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Sommario/riassunto	Zen and the White Whale: A Buddhist Rendering of Moby-Dick examines how Herman Melville's Moby-Dick may have been influenced by contemporaneous sources of information about Buddhist thought and considers the book from a Zen Buddhist perspective, as it is expressed in both ancient and modern teachings.