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| Sommario/riassunto      | The Battle for Leyte Gulf by C. Vann Woodward is an in-depth historical account of the largest naval engagement of World War II and the most significant maritime battle ever fought. The book details the complex series of battles that occurred in October 1944 between the Allied forces and the Japanese Imperial Navy in the Philippines. Woodward meticulously describes the strategic planning, the composition of the forces, and the execution of the Sho Plan by the Japanese, which culminated in a desperate and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to thwart the Allied landings. The narrative includes detailed analyses of the four major battles within the campaign, emphasizing the scale and intensity of the confrontation. The book also explores the introduction of Kamikaze tactics and the evolution of naval warfare, highlighting the transition from traditional surface engagements to air carrier-driven |

strategies. Intended for military historians and enthusiasts, the work provides comprehensive insights into the dynamics of naval warfare during World War II.

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