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Dublin Burning is a vivid, clear-eyed account of the 1916 Rising and is the most complete account we have from a senior participant. No other senior Volunteer figure has left a similar memoir of Easter Week. Commandant W.J. Brennan-Whitmore was officer commanding the Volunteer position at the head of North Earl Street, an outworking of the GPO garrison. Its purpose was to delay and frustrate any attempt by the British to deploy reinforcements coming from Amiens Street railway station (now Connolly). Commandant Brennan-Whitmore and

his men held this position for over seventy-two hours until forced out by British artillery. He and his troops attempted to retreat northwards through the slums, hoping to reach the safety of the suburbs. But he and his men were not Dubliners and were unfamiliar with the city. They were captured in a tenement where they had taken refuge and were interned in Frongoch in Wales until 1917. Brennan-Whitmore's book is a unique document, one of the most valuable accounts of the Rising available to us. This book is brought to open the eyes and minds of mainly the Israelites throughout this world, who are of the white race and are situated in the countries such as the whole of the British Isle, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, the whole of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the United States of America, Greenland, Iceland and wheresoever else they have moved to throughout this world. for we have gone so far away from God's great ways it is absolutely unbelievable. We have actually gone so far from God's ways, we no longer know what we are doing, for we are now in the devil's hand and the hand of the devil's 1st born son, King Saul himself, who is in fact the imaginary pagan individuals, such as the virgin mother and many so called saints. We have forgotten the covenant our ancestors had made with the Lord God, not to worship anyone, or thing via their graven, painted, standing, sitting images of whatsoever, God in Deut, 4:23 forbid us to do this, for he alone we must worship, pray to, serve, sacrifice to, and follow only his ways. When I truly began studying the bible all by myself, I came across a scripture I will never forget. This scripture is Proverbs 1:23, "Turn you at my reproof: behold I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you, "I swear that God Himself was giving me the knowledge and understanding of his great words because I was

in fact proving and reproving all the scriptures with one another. One only must read this book and see all the proves and reproves I used to get a true picture of what is really happening today, and it will truly shoke you. I kid you not. Yours: R.A. Mueller

Collection of short works by a varying group of writers, represented in this collection by Tony Bates, Kathleen Finn Jordan, Peter Lattu, Edwin Simmons, Ian Temple Roberts, Phyllis Weissman, and Ruth Baja Williams. Imagine working in a job you always dreamed of having and working in a career that excites and fulfills you in every way. Consider what it would be like to be highly successful in your work, admired by your peers, but always fearful that if anyone you work with discovered your secret, it could all be over. This is what it is like to be a closeted gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender member of law enforcement. And in the fire service and emergency medical services profession, the condition is even worse because of the common housing situation required while working a 24 to 48 hour shift. Its true that society as a whole has become more accepting of gay and lesbian people, but homophobia continues to be pervasive in much of the public safety arena. Most states still do not have any employment protection against harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation. Imagine being fired from the job you love because of who you are. American Heroes Coming Out From Behind The Badge is Greg Miraglias second book intended to show examples of how police officers, firefighters, and EMS professionals have been able to come out and be successful on the job. The stories come from across the country and tell of a very personal and courageous journey. They are intended to both inspire and educate. The book contains a section on how to come out as well as a section with resources and associations supporting LGBT public safety professionals. This book is ideal for anyone who is struggling to come out as well as for straight allies who want to learn more about how to support their LGBT colleagues. Struck from Behind is a memoir--but not the usual narrative of events. James Howell tells intriguing stories from childhood, romantic life, travel, friendships, tragedies, and wonders, and how God was there, although unnoticed or uninvited at the time. By sharing in retrospect

