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Sommario/riassunto	Before Grenfell by Shane Ewen examines the historical and systemic factors leading to the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017. The book critically explores the evolution of fire safety regulations, deregulation policies, and the prioritization of commercial interests over public safety in Britain over the past century. It highlights the failures of the British

state to protect vulnerable citizens, providing a detailed account of relevant legislation, building standards, and governance practices. Ewen draws on extensive research to offer a compelling and urgent analysis of fire safety policies while advocating for justice and systemic change. This work is intended for policymakers, historians, safety advocates, and anyone interested in understanding the social and regulatory context behind the Grenfell disaster.

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