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Sommario/riassunto	This book is a socio-philosophical journey across several aspects of our society's focus on individual freedom, taking cues from some of the most prominent thinkers of our time. The author posits that the human quest for freedom (mostly dominated by the Western culture but by no means confined to the West) has reached its ultimate paradox of making contemporary humans fundamentally unable to act as ecosystems (thus cooperate and collaborate). They have become ecosystems, completely centred on the attainment of their own

individual satisfaction. The author sees this as the culmination of a rightful quest for self-affirmation, which has been a key driver of progress across human history and by no means a negative one. But the paradox is that such a human-centred notion of freedom and individual accomplishment results in a much reduced ability to operate in sync with others, at the time when mankind would need more cooperation, collaboration and selflessness to address the key challenges it faces (from climate change to inequalities). Through the examination of the broad and interdisciplinary themes typical of social philosophy and the most recent cultural studies, in direct confrontation with the thought of authors such as Lipovetsky and Bauman, Lasch and Beck, Ehrenberg and Han, this book examines shifts in cultural norms at the possible end of a millenary civilization. Matteo Pietropaoli is Adjunct Professor of Political Sociology at Link Campus University of Rome, Italy. He obtained a PhD in Philosophy in 2013 at Sapienza University of Rome and then spent research periods at the Sorbonne Université de Paris, the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg and the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. Author of numerous essays in national and international scientific journals, as well as books and translations, from 2018 to 2021 he worked as political-legislative consultant for the Ministry of Education, University and Research (with prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti as Minister) and for the Chamber of Deputies.
