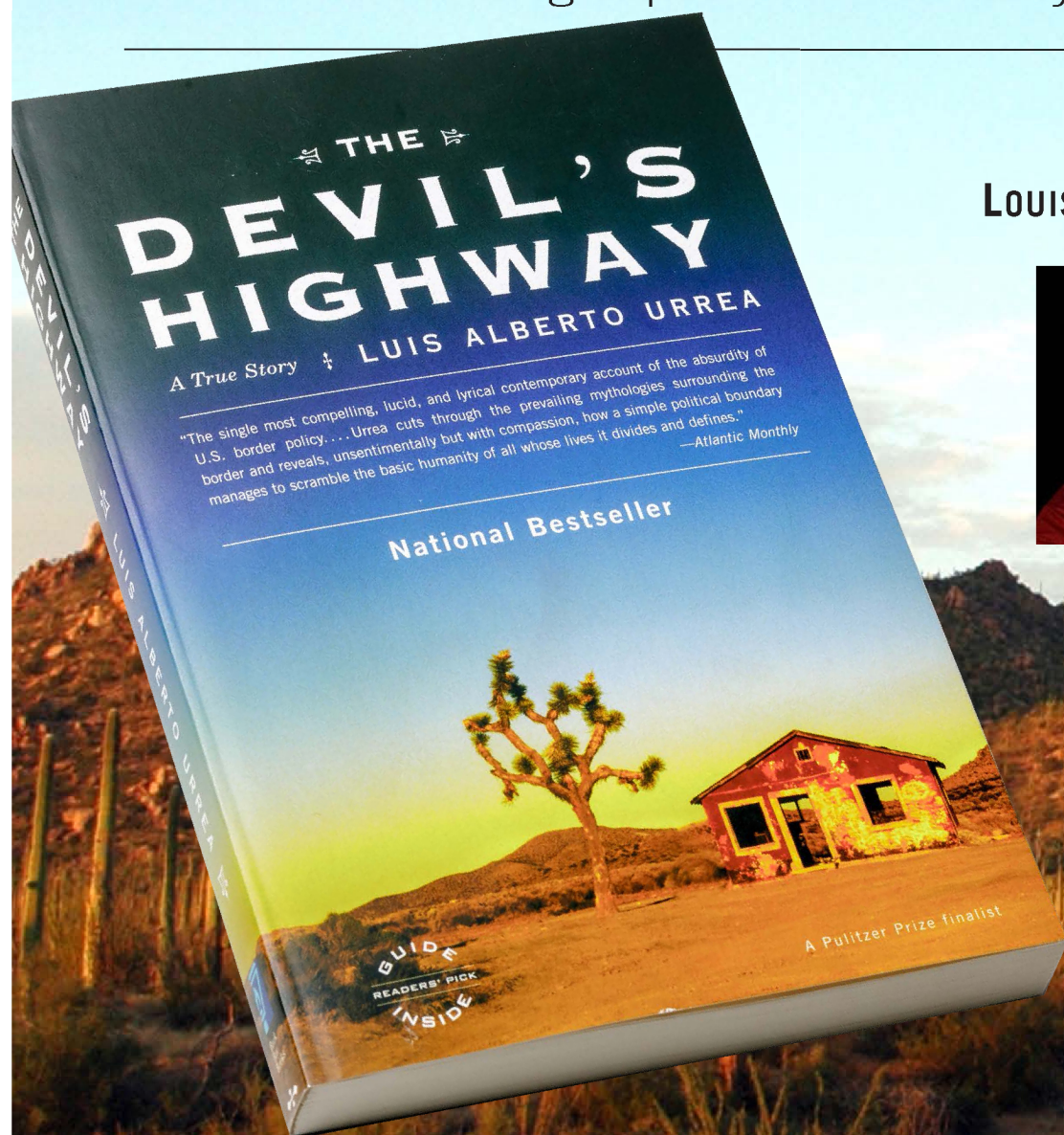


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A common reading experience for first-year students

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FAQ FOR NEW STUDENTS

1. What is Montclair Book 2013?

Montclair Book 2013 is a campus-wide program for the Montclair State community, jointly sponsored by the Center for Writing Excellence, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the First-Year Writing Program, and Student Development and Campus Life. Each year, a faculty advisory committee selects a book to be read by all incoming first-year students before they arrive.

The goals for this program are to:

- Provide a common intellectual experience
- Engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and debate
- Build community around a shared understanding of relevant issues
- Celebrate the written word
- Offer opportunities for students to reflect on their roles as readers and learners
- Encourage campus-wide engagement with the book's theme

2. Which book was chosen?

For our 2013 selection, the faculty advisory committee chose *The Devil's Highway*. Here is a description from the author's website:

In May 2001, a group of 26 men attempted to cross the border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadliest region of the continent, a place called the Devil's Highway. Fathers and sons, brothers and strangers, entered a desert so harsh and desolate that even the Border Patrol is afraid to travel through it. Twelve came back out.

Luis Alberto Urrea tells the story of this modern odyssey. He takes us back to the small towns and unpaved cities south of the border, where the poor

fall prey to dreams of a better life and the sinister promises of smugglers. We meet the men who will decide to make the crossing along the Devil's Highway and, on the other side of the border, the men who are ready to prevent them from reaching their destination.

3. Where do I get the book?

The book will be available in the Montclair State bookstore beginning in April.

4. When should I read it?

Your first assignment for college is to read the book this summer, before you come to campus for the fall semester. Begin early, and pace yourself.

5. How will I use this book?

Several ways. Here are some examples:

- Discussions in the New Student Seminar and other courses
- Theme-related events on campus
- Residence hall activities
- Keynote speaker
- Essay contest
- First-Year Writing classes (you will write an essay based on the book)

6. Where can I find more information?

The Montclair Book 2013 website will have more information. Go to: montclair.edu/cwe/MontclairBook You can also learn more about the author and the book by visiting his website:

luisurrea.com/books/non-fiction/devils-highway