CONTENTS

	List of Illustrations and Maps	viii
	Introduction have be stated an obelief wild state of the land at the state of the s	x
	Part A Belarus: A History of Crossroads	
1	Polatsk	3
2	Resurrection cathedral, Braslaw, 1874; Unknown artist, Icon of Our Lady of Minsk, mid-late states of the states of	18
3	Ruthenia Maul Manusau Mar A Ismolal A	33
4	Cathedral of St Virgin Mary, Minsk finished 1710 bnal-stainU	48
5	Belarus Begins 201-2021 Stantill Assued best	60
6	Belarus Begins Again: The Traumatic Twentieth Century	90
	Part B Independent Belarus	
7	The Building Blocks of National Identity	121
8	Politics Either Side of Independence, 1989–1994	140
9	Building Authoritarianism: Lukashenka's First Term	168
10	Building an Authoritarian State: Lukashenka's Second Term	194
11	The Third Term: The Edifice Crumbles	209
12	The Myth of the Belarusian Economic Miracle	237
	Conclusions: Why Lukashenka?	255
	Appendix: The Belarusian Economy Since Independence	261
	Notes	262
	Index	293