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Sommario/riassunto For all of the scholarship done on postcolonial literatures, little has

been applied to Scandinavian writing. Yet, beginning with the onset of

tourism beyond Scandinavia in the 1840's, a compelling body of prose works documents Scandinavian attitudes toward foreign countries and further shows how these Scandinavian travelers sought to portray themselves to uncharted cultures. Focusing on Danish and Norwegian travelogues, Elisabeth Oxfeldt traces the evolution of Scandinavian travel writing over two centuries using pivotal texts from each era, including works by Hans Christian Andersen, Knut Hamsun, and Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen)