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Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide (It Happened To Me)



Synopsis

As the future of our democratic society, youth from U.S.-born and immigrant backgrounds alike will need to make informed decisions on our diverse nation's behalf. To do so, young adults need to be provided with access to accurate information and varied perspectives about immigration. In *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide*, Tatyana Kleyn (an immigrant herself) examines the myths and realities of immigration, as well as the laws and policies that regulate it. She explores a number of issues associated with immigration, including cultural clashes and discrimination, the debate on language, undocumented immigrants, and what it means to be an American. The book includes an overview of the nation's history with immigration, definitions of relevant terms, and recent statistical and demographic information. It also discusses why and how many immigrants make the journey to the United States. Other aspects the book addresses include undocumented immigrants and refugees/asylees, laws and policies that either support or hinder immigration, and how young immigrants can reconcile their competing identities. Aiming to generate a discussion on immigration with factual and contemporary information, real life stories, experiences, and quotes from teenagers and young adults, *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* presents a comprehensive and engaging approach to informing readers about the varied ways immigration is experienced, viewed, and disputed.

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Customer Reviews

This volume covers the topic from personal, historical, political, and international perspectives and tackles some incredibly controversial issues in the mix....This book represents an interesting counterpoint to anti-immigration rhetoric, and there is good information included. (School Library Journal)Kleyn takes on the often-contentious issue of immigration in her contribution to the It Happened to Me series, *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide*. Focusing on immigration in the United States, the book provides a historical overview and then moves into contemporary issues facing immigrants, such as documentation status, language differences, discrimination, and immigration laws and policies. The text is enriched with first-person narratives from immigrants themselves, and since the book's target audience is teenagers, these stories all come from young people. Each chapter ends with a list of resources, including books, Web sites, and movies. The book will be most useful for students doing research on immigration or wanting more information on the topic. The title does a very good job of providing an overview of the issues and terms associated with immigration in the United States. In addition to researchers, the book will be of interest to immigrant teens themselves and the friends and families of immigrants, with information about homesickness and other emotions immigrants may face, as well as suggestions to help them cope. The perspective of the book is decidedly immigration friendly; it provides a discussion of anti-immigration myths and why they are wrong. Anyone looking for fodder to support an anti-immigration argument will not find it here. (VOYA)

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This book is extraordinary in that it has appeal for all ages, not just teens. I think it should be in every library and school, and I would recommend it to anyone. It contains clearly written factual information about the history of immigration, emigration, and the struggles people have moving from their home country to another. Some of the most interesting parts are quotes from interviews with real young immigrants today. The wonderful layout of the book: changes in font, the use of boxes, bold type, etc. makes it easy to read. I felt I was learning so much, I could not put this book down.

This is a pro immigration book, unfortunately it is pro-illegal immigration, and has an anti American

flavor to it as well.. Includes misleading non-factual data, and a personal narrative and opinion, I'm sure done to spoon feed the author's target audience , Teens. Book should be re-named, appropriately; The Ultimate Biased book of Illegal and legal Immigration

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