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Sommario/riassunto	Russian popular culture and folklore were a central theme in Dostoevsky's work, and folklore imagery permeates his fiction. Dostoevsky and the Russian People is a comprehensive study of the people and folklore in his art. Linda Ivanits investigates the integration of Dostoevsky's religious ideas and his use of folklore in his major

fiction. She surveys the shifts in Dostoevsky's thinking about the Russian people throughout his life and offers comprehensive studies of the people and folklore in *Crime and Punishment*, *The Idiot*, *The Devils*, and *The Brothers Karamazov*. This important study will illuminate this unexplored aspect of his work, and will be of great interest to scholars and students of Russian and of comparative literature.

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