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Sommario/riassunto	Suicide is a major cause of death worldwide, and its impact has only been fully appreciated in the past few decades. Historically it was viewed from a religious and moral perspective, but that gave way to broad sociological and biological theories, which sometimes seemed to be mutually exclusive. There is now a wealth of knowledge which has allowed an integration of these perspectives, which have varying importance in different contexts. Part of the Oxford Psychiatry Library, this pocketbook provides a review of the diverse theories about suicide and places them in perspective - not all theories