

New England Review, The Prairie Schooner and The Colorado Review. The result are pieces that are as varied and bold as the colorful landscape of the American Southwest.

The stories include the work of Alan Cheuse, a frequent contributor to NPR; the late Matt Clark, who showed incredible promise; Kathleen De Azevedo, a Brazilian based in San Francisco; Marcella Fuentes, a native of the Texas-Mexico border; Anna Green, an instructor at Texas State University; and Donald Lucio Hurd, who teaches English to economically disadvantaged students in San Antonio. The foreword is by Ray Gonzalez, a poet who has won numerous awards and written six books of poetry.

Some of the stories are truly exceptional. For example, one can almost feel the gritty dust and

harsh sun in "Old Border Road" by S.G. Miller. "Imagining Bisbee" by Alicita Rodriguez was written after she heard a friend who once lived there describe the community. Take it from someone who did, indeed, live there and experienced Bisbee up close and personal, this short piece that covers approximately one page drips with truth and has all of the potent realism of a backed up sewer.

"New Stories from the Southwest" is an amazing collection. Some stories connect, some fizzle and miss the mark, but on a whole this amazing anthology is a rewarding experience. I highly recommend it.

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spontaneous work became an instant classic and established the author as a spokesman for the "Beat Generation," which he was the first to name. Maher, author of "Kerouac: His Life and Work," has written an insider's look at the real people, adventures, and experiences that contributed to one of the intriguing literary works ever written in America.

'They Take Our Jobs and Twenty Other Myths About Immigration'

By Aviva Chomsky (Beacon Books, \$14)

Chomsky, a professor of history and coordinator of Latin American Studies at Salem State College in Massachusetts, sets out to dismantle 21 of the most widespread myths and beliefs about immigrants and immigration. The more common misconceptions are, according to Chomsky, the beliefs that immigrants take American jobs, they compete with low-skilled workers, drive

down wages, don't pay taxes and are a drain on the economy.

'Radicalism in the Mountain West, 1890-1920: Socialists, Populists, Miners, and Wobblies'

By David R. Berman (University Press of Colorado, \$39.95)

Berman, a professor emeritus at Arizona State University, spent years examining radical newspapers, reports filed by labor spies and government agents and records of memberships, votes and subscriptions. The result is a highly readable account of the history of radicalism in the Populist Party, Socialist Party, Western Federation of Miners and Industrial Workers of the World in Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. This crisply written narrative offers an unprecedented look into the region's radical past.

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