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Behind the mystery of economic growth stands another mystery: why  
do some places fare better than others? Casual evidence shows that  
sizable differences exist at very different spatial scales (countries,  
regions and cities). This book aims to discuss the main economic  
reasons for the existence of peaks and troughs in the spatial  
distribution of wealth and people, with a special emphasis on the role  
of large cities and regional agglomerations in the process of economic  
development.

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