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Sommario/riassunto	In his pioneering study <i>The Philosophical Baroque: On Autopoietic Modernities</i> , Erik S. Roraback argues that modern culture,

contemplated over its four-century history, resembles nothing so much as the pearl famously described, by periodizers of old, as irregular, barroco . Reframing modernity as a multi-century baroque, Roraback steeps texts by Shakespeare, Henry James, Joyce, and Pynchon in systems theory and the ideas of philosophers of language and culture from Leibniz to such dynamic contemporaries as Luhmann, Benjamin, Blanchot, Deleuze and Guattari, Lacan, and Žižek. The resulting brew, high in intellectual caffeine, will be of value to all who take an interest in cultural modernity—indeed, all who recognize that “modernity” was (and remains) a congeries of competing aesthetic, economic, historical, ideological, philosophical, and political energies