how he now understands God's presence in seemingly mundane moments, we begin to sense something of God's way in the world, and in our own lives. Howell has been a successful pastor and published theologian. In Struck from Behind he opens up his own private life as a window into God's hidden activity. When he remembers, then we too remember God, and begin to notice, and become grateful. An Association of Jewish Libraries Sydney Taylor Honor Winner With a masterful mix of comic timing and disarming poignancy, Newbery Honoree Eugene Yelchin offers a memoir of growing up in Cold War Russia. Drama, family secrets, and a KGB spy in his own kitchen! How will Yevgeny ever fulfill his parents' dream that he become a national hero when he doesn't even have his own room? He's not a star athlete or a legendary ballet dancer. In the tiny apartment he shares with his Baryshnikov-obsessed mother, poetry-loving father, continually outraged grandmother, and safely talented brother, all Yevgeny has is his little pencil, the underside of a massive table, and the doodles that could change everything. With equal amounts charm and solemnity, award-winning author and artist Eugene Yelchin recounts in hilarious detail his childhood in Cold War Russia as a young boy desperate to understand his place in his family. 'Music from behind the Bridge' tells the story of the steelband a symbol of Trinidadian culture, from the point of view of musicians who overcame disadvantages of poverty and prejudice with their extraordinary ambition. Farheen Khan was the victim of an Islamophobic attack by a stranger in a residential apartment building in Toronto. She managed to elude her attacker, but the assault on her body had only just begun. For fear of dishonoring her family in the South Asian and Muslim community, Farheen didn't report the incident. Internalizing this experience so deeply sent her body into an allergic overdrive, resulting in fatal anaphylactic shock. Being unable to consume entire food groups gave her an insight into how a third of the people on earth are unable to eat for a very different reason—poverty and food insecurity. Despite her allergies, Farheen worked tirelessly to make a difference locally on building the foundation for the Muslim social-services sector in her city. From the first lick of soy pudding, to despair and

back again, she realized that not only can we not fight adversity alone—we are not expected to. This is an honest and candid story about accepting the angels that come in and out of our lives when we need them the most, to show us to ourselves as a reflective surface on a dirty wall. Sometimes being swept away by a giant wave beyond our understanding can take us to beaches we never knew existed; and in losing control, we can often gain control of who we are and what we are really about. Today, cured of 95 percent of her allergies, Farheen has founded and presides over several non-profit organizations to help relieve poverty. On a March afternoon in Cleveland, St. Bonaventure battled powerful Kentucky for 40 minutes and two overtimes in the first round of the 2000 NCAA Tournament. Though the Bonnies would lose that day, the moments that accompanied that game provided St. Bonaventure's proud alumni a vast sense of pride. For a men's basketball program that was once considered an elite entity, it was fulfilling return to glory. No one could have envisioned then that St. Bonaventure basketball would endure lowest of lows almost exactly three years later. The St. Bonaventure basketball scandal of 2003 created national headlines and rocked to its core a proud institution. The university president schemed to allow an ineligible player, by NCAA standards, on the court, leading to series of damning events. Victories were forfeited, a team in turmoil quit on its season, several of those involved were fired and the president of the board of trustees, ripped by his role in the sorry state of affairs, committed suicide. As student-managers, we closely witnessed the circumstances that led to the upheaval. We were in the locker room, the coaches offices and on the team bench. We were there for all the corruption, deceit and greed. We were there when an ill-conceived plan came tumbling down in the harshest of manners and St. Bonaventure's lost ways became a punchline across the country. From a traumatized psyche pours the therapeutic poetry of a licensed marriage and family therapist, a new genre of poetic design called 'meta-symbolic encoded verse'. As a trauma survivor the author speaks to the hearts of humanity 'From Behind the Other Chair' in a gesture of peace and healing. Three

