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# PORTILLO'S HIDDEN HISTORY *of* BRITAIN

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**Abandoned prisons, closed-down cinemas, empty hospitals and derelict military bases... there is a wealth of crumbling buildings across Britain; untouched for decades and frozen in time.**

In *Portillo's Hidden History of Britain*, Michael Portillo combines the skills of a historian and detective as he investigates some of Britain's most interesting 'lost' buildings, finding clues in the rubble and piecing together the fascinating stories to which their walls once bore witness.

Published to tie in with the broadcast of the second series of Channel 5's *Portillo's Hidden History of Britain*, Portillo's narrative provides a compelling and original perspective on Britain's social, military and industrial history.

With 32 pages of atmospheric and informative photographs, including many 'then and now' images of locations, this book juxtaposes many building's former glory with their present-day destitution.

**MICHAEL PORTILLO** is a British journalist, broadcaster, and former member of parliament and cabinet minister in the Conservative party. Since retiring from active politics in 2005, Michael has pursued a successful media career. He is a regular guest on BBC1's political discussion programme *This Week*, and has made a range of documentaries, including BBC2's *Great British Railway Journeys* and *Great Continental Railway Journeys*. A long-serving member of the panel in Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*, Michael has also written a regular column for *The Sunday Times* and contributes to a number of other newspapers and magazines.

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