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Sommario/riassunto	The distinction between friends and acquaintances is often made in everyday conversation but the significance of this distinction is under-explored. This book argues that acquaintanceship is a topic worthy of investigation in its own right and assesses the overall significance of acquaintances in late modern society.