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Sommario/riassunto

Using her experience of working with older people with dementia, Grethe Berg explains how mealtimes can be used as opportunities for meaningful interaction, socialising and reminiscing. This book provides much-needed help and practical strategies for care managers and carers to reclaim mealtimes as positive experiences for people with dementia.
