Governor Henry Horner, Chicago Politics, And The Great Depression

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Charles Masters is an American historian and author known for his work on Chicago politics and the Great Depression. Masters' book, "Governor Henry Horner, Chicago Politics, and the Great Depression," explores Horner's role in Chicago politics and the state's recovery from the Great Depression. Horner, a progressive reformer, fought against political patronage and oversaw the state's finances during his tenure.

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