

A  
395463

linga  
R.P. 547

**A C R O S S**

# THE WIRE

LIFE AND HARD TIMES ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

*Mex.*

---

**L U I S A L B E R T O U R R E A**  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOHN LUEDERS-BOOTH



**ANCHOR BOOKS DOUBLEDAY**

---

**NEW YORK LONDON TORONTO SYDNEY AUCKLAND**

(1993)

# CONTENTS

- Preface 1
- Acknowledgments 5
- Prologue 9
- Chapter One · Sifting Through the Trash 29
- Chapter Two · Negra 57
- Chapter Three · Los Cementeros 63
- Chapter Four · Happy Birthday, Laura Patricia 71
- Chapter Five · Good Friday 79
- Chapter Six · Pamplonada: A Fire in Tecate 87
- Chapter Seven · Tijuana Cop 109
- Chapter Eight · The Last Soldier of Pancho Villa 123
- Chapter Nine · Meet the Satánicos 133
- Chapter Ten · Father's Day 141
- Epilogue: Christmas Story 163