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# Twenty-First Century Chicago



## Synopsis

Twenty-First Century Chicago investigates the social, economic, political, and governmental conditions of Chicago in this century. While traditional anthologies on urban politics comprise stilted journal articles that place far too much emphasis on statistics, this anthology adopts a unique approach. Although it does incorporate the writings of preeminent scholars on the city of Chicago, the focus is on first-hand accounts: speeches by politicians, newspaper stories, editorials by journalists, memoirs and biographies and little known research reports advocating change. Covering metropolitan Chicago as a whole, this volume underscores the city's efforts in recent years to establish itself as a global metropolitan region and highlights the most pressing issues Chicago is facing to create a positive future in these challenging times.

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