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| Sommario/riassunto | Between 1945 and 1948, more than a quarter of a million Jews fled countries in Eastern Europe and the Balkans and began filling hastily erected displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria. As one of the victorious Allies, Britain had to help find a solution for the vast majority of these refugees who refused repatriation. Drawing on extensive research in British, American, and Israeli archives, Arie J. Kochavi presents a comprehensive analysis of British policy toward Jewish displaced persons and reveals the crucial role the United States played in undermining that policy. Kochavi argues that the United States' policy was driven by a desire to maintain its influence in Europe and to prevent the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The book also examines the role of the United Nations and the International Refugee Organization in the development of the policy. The author concludes that the British policy was a failure, as it did not effectively address the needs of the refugees and contributed to the creation of a new wave of refugees in the years following the end of World War II. |