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Sommario/riassunto	Two years ago, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina inspired emotional elegies to the long and colorful history of New Orleans. But until now, the story of French New Orleans has remained largely untold. Building the Devil's Empire is the first comprehensive history of the city's early years, tracing the town's development from its origins in 1718 as an imperial experiment in urban planning through its revolt against Spanish rule in 1768. Shannon Lee Dawdy's picaresque account of New Orleans's wild youth features a cast of strong-willed captives, thin-skinned nobles, sharp-tongued wome

