1. Record Nr. UNINA9910821281203321 Autore Croucher Sheila L Titolo The other side of the fence: American migrants in Mexico / / Sheila Croucher Austin,: University of Texas Press, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa 0-292-79918-7 **ISBN** Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (270 p.) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 304.8/72073 Soggetti Americans - Mexico Immigrants - Mexico Transnationalism Mexico Emigration and immigration Case studies United States Emigration and immigration Case studies Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction: reversing the lens -- Southern pulls and northern pushes -- High-tech migrants: technology and transferritoriality -- Waving the red, white, and azul: the transnational politics of Americans in Mexico -- "They love us here!" : privileged belonging in a global world -- Rethinking the fence. Sommario/riassunto A growing number of Americans, many of them retirees, are migrating to Mexico's beach resorts, border towns, and picturesque heartland. While considerable attention has been paid to Mexicans who immigrate to the U.S., the reverse scenario receives little scrutiny. Shifting the traditional lens of North American migration, The Other Side of the Fence takes a fascinating look at a demographic trend that presents significant implications for the United States and Mexico. The first indepth account of this trend, Sheila Croucher's study describes the cultural, economic, and political lives of these migrants of privilege. Focusing primarily on two towns, San Miguel de Allende in the mountains and Ajijic along the shores of Lake Chapala, Croucher

> depicts the surprising similarities between immigrant populations on both sides of the border. Few Americans living in Mexico are fluent in the language of their new land, and most continue to practice the

culture and celebrate the national holidays of their homeland, maintaining close political, economic, and social ties to the United States while making political demands on Mexico, where they reside. Accessible, timely, and brimming with eye-opening, often ironic, findings, The Other Side of the Fence brings an important perspective to borderlands debates.