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## Sommario/riassunto

This edited volume brings together a range of scholars to reflect on the varied ways in which caste is manifested and experienced in social life. Each chapter draws on different methods and approaches, while all consider lived experiences and experiential narrations. Considering Guru and Sarukkai's path-breaking work on 'Experience, Caste and the Everyday Social' (2019), this volume applies the insights of the theories to multiple settings, issues and communities. Unique to this volume, Brahmin and other dominant castes' experiences are considered, rather than simply focusing on the lives of oppressed castes (Dalits). Analysis of cross-caste friendships or romances and marriages bring out the intimate and ingrained aspects of caste, and therefore, taken together, the contributions in this volume offer rich insights into caste and its consciousness within the framework of everyday experiences.

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Sukhadeo Thorat, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi "Bhoi and Gorringer bring together an excellent set of essays that explore caste and its centrality in everyday life in India. This book is a valuable contribution to critical caste studies." - Suryakant Waghmore, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

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