consecutive volumes are autobiographical and begin with the present, flowing backward in time to the original severe traumas of commitments to a mental ward and jail sentences to the mental health unit of a correctional facility. The experiences gained by these atrocities inflicted brutal damage, but also taught valuable lessons in survival and endurance. Poetry is this therapist's therapy. As d'Orr tells her tragic story it is her hope and purpose to touch the soul of the reader with the tenderness of a fellow wounded spirit, yet also with a firmness demanding that society reexamine the abysmal treatment of the lowest echelon of our culture, the mentally ill adult female. She has no advocate and suffers the nightmares of the mentally afflicted locked into a prison she herself inadvertently constructed. You will perhaps think it could not happen to you. As did she. Her human rights were stripped and her dignity obliterated. She could not defend herself, nor could she comprehend the chain of events. Her world became surreal and horrific as she spun into a madness she could not control. A brief collection of popular stories about the famed "Steel Curtain" defense of the Pittsburgh Steeler football team of 1979. When God gives you a talent, are you using that talent to help further his kingdom, or are you using those talents for personal pleasure or gains? This is the question that was asked of me. I most definitely wasn't living to spread the good news! I was blessed with the ability to play Pocket Billiards and was taught how to hustle people from a young age by my grandfather. I had already developed a small gambling addiction before I learned of this talent. However, the lessons that I have learned during years of playing this magnificent game have helped God reveal himself to me. I finally could understand that Satan had been taking advantage of my youth and lack of wisdom from an early age to keep me from my salvation. I tell this story to explain to my own children how wonderful God's grace is in our life and, hopefully, will inspire others to release any strongholds that Satan has on their own lives. Longings from Behind and Beyond the Walls by Rukhsana Ayyub A memoir about the life of my mother, and other women in her family, living, loving and sometimes rebelling against the confines of the veils and

the walls in a small town in Pakistan. Conflicting desires of wanting the freedom yet longing for the protection and safety the walls provided. Creating wonderful opportunities for her children yet fearing their independence. A reminder that change cannot be forced unless one is ready to accept it. Change is possible, and the yearning to be free eventually does win even if it takes a few generations to bring about that change. A fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Opera House in London led by Figaro the cat, thirty minutes before curtain up for The Nutcracker ballet. It's opening night of The Nutcracker ballet, and the performers at the Royal Opera House in London are busy getting ready to step out onto the stage. Meanwhile, Figaro—the opera house's resident cat—is poised to take readers on a behind-the-scenes tour to meet the many people working to make tonight's performance a resounding success. This backstage tour of the Royal Opera House takes readers from department to department—from the costume closet to the orchestra pit and the stage—to discover what's involved in putting on a performance such as The Nutcracker. Featuring examples from key works of opera and ballet, highlights of the tour include trying on the Mad Hatter's wig from Alice in Wonderland; practicing for a fighting scene from Romeo and Juliet; putting the finishing touches on the Sugar Plum Fairy's tutu; and creating explosions onstage. Part backstage museum tour, part astonishing ballet performance, this book combines real-life details with the magical atmosphere of the theater. Including an introduction to a classical orchestra, key ballet terms, and basic stage directions, *Curtain Up!* encourages young readers to explore the many ways they can get involved. Annotation. In the aftermath of 9/11 Islamic seminaries or madrasas received much media attention in India, mostly owing to the alleged link between madrasa education and forms of violence. Yet, while ample information on madrasas for boys is available, similar institutions of Islamic learning for girls have for the greater part escaped public attention so far. This study investigates how madrasas for girls emerged in India, how they differ from madrasas for boys, and how female students come to interpret Islam through the teachings they

receive in these schools. Observations suggest that, next to the official curriculum, the 'informal' curriculum plays an equally important role. It serves the madrasa's broader aim of bringing about a complete reform of the students' morality and to determine their actions accordingly. This title can be previewed in Google Books - <http://books.google.com/books?vid=ISBN9789053569078>. This title is available in the OAPEN Library - <http://www.oapen.org>. In 1989, the Berlin Wall fell; shortly afterwards the two Germanies reunited, and East Germany ceased to exist. In Stasiland, winner of the 2004 Samuel Johnson Prize, Anna Funder tells extraordinary tales from the underbelly of the former East Germany, a country where the headquarters of the secret police can become a museum literally overnight, and one in fifty East Germans were informing on their countrymen and women. She meets Miriam, who as a sixteen-year-old might have started the Third World War, visits the man who painted the line which became the Berlin Wall and gets drunk with the legendary 'Mik Jagger' of the East, who the authorities once declared - to his face - to 'no longer exist'. "Scene: The Double O Ranch in the Whecatsh Valley in Oregon. Characters introduced in the first chapter: a boy and girl, Hal McNab and Helie, the latter an orphan brought up by Uncle Ril, owner of the OO and Aunt Izzy. Jim Battles, baron of Whecatsh Valley, visits Old Ril. It looks as if he had designs on the old ranch. Helie expresses intense dislike for him. Steve Buckaroo, Boss, conducts the education of Hall and Helie. He discovers that the child Helie has come to mean very much to him. Steve is worried lest Helie's hatred of Jim Battles exert a bad influence on her life. Steve introduces Helie to the Bible which had been his mother's and which Helie calls the "Mother Book." Six years have passed. The "OO" Ranch has increased in prosperity. Helie has developed in to a charming young woman. Hall is attending college. Hall asks Helie to marry him after his college course is finished. Helie visits Hall's home and that same night Hall's father, Dan McNab, is shot by Henry Minturn because Dan has accused his son of stealing horses. Jim Battles arrives at the OO Ranch and calls Old Ril to account for "fence cutting" promising trouble if it continues. Helie

