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Sommario/riassunto	This e-book is concerned with the nature of relationships. Philip Larkin in his famous poem about parents suggested that the relationships within a family are the source of both joy and despair and that the tension between these two feelings is what gives individual families their unique quality. This perspective on tensions, paradoxes and opposing positions underpins the philosophy of this special edition; rather than seeing these characteristics as things which require reconciliation and rationalisation, we accept them as fundamentally positive characteristics of inquisitive life. The modern political response to this kind of conflict is triangulation where opposing views are defined in terms of their extreme nature and a subsequent position is justified between the two on the basis of sensibility and consensus. We do not aim to either reconcile or compromise on the debates and

discussions in the articles in this special edition but, with a degree of good temper and moderation, we hope to describe, engage and further some of the arguments.
