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Sommario/riassunto

Has the cell phone forever changed the way people communicate? The mobile phone is used for "real time? coordination while on the run, adolescents use it to manage their freedom, and teens "text? to each other day and night. The mobile phone is more than a simple technical innovation or social fad, more than just an intrusion on polite society. This book, based on world-wide research involving tens of thousands of interviews and contextual observations, looks into the impact of the phone on our daily lives. The mobile phone has fundamentally affected our accessibility, safety and security, coo
