Poor People's Politics reexamines the relationship between politics and the destitute in Latin America, showing how deeply embedded politics are in the lives of those who do not mobilize in the usual sense of the word but who are far from passive. It will appeal to a wide range of students and scholars of Latin American studies, sociology, anthropology, political science, history, and cultural studies. In the city of Cóspito, located in the Conurbano Bonaerense, Argentina, some people of the Peronist Party, led by the mayor, Rodolfo Fontana, are organizing a rally for tonight.¹ They are commemorating the 103rd anniversary of the birth of the leader of the Peronist movement, General Juan Perón, or, as one of the organizers told me: "We are celebrating Perón's birthday."

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