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This book explores the relationship between infrastructure and the architectures of modernity in Ireland from 1916 to 2024. It examines how infrastructure has shaped the built environment and how it has been shaped by social, political, and economic forces.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part, "The Foundations of Modernity," examines the period from 1916 to 1945. This period saw the construction of major infrastructure projects, such as the Shannon Hydroelectric Scheme and the Dublin Airport. These projects helped to lay the foundations for the modern Irish state.

The second part, "The Architecture of the Welfare State," examines the period from 1945 to 1973. This period saw the construction of a wide range of social housing, schools, and hospitals. These projects helped to create a more modern and prosperous Ireland.

The third part, "The Challenges of Modernity," examines the period from 1973 to 2024. This period has seen the construction of new infrastructure projects, such as the M50 motorway and the Dublin Port Tunnel. These projects have helped to meet the challenges of a growing population and a changing economy.

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