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Sommario/riassunto	International Handbook of Chinese Families Chan Kwok-bun, editor The globalization and mobility trends of recent years continue to add new layers of nuances to the already diverse human experience. Nowhere is this clearer than the Chinese diaspora in the Pacific Rim and North America, which witnesses a wide variety of social issues from the effects of migration on family stability, to elusive concepts of identity among people living in non-Chinese communities, to complex gender and generation politics—issues that have also begun to affect life on the mainland. The International Handbook of Chinese Families delves into these processes of social transformation in meticulous, far-reaching detail. Focusing on the family life cycle, parent-child relationships, family forms in transition including divorce and

separation, migration, emerging research methodologies, and policy concerns, the Handbook highlights diverse populations, including mobile entrepreneurs, college students, fathers, immigrants and re-migrants, same-sex families, divorcees, and the aging. And since the coverage emphasizes families both on and away from the mainland, readers have uncommon access to immediate and long-developing issues, country-specific and worldwide patterns, and the conflict between longstanding tradition and rapid change. A sampling of topics featured in the Handbook: Gender preference for children among Chinese-Americans. Mainland Chinese immigrant families in Singapore. Empowered or impoverished? Effects of divorce on urban women in China and Canada. Contemporary Chinese fathers in Canada. Social networks and family relationships in return migration. Impact of the one-child policy on Chinese families. This vast array of subjects makes the Handbook a rich trove of findings for researchers studying family development, Chinese family and immigrant experience, globalization, and related topics. A landmark in Chinese family studies, the Handbook is unsurpassed in breadth and depth in its attempt to examine the intimate relations between social theory, research methodology and public policies. It sets the stage for how the Chinese family world-wide will be approached, studied, understood—for change in a quickly globalized world.
