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Sommario/riassunto	Over 400 years ago, Archduke Ferdinand Ernst was born into a torn world, who as Ferdinand III. from 1637 until his death in 1657 he was Holy Roman Emperor. His life was a war in search of peace. Together with the many countries of the Habsburg monarchy, he had inherited a war that could not be won by anyone militarily and brought terrible suffering to an entire generation. What had begun in 1618 with the Prague lintel as well as the religiously motivated revolt of the nobility against the Habsburgs could only be brought to a pan-European level in 1648 with the Treaty of Westphalia. How to get out of such a war had to be learned first and it meant saying goodbye to positions that had long been considered absolute: the unity of Christianity, the primacy of a denomination, the unity of the dynasty, the territorial integrity and unity of the empire. Peace in the empire and with its European neighbors brought permanent and viable solutions to the conflict between Protestants and Catholics by allowing differences against their will. The institutional crisis of the empire was overcome, the peace congress as a model for interstate conflict resolution.