

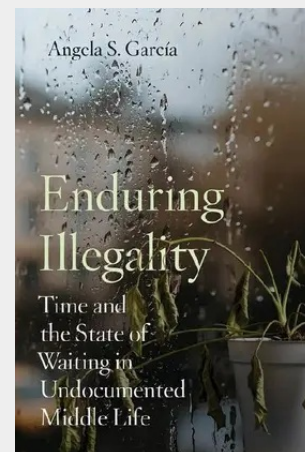
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Enduring Illegality

Time and the State of Waiting in Undocumented Middle Life

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