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Sommario/riassunto	Priests of Our Democracy tells of the teachers and professors who battled the anti-communist witch hunt of the 1950's. It traces the political fortunes of academic freedom beginning in the late 19th century, both on campus and in the courts. Combining political and legal history with wrenching personal stories, the book details how the anti-communist excesses of the 1950's inspired the Supreme Court to recognize the vital role of teachers and professors in American democracy. The crushing of dissent in the 1950's impoverished political discourse in ways that are still being felt, and First Amendment academic freedom, a product of that period, is in peril today. In compelling terms, this book shows why the issue should matter to

everyone.

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