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Sommario/riassunto	Americans spend billions of dollars every year on drugs, therapy, and other remedies trying to get a good night's sleep. Anxieties about not getting enough sleep and the impact of sleeplessness on productivity, health, and happiness pervade medical opinion, the workplace, and

popular culture. In *The Slumbering Masses*, Matthew J. Wolf-Meyer addresses the phenomenon of sleep and sleeplessness in the United States, tracing the influence of medicine and industrial capitalism on the sleeping habits of Americans from the nineteenth century to the present. Before the introduction
