Kids at Work is timely and relevant to our community as street food markets have become wildly popular in Los Angeles—and behind the scenes, Latinx children have been instrumental in making these small informal businesses grow. Emir’s book shines a light on the surprising labor of these young workers, providing the first ethnography on the participation of Latinx children in street vending. Estrada brings attention to the unique set of hardships Latinx youth experience in this occupation. She also highlights how these hardships can serve to cement family bonds, develop empathy towards parents, encourage hard work, and support children—and their parents—in their efforts to make a living together in the United States.

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