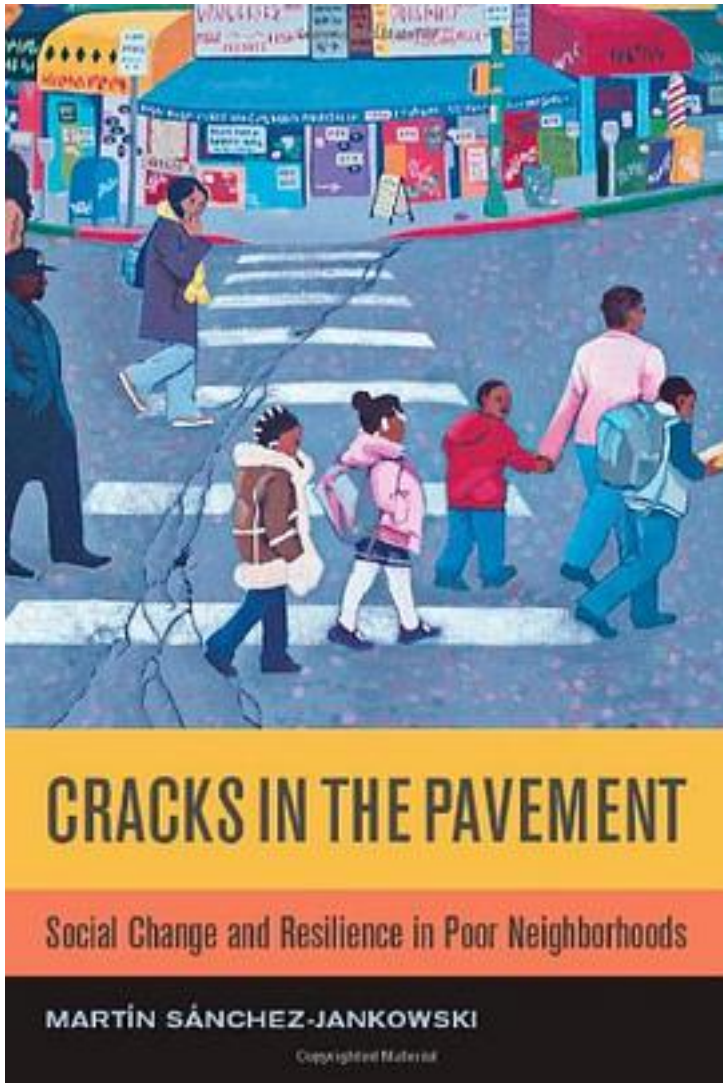


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Woven throughout with rich details of everyday life, this original, on-the-ground study of poor neighbourhoods challenges much prevailing wisdom about urban poverty, shedding new light on the people, institutions, and culture in these communities. Over the course of nearly a decade, Martin Sanchez-Jankowski immersed himself in life in neighbourhoods in New York and Los Angeles to investigate how social change and social preservation transpire among the urban poor. Looking at five community mainstays - the housing project, the small grocery store, the barbershop and the beauty salon, the gang, and the local high school - he discovered how these institutions provide a sense of order, continuity, and stability in places often thought to be chaotic, disorganized, and disheartened. His provocative and ground-breaking study provides new data on urban poverty and also advances a new theory of how poor neighbourhoods function, illuminating the creativity and resilience that characterize the lives of those who experience the hardships associated with economic deprivation.

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这本书很过瘾，非常过瘾，把生活中平淡的基调逐一抽出来系统性阐述与分析。我至今都记得作者对贫民区“随地大小便”这一行为进行的社会学分析与结论，也让我开始不再小看生活中的每一个细节。

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