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## Sommario/riassunto

Brings together the world's leading psychobiographers, writing on many of the major figures of our age - from Osama Bin Laden to Elvis Presley. This book addresses the subject of how to construct a psychobiography. It provides useful definitions of good and bad psychobiography, and discusses an optimal structure for psychobiographical essays.