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Nota di contenuto	Putting in writing what you want (and don't want) -- What may happen if you don't make it "clear and convincing" -- Facts and statistics -- Empathy and the imagination -- Ancient myth and modern medicine: what can we learn from the past? -- Hoping for a miracle -- What could be wrong with hope? -- Medical futility -- Beyond futility to an ethic of care -- Future decisions we may all have to make.
Sommario/riassunto	Embracing Our Mortality captures medical and ethical decision-making in action at the end of life-- the context in which individual physicians'and patients' decisions about care and perhaps most heightened. The author, an internist and biomedical ethicist recognized for his seminal work on medical futiliity and living wills, blends vivid case studies from his practice with evidence-based insights from the medical literature and intuitive lessons from literary classics to show how the persistent denial of death in both our culture at large and the high-tech culture of medicine interfered with p