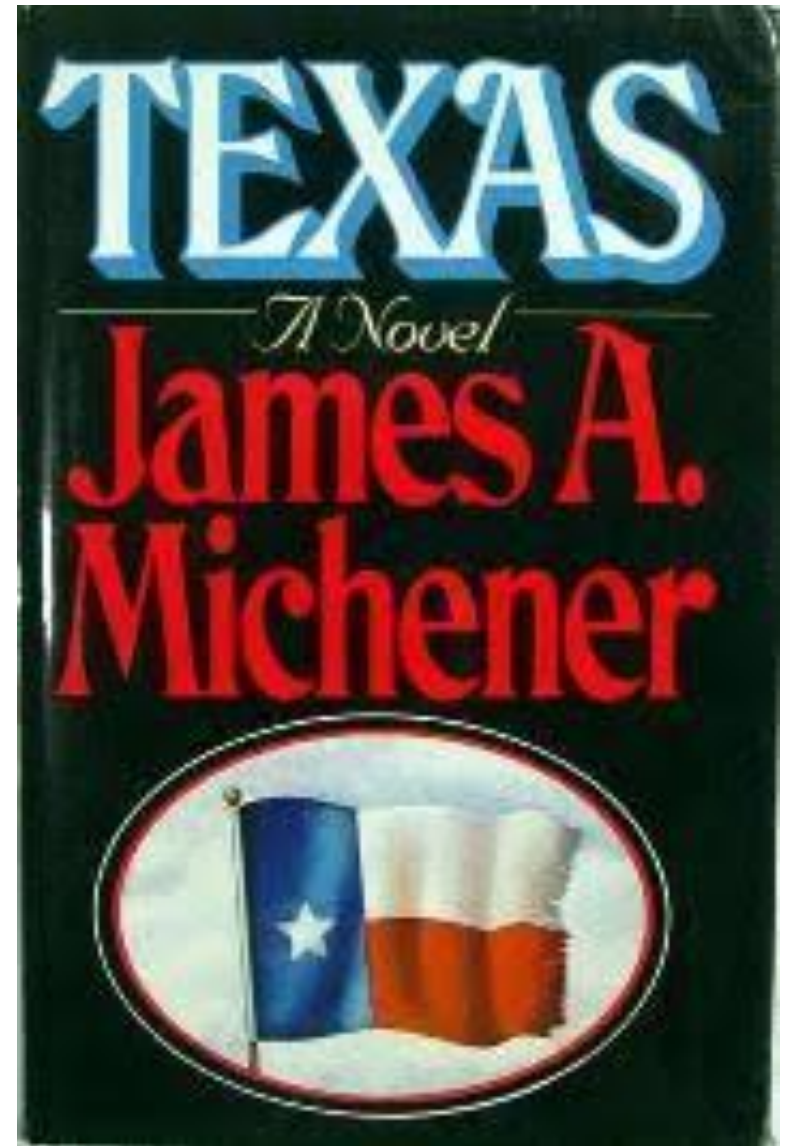


How are Mexican migrants portrayed in literature ?

- Example from the novel Texas by James A. Michener published in 1985



# How do Mexican migrants cross the border?



- A river to cross : dangerous but not the worst
- Smugglers can be malicious and greedy
- Traumatic journey for migrants

# A tragic ending for Wetbacks



- Left resourceless in the desert
- Many deaths from dehydration
- Trauma for the survivors

Wetback: A Mexican living in the US, especially without official authorization  
To understand « wet – Back » because they get wet in the river

# What does the author want to denounce?

- Mexicans are often driven by their American Dream but reality disappoints them
  - The American Dream appears to be fictional
- Cold-hearted smugglers that only care about money
  - Tragic ending that is often relayed in the news

