Ethnic Geographies in America provides an academic audience with a rich and varied set of case studies framed by contemporary theoretical and historical perspectives in one accessible text. This book would serve as a welcome addition to both undergraduate and graduate courses in multiple disciplines within the social sciences. (*Ethnic and Racial Studies*)

Impressive. . . . This unique volume provides a very useful assessment of the ethnic landscape of the U.S. utilizing the concepts of social and human geography, nicely supplementing the bulk of existing work on the contemporary immigrant U.S., which is primarily written by social scientists from other disciplines. Highly recommended. (*CHOICE*)

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