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Sommario/riassunto	When is wartime? On the surface, it is a period of time in which a society is at war. But we now live in what President Obama has called ""an age without surrender ceremonies,"" as the Administration announced an ""end to conflict in Iraq,"" even though conflict on the ground is ongoing. It is no longer easy to distinguish between wartime and peacetime. In this inventive meditation on war, time, and the law, Mary Dudziak argues that wartime is not as discrete a time period as we like to think. Instead, America has been engaged in some form of ongoing overseas armed conflict for over a century.