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Sommario/riassunto	This collection of essays brings together diverse approaches to the analysis of Native American culture in the protohistoric period. For most Native American peoples of the Southeast, almost two centuries passed between first contact with European explorers in the 16th century and colonization by whites in the 18th century-a temporal span

commonly referred to as the Protohistoric period. A recent flurry of interest in this period by archaeologists armed with an improved understanding of the complexity of culture contact situations and important new theoretical paradigms