finds her horse, Polymena, dead on the desert."-- Lewiston Evening Journal 1926. As a barista at the Lily Cafe, love confessions and date requests are a regular part of the job. But for Makoto, none of the suitors have come close to stirring her heart - or her Attraction Points. That is, until Sayaka arrives. Between the long, straight black hair, piercing dark eyes, elegant alto voice, and multiple Attraction stat increases, Makoto is instantly attracted to Sayaka. But does Sayaka feel the same way? See if Makoto and Sayaka get their "perfect ending" in this queer romance-driven GameLit/LitRPG short story from the eyes of the love interest NPC. Find more stories by JYB on their website at jyb.works

Angeline has been working at Kyle's General Store for five years. She has seen it all: crazy, stupid and even mean customers torment her on a daily basis. She has worked in over five different departments with stories for each. There is a chapter where she gives advice on how to survive retail, and shares pet peeves for the departments she has worked in. Join her down memory lane as she tells her stories about crazy customers and the stupid questions they ask. Also, if you think the customer is always right then you've never worked at a place like Kyle's before. Day to day life at a residential school for the blind is at the core of this publication. My formative years growing up with other children who are blind was: sometimes cruel, violent, harsh but always segregated away from interaction with "normal" children. A regimented institutional life that gradually weakened from harsh oppression to enlightened incarceration culminating with rebellion and a drive for integration. This biography of my formal schooling ends with life at university where I used the knowledge obtained at school to earn two university degrees and at the same time participate in a group of former like minded students of the Halifax School for the Blind to end, what we saw at the time as shoddy and discriminatory Abuse of defenseless little blind children. We used our good academic education, survival skills, drive for independence, self reliance and determination to make a positive difference. She was not expected to survive. She became the lady in the mask. In October 1999, Pam Warren's life was turned on its head when she sustained horrific injuries in the Paddington

rail crash. The casualties numbered thirty-one dead and over five hundred injured. Pam underwent scores of operations to rebuild her burnt body, and had to wear a plastic mask over her face for twenty-three hours a day over an eighteen-month period. Unwittingly, she became the public face of the disaster. Over a decade on from that terrible event, *From Behind the Mask* charts the true inside story of Pam's journey from victim to survivor and campaigner. Following the crash she became the UK's leading spokesperson for improving rail safety, battling with rail management executives and the government - and winning. She was branded a troublemaker, but Pam and fellow members of the Paddington Survivors' Group helped bring about great improvements on our railways. For years Pam remained focused on that campaign. Now, for the first time, she can tell us all what really happened. It is an inspirational story of determination and courage. The parameters of the human mind are more often than not defined by the amount of emotional suffering and physical pain experienced by the individual. After these experiences are filtered through the heart and mind they seek release in some form of personal expression. It is in these forms of expression we find either solace or madness. In my poetry and other writings I have found a good measure of solace. But my real treasure [Matthew 6:19-21] is God's never ending love, a love though veiled by darker things shine through with the power to change the human soul. An eye-opening memoir revealing the stories behind living in and running a Chinese takeaway. Growing up in a Chinese takeaway in rural Wales, Angela Hui was made aware at a very young age of just how different she and her family were seen by her local community. From attacks on the shopfront (in other words, their home), to verbal abuse from customers, and confrontations that ended with her dad wielding the meat cleaver; life growing up in a takeaway was far from peaceful. But alongside the strife, there was also beauty and joy in the rhythm of life in the takeaway and in being surrounded by the food of her home culture. Family dinners before service, research trips to Hong Kong, preparing for the weekend rush with her brothers - the takeaway is a hive of activity before a customer even places their order of

