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## Sommario/riassunto

This book explores the wide variety of cases in which the plural of nouns is lexical. Using tools from formal semantics and theoretical morphology, Dr Acquaviva analyzes the countless number of examples of word-dependent irregularities in the form and meaning of plural, and in doing so sheds light on the relation between grammar and the lexicon.