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Nota di contenuto	Pt. I. Problems you should know about. -- It is unlikely that you will benefit -- You may have a "cancer scare" and face an endless cycle of testing -- You may receive unnecessary treatment -- You may find a cancer you would rather not know about -- Your pathologist may say it's cancer, while others say it's not -- Your doctor may get distracted from other issues that are more important to you -- Pt. II. Becoming a better-educated consumer -- Understand the culture of medicine (and why we are pushed to test) -- Understand the statistics of cancer (and why five-year survival is the world's most misleading number -- Understand the limits to research; even genetic research (and why it is hard to be sure there really are benefits to screening -- Develop a strategy that works for you.
Sommario/riassunto	Combining patient stories and data on common cancers, the author makes the case that testing healthy people for cancer is really a double-edged sword: tests may help, but some have little effect and are sometimes even harmful.