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Sommario/riassunto	Questions about drink - how it is used, how it should be regulated and the social risks it presents - have been a source of sustained and

heated dispute in recent years. In *The politics of alcohol*, newly available in paperback, Nicholls puts these concerns in historical context by providing a detailed and extensive survey of public debates on alcohol from the introduction of licensing in the mid-sixteenth century through to recent controversies over 24-hour licensing, binge drinking and the cheap sale of alcohol in supermarkets. In doing so, he shows that concerns over drinking have always been.
