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Sommario/riassunto	In Italy, the second post-war period was marked by the irreversible collapse of the public asylum system and by a radical transformation of the assistance interventions aimed at people suffering from mental, physical and sensory impairments. The differential and special classes have gradually entered into crisis, as have psycho-pedagogical institutions, educational institutions for the blind and the deaf and more generally all practices tending to "separation" between healthy and sick individuals, between "normal" and "Subnormal". This book is oriented precisely to the analysis of that great change, of its consequences, of the cultural, social and political reasons that determined it, of the times and ways in which it took place. The survey focuses on a specific case - that of Turin psychiatry between the 1960s and 1980s - but there is no lack of forays into different territories - the world of schools for example - and into broader issues and themes. Restricting the field of observation to a particular reality allows on the other hand to face the unfolding of those transformations in practice, avoiding the risk of too vague or generic speeches. Finally, without forgetting that the implosion of the asylum had peculiar characteristics

in the various local contexts in which it occurred.
