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Nota di contenuto	1. Introduction to Modal Epistemology After Rationalism (Bob Fischer) -- 2. Naturalised Modal Epistemology (Daniel Nolan) -- 3. Empirically-Informed Modal Rationalism (Tuomas E. Tahko) -- 4. Modal Epistemology Without Detours (Scott A. Shalkowski) -- 5. The Epistemology of Modality and the Epistemology of Mathematics (Otávio Bueno) -- 6. Modal Knowledge: Beyond Rationalism and Empiricism (Anand Jayprakash Vaidya) -- 7. Extending Modal Vision (Rasmussen) -- 8. Personal Identity Without Too Much Science Fiction (Peter Kung) -- 9. Modal Conventionalism and Textbook Analyticities (Biggs) -- 10. Modal Knowledge, Evolution, and Counterfactuals (Thomas Kroedel) -- 11. Imagination, Possibility, and Plovers (Hanrahan) -- 12. Similarity and Possibility: An Epistemology of De Re Possibility for Concrete Entities (Roca-Royes) -- 13. From Modal Skepticism to Modal Empiricism (Felipe Leon) -- 14. Modal Empiricism: Objection, Reply, Proposal (Bob Fischer) -- 15. Can Modal Skepticism Defeat Humean Skepticism? (Peter Hawke).
Sommario/riassunto	This collection highlights the new trend away from rationalism and toward empiricism in the epistemology of modality. Accordingly, the book represents a wide range of positions on the empirical sources of modal knowledge. Readers will find an introduction that surveys the

field and provides a brief overview of the work, which progresses from empirically-sensitive rationalist accounts to fully empiricist accounts of modal knowledge. Early chapters focus on challenges to rationalist theories, essence-based approaches to modal knowledge, and the prospects for naturalizing modal epistemology. The middle chapters present positive accounts that reject rationalism, but which stop short of advocating exclusive appeal to empirical sources of modal knowledge. The final chapters mark a transition toward exclusive reliance on empirical sources of modal knowledge. They explore ways of making similarity-based, analogical, inductive, and abductive arguments for modal claims based on empirical information. Modal epistemology is coming into its own as a field, and this book has the potential to anchor a new research agenda.
