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Sommario/riassunto	Arguing with Anthropology is a fresh and wholly original guide to key elements in anthropology, which teaches the ability to think, write and argue critically. Using the famous 'question of the gift' as a master-issue for discussion, and drawing on a rich variety of methods, aims, knowledge and understanding. The books' unique hypothetical approach takes gift-theory - the science of obligation and reciprocity - as the theme of a virtual enquiry which explores how the discipline has evolved historically, how it is applied in practice and how it can be argued with critically. By asking readers t

