

Phoenix and the Making of the Modern Southwest: Politics and Society in Modern America



Phoenix, Arizona, is a city that has come to symbolize the modern Southwest. It is a city of opportunity, growth, and change. But it is also a city with a complex and often troubled past.



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In *Phoenix and the Making of the Modern Southwest*, historian Thomas Sheridan tells the story of Phoenix from its founding in 1867 to the present day. Sheridan argues that Phoenix is a microcosm of the American West, and that its history reflects the major themes of Western history, including the conquest of the Native Americans, the settlement of the land, the development of agriculture and industry, and the rise of the modern city.

Sheridan's book is a comprehensive and well-researched history of Phoenix. He draws on a wide range of sources, including archival materials, newspapers, and interviews with Phoenix residents. Sheridan's writing is clear and engaging, and he does an excellent job of bringing the history of Phoenix to life.

Phoenix and the Making of the Modern Southwest is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of the American West. It is a book that will appeal to both scholars and general readers alike.

The Founding of Phoenix

Phoenix was founded in 1867 by a group of Mormon settlers. The settlers were led by Jack Swilling, a former Confederate soldier who had come to Arizona in search of gold. Swilling chose the site of Phoenix because it was near the Salt River, which provided a reliable source of water.

The early years of Phoenix were difficult. The settlers faced a number of challenges, including hostile Native Americans, a lack of water, and a harsh climate. But the settlers persevered, and by the early 20th century, Phoenix had become a thriving city.

The Growth and Development of Phoenix

Phoenix experienced rapid growth in the early 20th century. The city's population grew from 10,000 in 1900 to over 100,000 in 1950. This growth was fueled by a number of factors, including the construction of the Hoover Dam, the development of the agricultural industry, and the growth of tourism.

During this period, Phoenix also became a major center of politics and culture. The city was home to a number of influential politicians, including Barry Goldwater and Carl Hayden. Phoenix was also home to a number of important cultural institutions, including the Arizona State University and the Phoenix Art Museum.

The Political and Economic History of Phoenix

Phoenix has a long and complex political and economic history. The city has been home to a number of different political parties, including the Democrats, Republicans, and Populists. Phoenix has also been a major center of economic activity, and has been home to a number of important businesses, including the copper industry and the tourism industry.

In recent years, Phoenix has become a major center of high-tech industry. The city is home to a number of large technology companies, including Intel and Microsoft. Phoenix is also home to a number of important research

universities, including Arizona State University and the University of Arizona.

The Social and Cultural Life of Phoenix

Phoenix has a rich and diverse social and cultural life. The city is home to a number of different ethnic groups, including Mexicans, Native Americans, and African Americans. Phoenix is also home to a number of different religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Phoenix is a city that is constantly changing and evolving.



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