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The Restless City: A Short History of New York from Colonial Times to the Present is a short, lively history of the world's most exciting and diverse metropolis. It shows how New York's perpetual struggles for power, wealth, and status exemplify the vigor, creativity, resilience, and influence of the nation's premier urban center.

The updated second edition includes 19 images and brings the story right up through the mayoral election of 2009. In these pages are the stories of a broad cross-section of people and events that shaped the city, including mayors and moguls, women and workers, and policemen and poets. Joanne Reitano shows how New York has invigorated the American dream by confronting the fundamental economic, political, and social challenges that face every city. Energized by change, enriched by immigrants, and enlivened by provocative leaders, New York City's restlessness has always been its greatest asset.

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