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Sommario/riassunto	This book examines the operational dynamics of patriarchy that is deeply woven into the Indian cultural fabric and its persistence in spite of women advancing in Human Development Indices. In studying the situation of women of the Catholic Syrian Christian community of Kerala, South India, as a case of analysis, Kochurani Abraham identifies caste consciousness and religious prescriptions of this community as the main factors that intersect with gendered identity construction and succeed in keeping women within its patriarchal confines. While women do engage in negotiating patriarchy through what can be termed simulative, tactical, and 'agensic' bargains, this remains a 'politics of survival' as it does not challenge the established gender order. In this context, making a shift from 'politics of survival' to a 'politics of

subversion' is imperative for challenging persisting patriarchies.
