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This timely book offers a fresh perspective on the issue of contemporary migratory labor, otkhodnichestvo, in Russia-the temporary departure of inhabitants from small towns and villages for short-term jobs in the major cities of Russia. Although otkhodnichestvo is a mass phenomenon, it is not reflected in official economic statistics. Based on numerous interviews with otkhodniks and local experts, this stunningly original work focuses on the central and northern regions of European Russia. The authors draw a social portrait of the contemporary otkhodnik and offer a sociological assessment of the economic and political status these 'wandering workers' live with.

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[The book] provides a better understanding of the current social and economic impact that the Moscow agglomeration and St. Petersburg have on the labor markets and employment pattern of the adult

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Prof. Dr. Alexander Chepurenskiy, Dean of the Department of Sociology,
Higher School of Economics, Moscow

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"[...] the authors are to be congratulated for this eye-opening study of a large but previously invisible segment of the Russian labor force [...]. The book has obvious implications for social investment and taxation policies, but should also appeal to sociologists, ethnographers, and historians who will find many of its observations ripe for comparative analysis."
