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This book offers an academic analysis of the concept of heritage within the realm of oil-related urban development. It focuses on the term 'heritage', with a specific emphasis on 'oil heritage', exploring its varied implications for urban futures. The book provides a nuanced understanding of heritage, discussing its different interpretations and values across cultural and environmental contexts. It examines the legacy of oil, assessing its role and impact on societies. It presents a balanced view, acknowledging both the economic benefits of oil in urban growth and the environmental and socio-economic issues it poses. This approach places oil heritage within a broader heritage context, critically evaluating its unique characteristics. The book also investigates how various cultures perceive and engage with the idea of oil heritage. It highlights the contrast between the political debates over oil in Western countries and the developmental challenges faced by emerging economies, showcasing the global variance in the concept of 'oil heritage'. Additionally, the narrative considers the changing role

and meaning of oil over time, reflecting on its historical importance and the challenges it poses for the future, especially in transitioning to a post-oil era. Through its chapters, the book provides a critical examination of the interplay between oil, urban development, and heritage studies. It is designed to contribute to scholarly discourse in these areas, targeting academics, students, policymakers, and professionals interested in the intricate relationship between oil heritage and urban dynamics.

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