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Sommario/riassunto	<p>Part travelogue, part meditation, Abuse is a bold exploration of central themes in Continental philosophy by one of the most passionate and original thinkers in that tradition writing today.</p> <p>A gripping record of desires, obsessions, bodies, and spaces experienced in distant lands, Alphonso Lingis's book offers no less than a new approach to philosophy, aesthetic and sympathetic, which departs from the phenomenology of Levinas and Merleau-Ponty. "These were letters written to friends," Lingis writes, "from places I found myself for months at a time, about encounters that moved me and troubled me ... These writings also became no longer my letters. I found myself only trying to speak for others, others greeted only with passionate kisses of parting."</p> <p>Ranging from the elevated citadel of Machu Picchu, the only intact Inca ruin, to the living rooms of the Mexican elite, to the streets of Manila, Lingis recounts incidents of state-sponsored violence and the progressive incorporation of third world people into the circuits of exchange of international capitalism.</p> <p>Recalling the work of such great writers as Graham Greene, Kathy Acker, and Georges Bataille, Abuses contains impassioned accounts of silence, eros and identity, torture and war, the sublime, lust and joy, and human rituals surrounding carnival and death that occurred during his journeys to India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Bali, the Philippines, Antarctica, and Latin America.</p> <p>A deeply unsettling book by a philosopher of unusual imagination,</p>

Abuses will appeal to readers who, like its author, "may want the enigmas and want the discomfiture within oneself."
