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Erratum

The citation for this review is *11 RISK 357 (2000)* in most commercial databases.

Life, Death, and In-Between on the U.S.–Mexico Border (Martha Oehmke Loustaunau & Mary Sanchez-Bane, eds.; Bergin & Garvey 1999). Tables, Forward, Abbreviations, Introduction, Afterword, Index. ISBN 0-89789-569-X [236 pp. \$22.95. Paperback, 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881].

Life, Death, and In-Between on the U.S.–Mexico Border is a compilation of articles addressing some of the problems faced by people who live along the United States-Mexico border. The editors intended to provide insights on the plight of those living in poverty along the border. Specifically, the articles illustrate the need for a greater understanding of how conditions of the people who live along the border affect both their health and outlook on life. Considering that there are 307 million lawful border crossings between the United States and Mexico each year, the reader is left with an understanding that these immigrants' rights and needs must be addressed.¹

Interestingly, the authors did not attempt to promote their views of what the conditions are like along the border. For example, the book contained an article "Life Histories of Four Chicano Heroin Injecting Drug Users in Laredo, Texas."² This article struck me because of the overall sense of desperation the individuals felt about their drug use. To avoid a stereotype, however, the authors of the study interviewed a group of four people from different backgrounds. Thus, readers are allowed to make their own assessment regarding the validity of the views presented.

This thought-provoking book belongs in academic and public libraries alike. It provides the reader with a greater understanding of the medical needs and issues faced by people who live along the border, in addition to some of the benefits that life along the border provides to its residents.

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¹ See **Life, Death, and In-Between on the U.S.–Mexico Border** 6 (Martha Oehmke Loustaunau & Mary Sanchez-Bane, eds. 1999).

² See *id.* at 39.

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this year (with the possibility of sponsoring similar symposiums
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