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Living Together Across Borders presents a multisited ethnography of communication in extended families living stretched between El Salvador and the United States. The book examines seemingly mundane conversational practices that are central to family life across borders. The book demonstrates that these communicative practices bring inequities between global North and South into family life by continually reproducing distinctions between relatives in El Salvador and those living in the United States. At the same time, however, transnational families use cross-border communication to forge *convivencia* (living-together) at-a-distance. Although these relational moments of cross-border connection are fleeting, their impacts endure. Through cross-border conversations, families nurture intergenerational relations that sustain the family over the years despite ongoing separation.

Features

- Brings together linguistic and medical anthropology to build a communicative approach to the study of care
- Provides unique insights into transnational family life through examples of cross-border conversations
- Teaching guide with key terms and discussion questions available on the companion website

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