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Sommario/riassunto	Leela Fernandes digs into the implications of the growth of the middle class in India and uncovers Nin the media, in electoral politics, and on the streets of urban neighborhoods Nthe complex politics of caste, religion, and gender that shape this rising population. Using rich ethnographic data, she reveals how the middle class operates as a proponent of economic democratization.