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| Sommario/riassunto | In this small book, Ulrich Steinvorth describes the reasons why analytic philosophy, which started as an anti-metaphysical project, has become a strong advocate of metaphysics, and why it must become synthetic, normative, and naturalistic. Steinvorth argues that self-regulation is the common property of all being, that we can talk of an increase or escalation of self-regulation in the evolution of being, and that self- |

regulation becomes self-determination in man. Considering objections to this view related to questions of free will, consciousness, the naturalistic fallacy, and teleology, he draws on cybernetics, dual process theory, physical cosmology, and Leibniz's ("demiurgic") idea of measuring the goodness of a world by the number of possibilities opened up by the world. To test his approach and show its political relevance, he applies it to political liberalism. Ulrich Steinvorth is Professor Emeritus at the University of Hamburg, Germany, and lives in the United States. He has published numerous books and articles on political philosophy, ethics, and metaphysics in German, English, and French, and has taught philosophy at universities in Germany, France, Turkey, Japan, China, and the USA.
