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Sommario/riassunto	Can 'traditional' leaders and institutions help to build more legitimate, accountable and effective governments in polities or 'states' under (re) construction? This book investigates the case of "Somaliland", the 20-year old non-recognized state which emerged from Somalia's conflict and state collapse. A careful analysis of Somaliland's political history, it outlines the complex and evolving institutional and power dynamics involving clan elders, militia leaders, guerrilla movements, as well as politicians and civil servants in its emerging state structures. While

showing the great potential of endogenous processes, it clearly demonstrates the complexity and the politics of those processes and the necessity to think beyond one-size-fits-all state-building formulas.
