



Bridging National Borders in North America: Transnational and Comparative Histories

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Duke University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Bridging National Borders in North America: Transnational and Comparative Histories, Benjamin Johnson, Andrew R. Graybill, Despite a shared interest in using borders to explore the paradoxes of state-making and national histories, historians of the Canadian-U.S. border region and those focused on the Mexican-U.S. borderlands have generally worked in isolation from one another. A timely and important addition to borderlands history, "Bridging National Borders in North America" initiates a conversation between scholars of the continent's northern and southern borderlands. The historians in this collection examine borderlands events and phenomena from the mid-nineteenth century through the mid-twentieth. Some consider the U.S.-Canada border, others concentrate on the U.S.-Mexico border, and still others take both regions into account. The contributors engage topics such as how mixed-race groups living on the peripheries of national societies dealt with the creation of borders in the nineteenth century, how medical inspections and public-health knowledge came to be used to differentiate among bodies, and how practices designed to channel livestock and prevent cattle smuggling became the model for regulating the movement of narcotics and undocumented people. They explore the ways that U.S. immigration authorities mediated between the desires for unimpeded...



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