'egg-fried rice and chop suey'. Bringing readers along on the journey from Angela's earliest memories in the takeaway to her family closing the shop after 30 years in business, this is a brilliantly warm and immersive memoir from someone on the other side of the counter. Boston Bay Vikings: hot enough to melt the ice. Camden I grew up with only one dream—to become a professional hockey player. My dream came true and now I was a winger for the Boston Bay Vikings. I never gave much thought to having that 'special' someone in my life until I saw the young woman who hunkered down like a scared rabbit in the team's shower room. I went from a carefree bachelor to a fierce protector. Molly Exhausted and scared, I fell asleep in an empty room and came awake to find the gaze of three naked men on me. It turned out I'd found my way into the shower room of the Boston Bay Vikings—I'd never heard of them. However, it was the fourth man to appear who gave me hope. He spoke with confidence and made me feel safe. I didn't want to leave his side, but I'd learned the hard way that anything good never lasted. Meet Camden Edwards and Molly Lewis in the first book of a new series by NYT and USA Today bestselling author, Lexi Buchanan. A Must-Have Guide for Every Whiskey Lover Whiskey has become one of the most popular spirits, and with so many different kinds it's hard to keep track of them all and select great new ones to try. With reviews of 250 different whiskeys, the historical background of each type, 30 of the best cocktail recipes and even the perfect cigar pairing, this guide has everything a person needs to find some of the most interesting whiskeys available. Chad Berkey is the general manager of The Aero Club Bar in San Diego, which boasts one of the largest collections of whiskey of any bar in America, with over 900 different kinds. With his help, you'll discover the best whiskeys to try; many that won't break the bank. Top bartenders blind taste-tested every whiskey, so you get real, honest comments for each listing. Not only will this help you find whiskey similar to ones you already like, but it will also allow you to pick the best tasting whiskey for your palate and preference. Packed with all the information you'll ever need on whiskey, this book is what every whiskey enthusiast should have in their library.

Sheba Harris has spent the last ten years in jail. But it's not quite what you think. As a nurse, Sheba has worked in a variety of correctional facilities from the smallest county jail to some of the largest penitentiaries in the country. Believing her career is a calling from on high, she walks among some of the worst of the worst every day. She has given care to a variety of criminals from drunk drivers to convicted murders and child molesters—care the general public would rather ignore. This care ranges from the common ailments of headaches and nausea to full blown mental disorders and even spiritual distress. A collection of entertaining and informative stories, author Sheba Harris' Behind the Razor Wire gives a rare look at those individuals who live, sometimes for years or a lifetime, in America's correctional system. Each individual has his or her own unique problems. Some are harder to teach than others, but there is a lesson to be learned from each and every one. Some prisoners learn from their mistakes. Others do not, at times with lethal consequences. Despite the various trials, Sheba believes that every experience displays the handiwork of God, and readers of all walks will be inspired by the wisdom and insight gained from Behind the Razor Wire. First and foremost, Sheba McBride-Harris is a nurse. She has a masters and bachelor degree in nursing and has worked for almost ten years in correctional facilities. Married to her high school sweetheart, Ms. Harris volunteers for several community agencies, including the American Cancer Society and local Christian-based charities. Ms. Harris was inducted into the International Honor Society of Nursing and the National Honors Society in 2006. STORIES FROM BEHIND THE WALL: COMING FULL CIRCLE chronicles the trials and tribulations of the experiences from working more than three decades in retail. From a minimum wage hourly associate, to twenty years as a salaried member of management, and then back to an hourly paid associate, before retiring after thirty-two years, it provides a testimonial, for those with no retail background, of some of the incredible ups and downs, funny encounters with customers and associates, and the evolution of a company with small town beginnings morphing into a global retail giant. The stories propel you on a thirty-plus year

