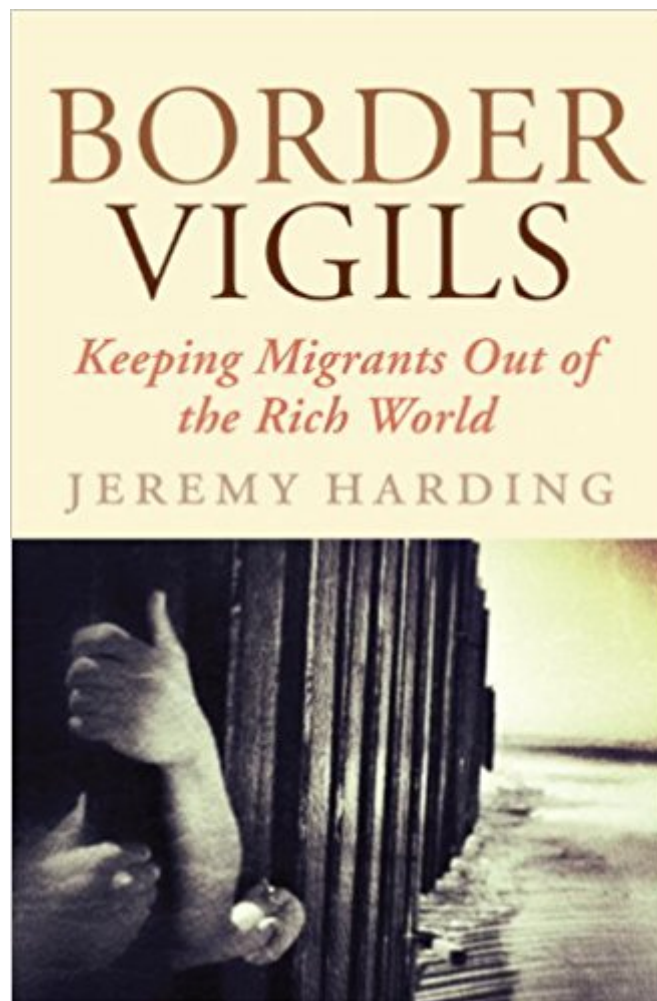




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Jeremy Harding is a contributing editor at the London Review of Books. His books include *The Uninvited: Refugees at the Rich Man's Gate*, *Small Wars*, *Small Mercies*, and *Mother Country*.

This book presented a great overview of immigration issues around the world. I often focus on a single region and it is too easy to begin to develop a sort of tunnel-vision for that area. However, Harding discusses migration in both hemispheres and presents a mix of qualitative and quantitative information. This makes the book accessible for researchers who are looking for both interview data and numerical data. It's a way to put immigration into more of a global perspective and gives context to some arguments and policies.

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