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Sommario/riassunto	This book explores the construction and maintenance of the Spanish Empire from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century, emphasizing the crucial role of engineers. It examines how roads, waterways, fortifications, and urban infrastructure were developed to support the empire's political, social, and economic objectives. The narrative highlights the careers of diverse individuals who became engineers, driven by necessity to solve pressing problems. The authors also reflect on the empire's legacy and the parallels between historical and modern

engineering challenges. This work is intended for readers interested in history, engineering, and the Spanish Empire's impact on global infrastructure.

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