roller coaster ride of humor and drama in an environment that many are familiar with but few have any experience in. *Black Men from Behind the Veil* bears witness to anti-Black male violence and does so from the perspective of Black male scholars who disclose their fears and what it means to suffer as Black men, courageously marking the deep material, institutional, and epistemic structures that amplify that fear and suffering. This is the true story of an escape from East Germany for Freedom. My family planned this escape carefully and with a lot of detail. It is a very scary thought to risk your life, just to be free, however, it was the only way out. We see the world through various glasses—rose-colored glasses, glass ceilings, even the looking glass. While our greatest insights arise from seeing things through these glasses, it is not until we look beyond them that we understand who we are and who we can be. When we cannot see the glass, we risk being trapped in our own glass cell, or, worse, a house of mirrors of our own making. A NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER "I was born at the beginning of it all, on the Red side—the Communist side—of the Iron Curtain." Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps, and dreamscapes, Peter Sís shows what life was like for a child who loved to draw, proudly wore the red scarf of a Young Pioneer, stood guard at the giant statue of Stalin, and believed whatever he was told to believe. But adolescence brought questions. Cracks began to appear in the Iron Curtain, and news from the West slowly filtered into the country. Sís learned about beat poetry, rock 'n' roll, blue jeans, and Coca-Cola. He let his hair grow long, secretly read banned books, and joined a rock band. Then came the Prague Spring of 1968, and for a teenager who wanted to see the world and meet the Beatles, this was a magical time. It was short-lived, however, brought to a sudden and brutal end by the Soviet-led invasion. But this brief flowering had provided a glimpse of new possibilities—creativity could be discouraged but not easily killed. By joining memory and history, Sís takes us on his extraordinary journey: from infant with paintbrush in hand to young man borne aloft by the wings of his art. This title has Common Core connections. *The Wall* is a 2007 New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated

Book of the Year, a 2008 Caldecott Honor Book, a 2008 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year, the winner of the 2008 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction, and a nominee for the 2008 Eisner Award for Best Publication for Kids. Tales to send chills down your spine, raise goosebumps and stand your hair on end. Tales to terrify and disturb, to intrigue and unsettle. Fans of horror and the supernatural will relish this collection of original stories, featuring among much else... - a haunted swimming pool - something horrible in a garden shed - a doppelganger husband - a zombie mother-in-law - a ghostly sender of emails - and an embalming that goes very wrong indeed... *Shooter* is a visual portrait of war--the perseverance, heroism, and survival--narrated through stunning photographs and powerful essays from a female combat photographer. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS The nature of the problem: • Geographical inequalities in the UK are a longstanding and persistent problem rooted in deepseated and cumulative processes of local and regional divergence with antecedents in the inter-war years and accelerating since the early 1980s. • This spatial divergence has been generated by the inability of some places to adapt to the emergence of the post-industrial service and knowledge-based economy whose geographies are very different from those of past heavy industries. As a consequence, the "left behind" problem has become spatially and systemically entrenched. • Challenging ideas of market-led adjustment, there is little evidence that real cost advantages in Northern areas are correcting and offsetting the geographically differentiated development of skilled labour and human capital and the quality of residential and business environments. • A variety of different types of "left behind place" exist at different scales, and these types combine common problems with distinctive economic trajectories and varied causes. These different types will need policies that are sensitive and adaptive to their specific problems and potentialities. • Contemporary economic development is marked by agglomeration in high-skilled and knowledge-intensive activities. Research-based concentrations of high-skilled activity in the UK have been limited and

concentrated heavily in parts of London and cities in the Golden Triangle, especially Oxford and Cambridge. Even in London, the benefits have been unevenly spread between boroughs. • Existing analyses of the predicaments of left behind places present a stark division between rapid growth in "winning" high-skilled cities and relative decline in "losing" areas. This view is problematic because it oversimplifies the experience in the UK and other countries. A false binary distinction is presented to policymakers which offers only the possibility of growth in larger cities and derived spillovers and other compensations elsewhere. • Yet, the post-industrial economy involves strong dispersal of activity and growth to smaller cities, towns and rural areas. However, this process has been highly selective between local areas and needs to be better understood. The institutional and policy response: • Past policies in the UK have lacked recognition of the scale and importance of the left behind problem and committed insufficient resources to its resolution. The objective of achieving a less geographically unequal economy has not been incorporated into mainstream policymaking. When compared with other countries, the UK has taken an overcentralized, "top-down" approach to policy formulation and implementation, often applying "one size fits all" policy measures to different geographical situations. • Political cycles have underpinned a disruptive churn of institutions and policies. In contrast with other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries, particularly in Europe, there has been limited long-term strategy and continuity, and inadequate development of local policymaking capacity and capabilities, especially for research, analysis, monitoring and evaluation. • Past policies have been underfunded, inconsistent, and inadequately tailored and adapted to the needs of different local economies. We estimate that, on average over the period 1961–2020, the UK government invested on average £2.9 billion per annum in direct spatial policy (2020 prices), equivalent to around 0.15% of gross national income (GNI) per annum over the period. European Union Structural and Cohesion Policy support has added around 0.12% GNI (2020 prices) per

