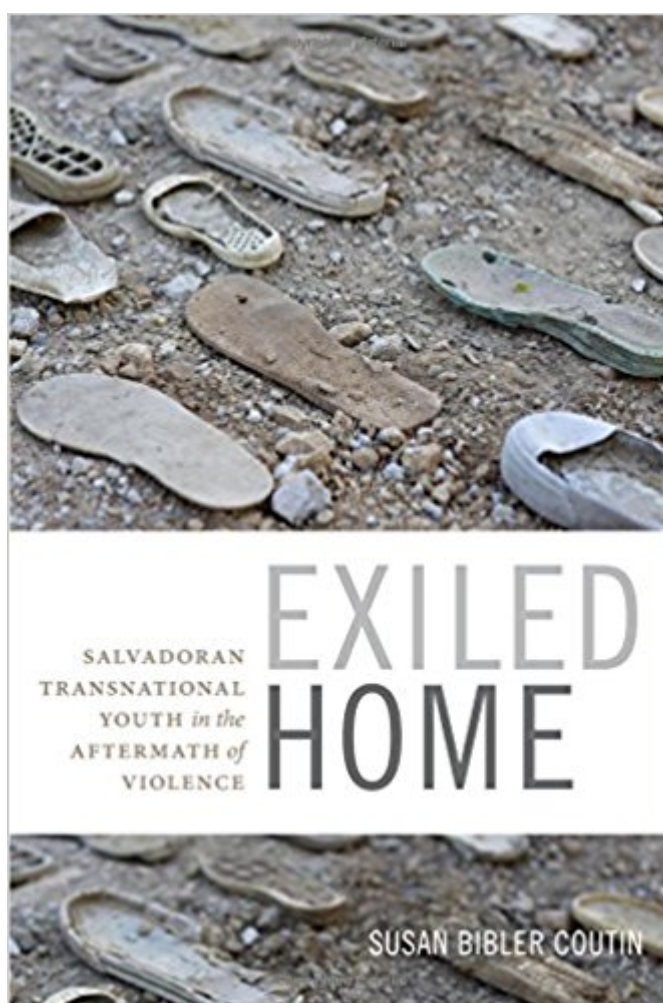


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# Exiled Home: Salvadoran Transnational Youth In The Aftermath Of Violence (Global Insecurities)



## Synopsis

In *Exiled Home*, Susan Bibler Coutin recounts the experiences of Salvadoran children who migrated with their families to the United States during the 1980–1992 civil war. Because of their youth and the violence they left behind, as well as their uncertain legal status in the United States, many grew up with distant memories of El Salvador and a profound sense of disjuncture in their adopted homeland. Through interviews in both countries, Coutin examines how they sought to understand and overcome the trauma of war and displacement through such strategies as recording community histories, advocating for undocumented immigrants, forging new relationships with the Salvadoran state, and, for those deported from the United States, reconstructing their lives in El Salvador. In focusing on the case of Salvadoran youth, Coutin’s nuanced analysis shows how the violence associated with migration can be countered through practices that recuperate historical memory while also reclaiming national membership.

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must-read!" (Cecilia Menjivar, Foundation Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of Kansas)"Exiled Home breaks your heart, then reassembles the pieces with insights, understandings, outrage, and determination. Anthropologist Susan Bibler Coutin has worked with Salvadoran refugees and their children for over thirty years. Here, she dwells with the 1.5 and 2 generations, in the United States and as deportees. Their voices are eloquent, some stories shocking. No one crosses the border in either direction once and for all, but there is no going back from what we learn here." (Carol J. Greenhouse, author of *The Paradox of Relevance: Ethnography and Citizenship in the United States*)"Exiled Home constitutes a timely and sophisticated scholarly piece that entails a thorough methodological discussion and makes for fascinating reading. By placing deportation within an institutional and policy context and considering the experiences of undocumented immigrants raised in or deported from the host country, the book complements an existing literature that is largely concerned with the reasons for migration, the situation of adult immigrants, and the impact of remittances. The work makes an impassioned plea to legalize youths who are US citizens in all but immigration status and should prove of interest in both academic and policy circles." (Sonja Wolf *International Migration Review* 2017-03-20)

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