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Sommario/riassunto	Balanced, broad-based, and up to date, this comprehensive text explores the nature and critical issues of earth resources and the impacts that resource usage has on the earth environment. The authors offer full coverage of all major types of earth resources-energy, metallic, nonmetallic, water, soil. A minimal scientific background is assumed.