



# Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s

*Luis G. Gomez*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s

*Luis G. Gomez*

## **Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s** Luis G. Gomez

Although they are among the most important sources of the history of the American Southwest, the lives of ordinary immigrants from Mexico have rarely been recorded. Educated and hardworking, Luis G. Gómez came to Texas from Mexico as a young man in the mid-1880s. He made his way around much of South Texas, finding work on the railroad and in other businesses, observing the people and ways of the region and committing them to memory for later transcription. From the moment he crossed the Rio Grande at Matamoros-Brownsville, Gómez sought his fortune in a series of contracting operations that created the infrastructure to help develop the Texas economy—clearing land, cutting wood, building roads, laying track, constructing bridges, and quarrying rock. Gómez describes Mexican customs in the United States, such as courtship and marriage, relations with Anglo employers, religious practices, and the simple home gatherings that sustained those Mexican Texans who settled in urban areas like Houston, isolated from predominantly Mexican South Texas. Few of the 150,000 immigrants in the last half of the nineteenth century left written records of their experiences, but Gómez wrote his memoir and had it privately published in Spanish in 1935. *Crossing the Rio Grande* presents an English edition of that memoir, translated by the author's grandson, Guadalupe Valdez Jr., with assistance from Javier Villarreal, a professor of Spanish at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi. An introduction by Thomas H. Kreneck explains the book's value to scholarship and describes what has been learned of the publication history of the original Spanish-language volume. Valdez's comments provide a lucid and engaging picture of his grandfather's later life and his gentlemanly character. This charming little volume provides a valuable account of a relatively undocumented period in Mexican Texans' history. Almost unknown to those outside his family, this narrative has now been "recovered," edited by Valdez and Kreneck, and made available to a wider, interested public.

 [Download Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in th ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s Luis G. Gomez**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **April Little:**

In this 21st millennium, people become competitive in every single way. By being competitive right now, people have to do something to make themselves survive, being in the middle of the particular crowded place and notice through surrounding. One thing that oftentimes many people have underestimated it for a while is reading. Yep, by reading a guide your ability to survive enhance then having chance to remain than other is high. For you personally who want to start reading the book, we give you that Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s book as starter and daily reading guide. Why, because this book is more than just a book.

#### **Raymond Hernandez:**

Spent a free time for you to be fun activity to do! A lot of people spent their down time with their family, or their own friends. Usually they undertaking activity like watching television, likely to beach, or picnic within the park. They actually doing same task every week. Do you feel it? Do you need to something different to fill your current free time/ holiday? May be reading a book could be option to fill your totally free time/ holiday. The first thing you ask may be what kinds of e-book that you should read. If you want to try out look for book, may be the e-book untitled Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s can be very good book to read. May be it is usually best activity to you.

#### **Deborah Mazarella:**

Your reading sixth sense will not betray a person, why because this Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s reserve written by well-known writer whose to say well how to make book that could be understand by anyone who all read the book. Written within good manner for you, still dripping wet every ideas and publishing skill only for eliminate your current hunger then you still skepticism Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s as good book not merely by the cover but also from the content. This is one reserve that can break don't judge book by its deal with, so do you still needing another sixth sense to pick this particular!? Oh come on your studying sixth sense already alerted you so why you have to listening to another sixth sense.

#### **Larry Chaffin:**

You can find this Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by go to the bookstore or Mall. Simply viewing or reviewing it could possibly to be your solve trouble if you get difficulties on your knowledge. Kinds of this publication are various. Not only by simply written or printed but in addition can you enjoy this book by simply e-book. In the modern era including now, you just looking by your mobile phone and searching what your problem. Right now, choose your ways to get more information about your e-book. It is most important to arrange you to ultimately make your knowledge are still upgrade. Let's try to choose suitable ways for you.

**Download and Read Online Crossing the Rio Grande: An  
Immigrant's Life in the 1880s Luis G. Gomez #T9423GX7DMY**

## **Read Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez for online ebook**

Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez books to read online.

### **Online Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez ebook PDF download**

#### **Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez Doc**

Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez Mobipocket

Crossing the Rio Grande: An Immigrant's Life in the 1880s by Luis G. Gomez EPub