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Sommario/riassunto	The book examines the processes through which public art museums, as modern Western institutions, were introduced to Japan in the late nineteenth century and how they subsequently developed distinctive national characteristics. Focusing on 'empty museums', one of the most distinctive forms of Japanese museums, Morishita shows how they developed, in relation to socio-cultural conditions at certain periods in modern Japanese history.