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E ver since her boat drifted up against the mammoth docks in Milwaukee's harbor, Leah Dobkin has been enthralled by the evolution of the port and the city so firmly moored to it. From an era when it was a "Milwaukee Miracle" to make landfall without losing luggage to a promising

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## THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE PORT OF MILWAUKEE

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