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   Sommario/riassunto From a Western perspective, the Persian Gulf War of 1990-1991 largely
                       fulfilled the first President Bush's objective: "In, out, do it, do it right,
                       get gone. That's the message." But in the Arab world, the causes and
                       consequences of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and his
                       subsequent defeat by a U.S.-led coalition were never so clear-cut. The
                       potent blend of Islam and Arab nationalism that Saddam forged to
                       justify the unjustifiable—his invasion of a Muslim state—gained
                       remarkable support among both Muslims and Arabs and continued to
                       resonate in the Middle East long after the fighting ended. Indeed, as
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Saddam Hussein used Islam and Arab nationalism to legitimate his invasion of Kuwait in the eyes of fellow Muslims and Arabs, while delegitimating the actions of the U.S.-led coalition and its Arab members. Jerry M. Long addresses three fundamental issues: how extensively and in what specific ways Iraq appealed to Islam during the Kuwait crisis; how elites, Islamists, and the elusive Arab "street," both in and out of the coalition, responded to that appeal and why they responded as they did; and the longer-term effects that resulted from Saddam's strategy.