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Sommario/riassunto	The Sisters of Mercy arrived in Belfast from Dublin in 1854 at a time when, in the wake of the devastating Famine, the town's industrial growth was beginning to present the range of social problems that would become all-too-common. From the outset, the Sisters threw themselves into the educational and social work for which they would

soon become renowned. They concerned themselves primarily with the care of females, particularly their education as a means of helping them escape from overpowering poverty. Thousands of children and young people have looked back in later life with gratitude at

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