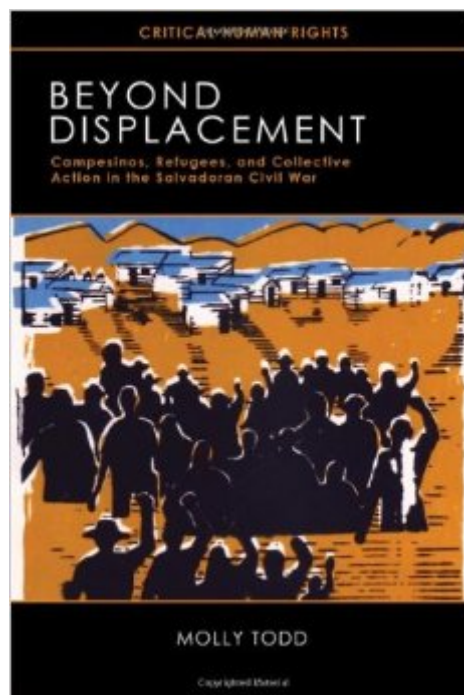# Beyond Displacement: Campesinos, Refugees, And Collective Action In The Salvadoran Civil War (Critical Human Rights)

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