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— Monica W. Varsanyi, City University of New York, USA This book analyses residency, a form of municipal membership that plays a strategic role in Italy, as well as in other countries. Residency is a two-faced juridical status: it is both a means for exercising rights and moving freely within a state territory and, at the same time, a tool of control which works through identification and registration. Gargiulo investigates residency both historically and theoretically, showing that the status of resident is a special kind of border, namely, a status border, which draws the lines of local citizenship. Due to the strategic role played by this status, central governments and many local authorities have tried to restrict the recognition of residency. By explaining that the mechanisms of exclusion from residency work as administrative barriers, and showing their aims and effects in terms of civic stratification and differential inclusion, this book contributes to the debates on local citizenship, borders, and discretionary power. Enrico Gargiulo is Associate Professor in Sociology at the Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna, Italy. .
