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Sommario/riassunto	What was it like to be disabled in the Middle Ages? How did people become disabled? Did welfare support exist? This book discusses social and cultural factors affecting the lives of medieval crippled, deaf, mute and blind people, those nowadays collectively called ""disabled."" Although the word did not exist then, many of the experiences disabled people might have today can already be traced back to medieval social institutions and cultural attitudes.This volume informs our knowledge of the topic by investigating the impact medieval laws had on the social position of disabled people