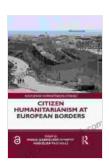
# Citizen Humanitarianism at European Borders: Routledge Humanitarian Studies

#### **Abstract**

This book explores the phenomenon of citizen humanitarianism at European borders, focusing on the ways in which ordinary citizens are responding to the humanitarian crisis caused by the large-scale movement of refugees and migrants across Europe. Drawing on ethnographic research conducted at the Greek-Turkish border, the book examines the motivations, practices, and challenges faced by citizen volunteers who provide aid to refugees and migrants, as well as the impact of their work on the broader humanitarian response. The book argues that citizen humanitarianism is a significant and growing force in the European humanitarian landscape, and that it has the potential to transform the way that we think about and respond to humanitarian crises.



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The global refugee crisis has led to an unprecedented movement of people across Europe, with over 1 million refugees and migrants arriving in Europe in 2015 alone. This has put a strain on the humanitarian response system, and has led to a growing role for citizen volunteers in providing aid to refugees and migrants. Citizen humanitarianism is a relatively new phenomenon, and there is still much that we do not know about it. This book aims to shed light on this important and growing area of research.

### Methodology

This book is based on ethnographic research conducted at the Greek-Turkish border in 2016 and 2017. The research involved participant observation and interviews with citizen volunteers, refugees, migrants, and humanitarian workers. The research also draws on a wider range of sources, including academic literature, policy documents, and media reports.

### **Findings**

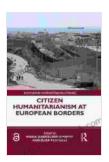
The book's findings provide a rich and nuanced understanding of citizen humanitarianism at European borders. The book argues that citizen humanitarianism is a diverse and complex phenomenon, and that it is motivated by a range of factors, including altruism, compassion, and a sense of social responsibility. The book also examines the challenges faced by citizen volunteers, including the lack of resources, the risk of burnout, and the potential for conflict with other humanitarian actors. Despite these challenges, the book finds that citizen humanitarianism has a number of positive impacts, including providing much-needed aid to refugees and migrants, raising awareness of the humanitarian crisis, and challenging the dominant narratives about refugees and migrants.

This book makes a significant contribution to the growing body of research on citizen humanitarianism. The book provides a rich and nuanced understanding of the phenomenon, and it offers a number of important insights into the motivations, practices, and challenges faced by citizen volunteers. The book also has a number of implications for policy and practice. The book argues that citizen humanitarianism should be recognized as a legitimate and valuable part of the humanitarian response system. The book also calls for more support for citizen volunteers, including training, resources, and insurance. The book concludes by arguing that citizen humanitarianism has the potential to transform the way that we think about and respond to humanitarian crises.

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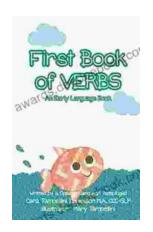
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