

Guest, Robert. Borderless economics: Chinese sea turtles, Indian fridges and the new fruits of global capitalism. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. 250p index ISBN 9780230113824, \$27.00

Immigration--legal or illegal--lurks just below the surface as perhaps the hot-button contemporary issue in many countries. Thus Guest's short *Borderless Economics* is timely and contributes some, but perhaps not enough, fuel and perspectives. Guest, longtime business editor for *The Economist*, takes a strong pro-immigration stance, arguing that more and freer flows of people, with their vast accompanying networks, are a more efficient, fruitful path to economic growth and poverty alleviation around the globe than foreign aid and other targeted, piecemeal efforts. He argues as well that owing to its large (and growing) immigrant population, the US will retain its economic superiority for decades. On the proverbial one hand, Guest is a superb reporter and writer; on the other, a reporter's approach to a story--get some quotes, provide intriguing vignettes, insert facts here and there--often substitutes style for substance. That is the case here, where travelogue experiences replace substance. But the book is well worth the time for lay readers, and scholars will find its notes and index first-rate complements. Summing Up: Recommended. All readership levels.