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“This fine collaboration between Carolyn Dufurrena and mother-in-law Linda Dufurrena provides an insightful and personal look at ranch life in northern Nevada.”
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“This well-made and heartfelt book is at once a primer in high desert ranching, a salute to the stark beauty of this empty country and the people who work it, and—alas—an elegy to a culture that is disappearing.”
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The photographs and text of Fifty Miles from Home record the rhythms of life on the Dufurrena family ranch in the Quinn River Valley, and the rugged, heartbreakingly beautiful landscape of northern Nevada. The book reveals the loyalty and pride of ranchers clinging to their beleaguered lifestyle, the joys of several generations of a family sharing work and play, and the dignity of hard work done well. It also unveils the unexpected wonders of the Great Basin landscape.

LINDA DUFURRENA is a widely exhibited and published Nevada photographer who specializes in depictions of rural Nevada scenery and traditional ranch life. Fifty Miles from Home won the Donald Kerr Award from the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, in 2005.

CAROLYN DUFURRENA is a writer and educator who has published essays, magazine articles, and poetry, and has coauthored a book on ranch life and regional topics. She received the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame Silver Pen Award in 2002.
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—Susan Straight, author of Highwire Moon

Raul Luis “Ruly” Cruz is a young Mexican American who lives in El Paso, just across the Rio Grande from Mexico, home of his ancestors and some of his current relatives. As he grows from awkward adolescent to manhood, he negotiates the precarious borders of family, tradition, and identity trying to find his own place in the Chicano community and in the larger world. This is an engaging and moving story of growing up in a borderland that is not only geographical but cultural as well.

RICHARD YAÑEZ, associate professor of English at El Paso Community College, was born and raised on the U.S.-Mexico border.
The River and the Railroad
An Archaeological History of Reno
MARY RINGHOFF AND EDWARD J. STONER

“This book has a great deal to offer archaeologists, students, and the larger public. It contains a tremendous amount of fascinating information about Reno and its position in the greater western world. This book would be a welcome library addition for anyone who enjoys history, archaeology, geography, or material culture studies.”

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Homeless in Las Vegas
Stories from the Street

KURT BORCHARD

“Few ethnographers can carry off the honesty and flexibility of Borchard’s narrative. This is far and away one of the best written journeys through homelessness and all of its machinations—personal, cultural, and institutional.”

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The homeless men and women represented in this book speak candidly about their plight, its origins, and the many obstacles to escaping it. They discuss the unique challenges and opportunities that Las Vegas’s focus on tourism, indulgence, and diversion offers its homeless residents. This compelling and emotionally charged ethnography counters many of the stereotypes of homeless men and women, revealing the remarkable diversity of their circumstances. It also offers their perspectives on social services and civic attitudes toward homelessness.

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Marching Students
Chicana and Chicano Activism in Education, 1968 to the Present

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“This book represents an important contribution, in that it attempts to re-engage past struggles within the context of contemporary theories of struggle and resistance.”
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“Marching Students reveals how through transformational resistance and multidimensional consciousness, Chicana and Chicano activists push the limits of what democracy and citizenship means and expand for all of us our very rights as people.”
—Luis Urrieta Jr., author of *Working from Within: Chicana and Chicano Activist Educators in Whitestream Schools*

In 1968 over 10,000 Chicana/o high school students in East Los Angeles walked out of their schools in the first major protest against racism and educational inequality staged by Mexican Americans in the United States. They ignited the Mexican-American civil rights movement, which opened the doors to higher education and equal opportunity in employment for Mexican Americans and other Latinos previously excluded. *Marching Students* is a collaborative effort by Chicana/o scholars in several fields to place the 1968 walkouts and Chicana and Chicano Civil Rights Movement in historical context, highlighting the contribution of Chicana/o educators, students, and community activists to minority education.

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JOHN P. MARSHALL is professor emeritus of history at the University of Nevada, Reno. He has published widely on the history of religion in the United States.
The New Politics of Indian Gaming
The Rise of Reservation Interest Groups

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