annum to this over the period from the late 1970s. • These broad estimates suggest that discretionary expenditure in the UK on urban and regional policy when both domestic and European Union spatial policy was in operation was equivalent to 0.27% per annum of UK GNI (2020 prices). This is dwarfed by mainstream spending programmes (by comparison, the UK committed £14.5 billion (0.7% of GNI) to international aid in 2019). The level of resources devoted to spatial policy has been modest given the entrenched and cumulative nature of the problem. • Policies for "levelling up" need clearly to distinguish different types of left behind places and devise a set of place-sensitive and targeted policies for these types of "clubs" of left behind areas. This shift will need a radical expansion of "place-based" policymaking in the UK which allows national and local actors to collaborate on the design of appropriate targeted programmes. • A key priority for "levelling up" is revitalizing Northern cities and boosting their contribution to the national economy. Underperformance in these urban centres has been a major contributor to persistent geographical inequality in the UK. • Addressing the UK's geographical economic inequalities and the plight of left behind places requires substantially more decentralization of power and resources to place-based agencies. This would enable the current UK government's "levelling up" agenda to capitalize on the many advantages of more "place-based" policymaking to diagnose problems, build on local capabilities, strengthen resilience and adapt to local changes in circumstances. • Crucially, place-based efforts need to be coordinated and aligned with place-sensitive national policies. The key challenge of a levelling up mission is to integrate "place-based" policies with greater place sensitivity in national policies and in regulation and mainstream economic spending. • It is important to develop policies that spread the benefits from agglomeration and ensure that the income effects and innovations produced by high-skill concentrations diffuse to the wider cityregional economies and their firms (especially small and medium-sized enterprises) and workers. There is a clear need for more policy thinking on how this can be achieved. • Policy for levelling-up needs to align and coordinate with the other national

missions for net zero carbon and post-pandemic recovery. This suggests that a strong "place-making" agenda focused on quality of life, infrastructure and housing in many left behind places is important for post-industrial and service growth.

- Genuine place-making is a long-term process involving public, private and civic participation which allows local responses to those economic, environmental, and social constraints and problems that most strongly reduce the quality of life in local areas. A truly "total place" approach is required. The quality of infrastructure, housing stock and public services is crucial for the quality of place as well as the ability to secure and attract more dispersed forms of growth. There is little hope of delivering "place-making" if public sector austerity is once again allowed to cut back public services more severely in poorer and more deprived areas. The way forward:
- The scale and nature of the UK's contemporary "left behind places" problem are such that only a transformative shift in policy model and a resource commitment of historic proportions are likely to achieve the "levelling up" ambition that is central to the current government's political ambitions.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS In summary, our recommendations are that the UK government should:

- Grasp the transformative moment for local, regional and urban development policy as the UK adjusts to a post-Covid-19 world and seeks a net zero carbon future.
- Establish a clear and binding national mission for "levelling up".
- Realize the potential of place in policymaking.
- Decentralize and devolve towards a multilevel federal polity.
- Strengthen subnational funding and financing and adopt new financing models involving the public, private sector and civic sectors to generate the resources required.
- Embed geography in the national state and in national policy machinery.
- Improve subnational strategic research, intelligence, monitoring and evaluation capacity. A failure to learn from the lessons of the last 70 years of spatial policy risks the UK becoming an ever more divided nation, with all the associated economic, social and political costs, risks and challenges that this presents.

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