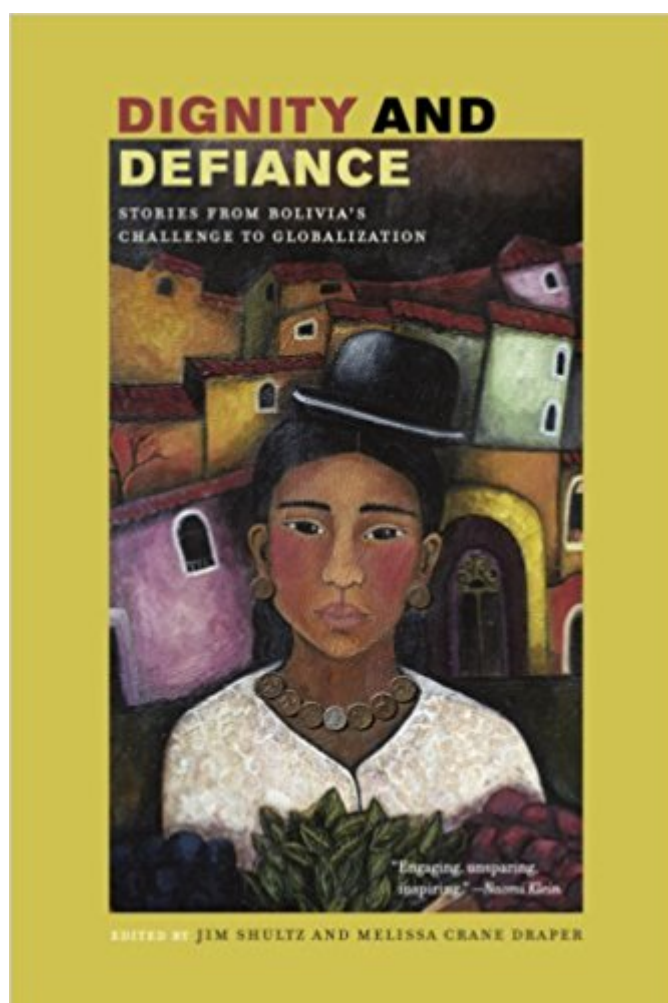


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Dignity And Defiance: Stories From Bolivia's Challenge To Globalization



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For anyone interested in going to Bolivia this is a must! Superbly written, with loads of information about current affairs and the background. I could not put it down :)

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