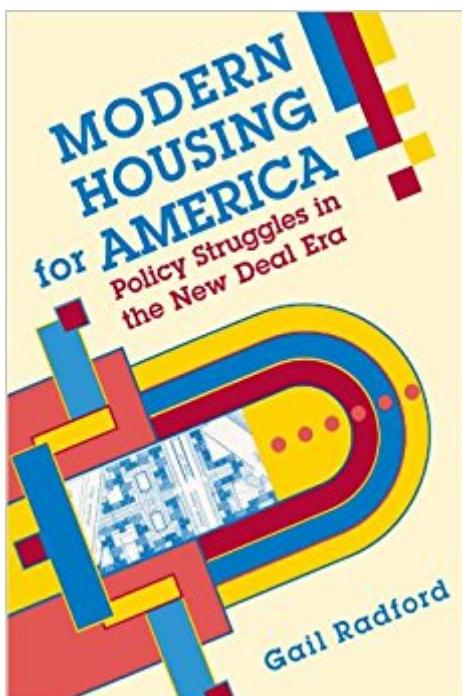


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This book was required reading for my Master's course in Low-Income housing. The title should be changed, to "Modern Housing in Chicago". Using the word America is misleading since it does not cover all of the country. G. Radford is very competent in her research. Living on the Pacific coast I sincerely did not find any thing in depth on the subject.(Book was new, excellent condition and delivery service!)

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