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THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN a long time coming. The prospects of doing an edited volume on Walmart in the Global South first came up in a discussion between Carolina Bank Muñoz and Bridget Kenny during the Walmart tribunal process in South Africa in 2011. Soon after, Carolina mentioned the idea to Antonio Stecher, who received it enthusiastically. The three of us had our first meeting in 2012 at the International Sociological Association meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. From the start, we had clear goals for the volume. First, we wanted to have a better understanding of Walmart's global operations. Second, we wanted to include authors from the Global South, not only authors who write about the Global South. Finally, we wanted the book to be analytically interesting but useful to social movements and the activists who are fighting for the rights of workers on the ground every day.

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