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Sommario/riassunto	In this vibrant and pioneering book, Nadine Hubbs shows how a gifted group of Manhattan-based gay composers were pivotal in creating a distinctive "American sound" and in the process served as architects of modern American identity. Focusing on a talented circle that included Aaron Copland, Virgil Thomson, Leonard Bernstein, Marc Blitzstein, Paul Bowles, David Diamond, and Ned Rorem, <i>The Queer Composition of America's Sound</i> homes in on the role of these artists' self-identification-especially with tonal music, French culture, and homosexuality-in the creation of a musical idiom that even today signifies "America" in commercials, movies, radio and television, and

the concert hall.
