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In this work, Roberto Cortés Conde describes and explains the decline of the Argentine economy in the twentieth century, its evolution, and its consequences. At the beginning of the century, the economy grew at a sustained rate, a modern transport system united the country, a massive influx of immigrants populated the land, and education expanded, leading to a dramatic fall in illiteracy. However, by the second half of the century, not only had growth stalled, but a dramatic reversal occurred, and the perspectives in the median and long term turned negative, and growth eventually collapsed. This work of historical analysis defines the most important problems faced by the Argentine economy. Some of these problems were fundamental, whereas others occurred without being properly considered, but in their entirety, Cortés Conde demonstrates how they had a deleterious effect on the country.

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Acronyms

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| AGA | Anuario Geográfico Argentino |
| BCRA | Banco Central de la República Argentina |
| BID | Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo |
| BNA | Banco de la Nación Argentina |
| CAP | Compañía Argentina de Productores de Carne |
| CEPAL | Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe |
| CGE | Confederación General Económica |
| CGT | Confederación General del Trabajo |
| CINA | Confederación Industrial Argentina |
| CONADE | Consejo Nacional de Desarrollo |
| DNEC | Dirección Nacional de Estadística y Censos |
| DNGPS | Dirección Nacional de Programación del Gasto Social |
| ECLAC | Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean |
| FIEL | Fundación de Investigaciones Económicas Latinoamericanas |
| FMI | Fondo Monetario Internacional |
| GOU | Grupo de Oficiales Unidos |
| IAPI | Instituto Argentino del Promoción del Intercambio |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| IMIB | Instituto Movilizador de Inversiones Bancarias |
| IMIM | Instituto Mixto de Inversiones Mobiliarias |
| INDEC | Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos |
| INTA | Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria |
| NYSE | New York Stock Exchange |
| OAS | Organization of American States |
| OEA | Organización de Estados Americanos |
| SRA | Sociedad Rural Argentina |
| UIA | Unión Industrial Argentina |
| YPF | Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales |

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