

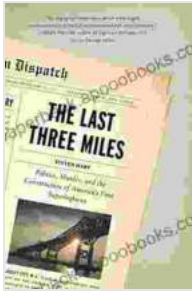
Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway



The Last Three Miles: Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway

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In the annals of American infrastructure, the Pennsylvania Turnpike stands as a towering achievement. Completed in 1940, it was the nation's first superhighway, a ribbon of concrete stretching 360 miles across the Keystone State. However, the road's construction was far from a smooth ride.

Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway delves into the gripping true story behind the Turnpike's creation. This meticulously researched book uncovers a tangled web of power, corruption, and violence that ultimately shaped the outcome of this transformative project.

The Cast of Characters

- **Robert Moses:** The visionary Parks Commissioner of New York City, who played a pivotal role in the Turnpike's inception.
- **William Langer:** The outspoken Governor of North Dakota, who became a staunch opponent of the Turnpike's construction.

- **Joe Tomalin:** A ruthless union leader with ties to organized crime, who allegedly orchestrated a series of murders related to the Turnpike.

The Rise and Fall of Robert Moses

As the project's chief architect, Robert Moses wielded immense power and influence. His vision for a grand parkway system linking major metropolitan areas was ambitious, but it also encountered significant opposition.

Moses's relentless pursuit of his goals, often at the expense of others, would ultimately lead to his downfall.

The Murder of Joe Tomalin

The most chilling aspect of the Turnpike's story is the unsolved murder of Joe Tomalin. A key figure in the construction industry, Tomalin's death in 1939 sent shockwaves through the nation. Allegations of corruption and organized crime connections cast a dark shadow over the project.

Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway meticulously examines the evidence surrounding Tomalin's murder, exploring the possible motives and suspects behind this gruesome crime.

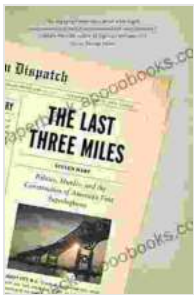
The Enduring Legacy of the Pennsylvania Turnpike

Despite the controversies and violence that marred its construction, the Pennsylvania Turnpike remains a vital artery for commerce and travel in the northeast. Its legacy is both awe-inspiring and cautionary.

This book serves as a reminder that the construction of major infrastructure projects is never without its challenges. It is a story of ambition, corruption, and the enduring impact of human decisions on the shape of our built environment.

Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway is a captivating and thought-provoking account that sheds new light on a pivotal chapter in American history. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the intersection of politics, crime, and engineering.

Free Download your copy today and delve into this gripping true story that continues to resonate with us today.



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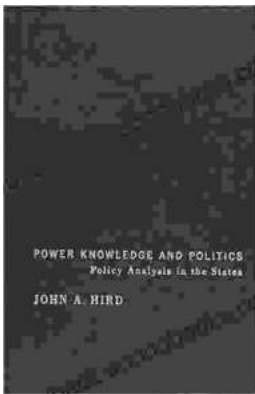
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