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Nota di contenuto	The appearance and diversification of receptors for IgM during vertebrate evolution. -- Authentic IgM Fc Receptor (FcR) -- FCRLA - A resident endoplasmic reticulum protein that associates with multiple immunoglobulin isotypes in B lineage cells -- Specific IgM and regulation of antibody responses -- Role of Natural IgM autoantibodies (IgM- NAA) and IgM anti-leucocyte antibodies (IgM-ALA) in regulating inflammation.
Sommario/riassunto	This volume reviews the current state of research on the IgM antibody and its multiple receptors and binding proteins. Interactions of the IgM ligands with these molecules are important for protection against infections as a first line of defense, as well as for regulation of immune responses to pathogens and self-antigens. The book includes up-to-date information on: (i) the phylogeny of three IgM-binding receptors [polymeric Ig receptor (pIgR), Fc receptor for both IgA and IgM (Fc μ R), and Fc receptor for IgM only (Fc γ R)]; (ii) the lymphocyte-restricted distribution and unique ligand-binding activity of Fc γ R; (iii) the definition and potential function of Fc receptor-like molecule A (FCRLA) as a resident endoplasmic reticulum protein that binds IgM, but also IgG and IgA; (iv) IgM antibody-mediated enhancement of humoral immune responses, highlighting the importance of

complement and its receptors, (v) the numerous important roles of IgM natural antibodies in regulation of inflammation. It is an invaluable resource for researchers and clinicians alike.
