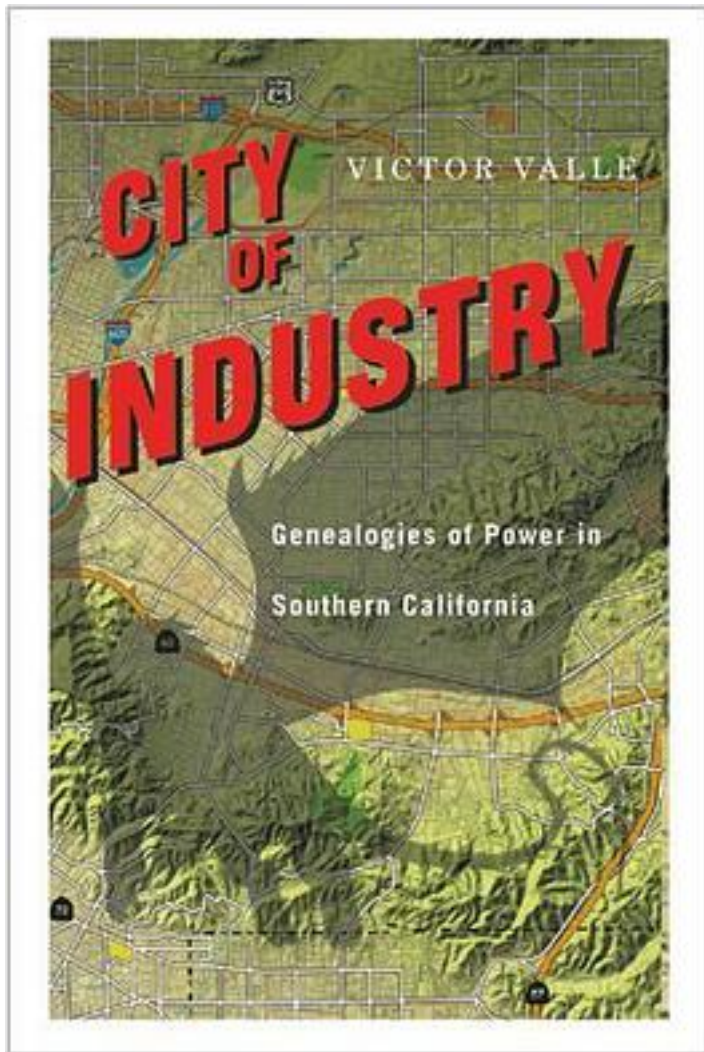


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Founded in 1957, the Southern California suburb prophetically named City of Industry today represents, in the words of Victor Valle, "aThe gritty crossroads of the global trade revolution that is transforming Southern California factories into warehouses, and adjacent working class communities into economic and environmental sacrifice zones choking on cheap goods and carcinogenic diesel exhaust.a" "City of Industry" is a stunning exposA(c) on the construction of corporate capitalist spaces.Valle investigated an untapped archive of Industryas built landscape, media coverage, and public records, including sealed FBI reports, to uncover a cascading series of scandals. A kaleidoscopic view of the corruption that resulted when local land owners, media barons, and railroads converged to build the city, this suspenseful narrative explores how new governmental technologies and engineering feats propelled the rationality of privatization using their property-owning servants as tools.Valleas tale of corporate greed begins with the cityas founder James M. Stafford and ends with present day corporate heir, Edward Roski Jr., the nationas biggest industrial developeraco-owner of the L.A. Staples Arena and possible future owner of Californiaas next NFL franchise. Not to be forgotten in Valleas captivating story are Latino working class communities living within Los Angelesas distribution corridors, who suffer wealth disparities and exposure to air pollution as a result of diesel-burning trucks, trains, and container ships that bring global trade to their very doorsteps. They are among the many victims of City of Industry.

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