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Sommario/riassunto

This provocative analysis and critique of American representations of Oceania and Oceanians from the nineteenth century to the present, argues that imperial fantasies have glossed over a complex, violent history. It introduces the concept of 'American Pacificism', a theoretical framework that draws on contemporary theories of friendship, hospitality and tourism to refigure established debates around 'orientalism' for an Oceanian context. Paul Lyons explores American-Islander relations and traces the ways in which two fundamental conceptions of Oceania have been entwined