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Sommario/riassunto

"A critical introduction to Organisation Theory that you can understand, apply and enjoy!" This book addresses fundamental questions such as what is organisation theory and why does it matter. It explores the historical development of organization theory from its origins right up to present-day debates. It asks what challenges it presents to contemporary organisations, and explores the solutions it can provide. Organization Theory brings a fresh approach to long-standing questions and is aimed at undergraduate and postgraduate students for whom the study of organizational theory or analysis is an integral part of their degree programme.

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Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
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Sommario/riassunto	This book examines the relationship between humans and nature that evolved in medieval Europe over the course of a millennium. From the beginning, people lived in nature and discovered things about it. Ancient societies bequeathed to the Middle Ages both the Bible and a pagan conception of natural history. These conflicting legacies shaped

medieval European ideas about the natural order and what economic, moral and biological lessons it might teach. This book analyzes five themes found in medieval views of nature - grafting, breeding mules, original sin, property rights and disaster - to understand what some medieval people found in nature and what their assumptions and beliefs kept them from seeing.
