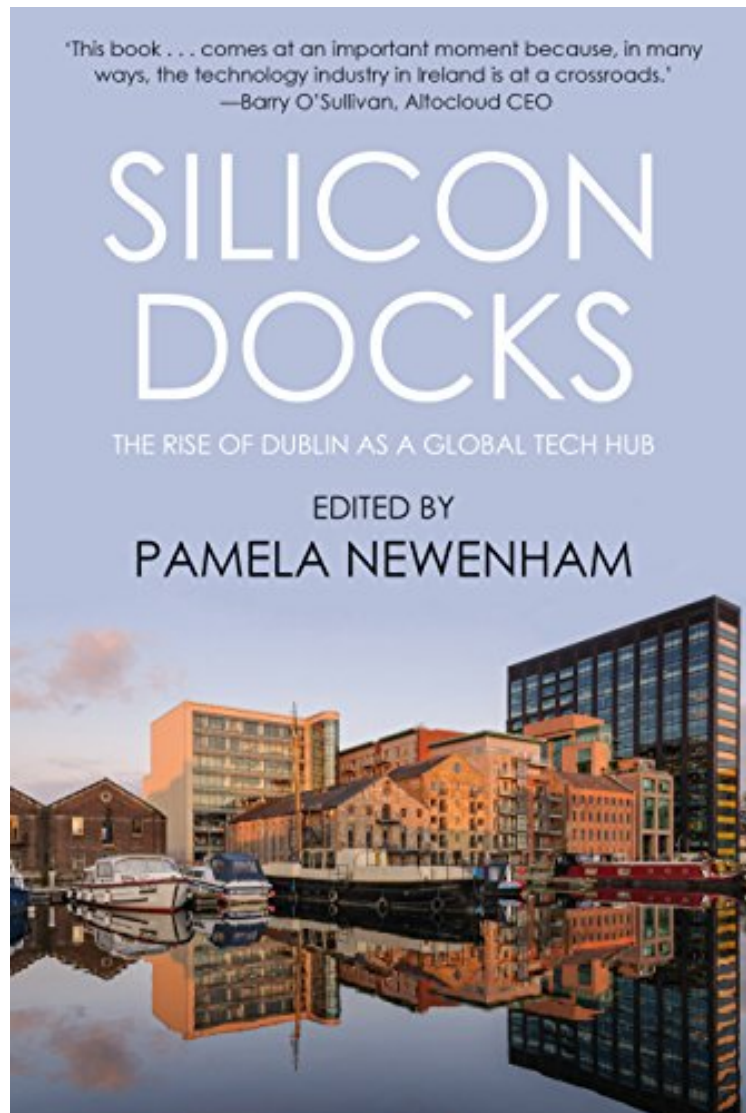


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. By Irish journalists, for Irish people. An interesting, if biased, look at the growth of the Dublin tech scene By HoneyBadger Silicon Docks gives a look at the raise of the Dublin tech scene over the years, as seen by multiple Irish journalists and focused in large parts on a specific Dublin district known by some as the "Silicon Docks". While the history of the transformation of this area is quite interesting, and some of the success stories of the country are also of interest, the book sometimes feels disjointed, alternating chapters focused on

story with large lists of companies establishing offices, complete with number of employees and money invested, which gets old quite fast. Beyond this, the book also lacks neutrality, overlooking many of the problems and failures of many companies to focus on the successes over and over again, thus giving just a fragment of the story. In the end, if you can get past the bias and are interested in economical and urban development of Ireland, have a look at it, you wouldn't regret it.

Over the past fifteen years, many of the world's biggest technology firms have opened offices in Dublin. But just how did the Irish government convince the likes of Google, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to set up bases in Ireland? Find out how a series of last-minute negotiations between the IDA and Google convinced Sergey Brin and Larry Page to locate their European headquarters in Ireland instead of Switzerland. Discover the difficulty Facebook faced when it tried to register its company name in Ireland, as another firm had a similar name. Learn how a tweet to Twitter co-founder Biz Stone helped woo the social media platform. In *Silicon Docks*, a team of Irish journalists tell the inside story of how Dublin's decaying docklands were transformed into a hub for tech companies wanting to expand into Europe, and how attracting such firms helped kick-start Ireland's very own entrepreneurial boom. Tax is top of the agenda as Ireland fights off competition from other countries to be Europe's answer to Silicon Valley, but could changes on the horizon see government plans to attract more tech players unravel?

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