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Sommario/riassunto	Hundreds of thousands of hectares of land in Africa that only a short time ago brought little outside interest are now being sought by international investors. These 'land grabs' have become one of the most contentious topics among those studying, working in or writing about Africa. Lorenzo Cotula, a leading expert in the field, casts a critical eye over the most reliable evidence, examining the implications of land deals in Africa both for its people and for world agriculture and food security.