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Sommario/riassunto	Barrels-we rarely acknowledge their importance, but without them we would be missing out on some of the world's finest beverages-most notably whiskies and wines-and of course for over two thousand years they've been used to store, transport, and age an incredibly diverse array of provisions around the globe. In this comprehensive and wide- ranging book, Henry Work tells the intriguing story of the significant and ever-evolving role wooden barrels have played during the last two millennia, revealing how the history of the barrel parallels that of technology at large. Exploring how barr