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Sommario/riassunto	The Trobriand Islanders' eschatological belief system explains what happens when someone dies. Bronislaw Malinowski described essentials of this eschatology in his articles "'Baloma: the Spirits of the Dead in the Trobriand Islands'" and "'Myth in Primitive Psychology'". There he also presented the Trobrianders' belief that a "'baloma'" can be reborn; he claimed that Trobrianders are unaware of the father's role as genitor. This volume presents a critical review of Malinowski's ethnography of Trobriand eschatology - finally settling the "'virgin birth'" controversy. It also documents the ritua