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Sommario/riassunto	Spain uncovers the contribution of women to urban development at the turn of the twentieth century to clearly demonstrate the key role they played in shaping the American urban landscape. She reconstructs the story of women's involvement in "redemptive".