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Synopsis

Praised for the clarity of its writing, careful research, and distinctive theme "that urban politics in the United States has evolved as a dynamic interaction among governmental power, private actors, and a politics of identity" the Seventh Edition of this text brings city politics of the global era into sharp focus by tracing the continuous development of urban America from the nation's founding to the present.

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This is a good read for anyone who is interested in the development of the city and the politics within. It opens with the birth of the city and how advances in technology led to the outward expansion of the city. One of the most interesting features is how the book describes the growth of the political machine in Chicago. In a later chapter, the authors then compare the fiscal policies of Chicago and New York City and how machine politics may have been the key to Chicago's success. The book also goes into detail about "white flight": the moving of the middle/upper-class sectors away from the city to settle into different types of suburbs. These suburbs then become a self-sustaining entity capable of enacting their own governmental policies which include exclusionary tactics designed to weed out those of lower incomes, certain age brackets, or those of an "unacceptable" racial background. It then goes into detail about the Court's opinion on these exclusionary policies. If you're interested in how cities and urban politics are created then this book is a great start.

Much in opposition to my professor, this is a good book. I thoroughly enjoyed it, as so far joy can go for a textbook. It gets three stars simply b/c that's as high as a textbook can be rated by this reviewer.

It was a good book. It was just that it was a little bit late even when I wanted it expedited.

Good read with an insight in local government and regionalism.

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