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Sommario/riassunto	When Europeans landed in Japan they encountered people they perceived as white-skinned and highly civilized, but these impressions

did not endure. Gradually the Europeans' positive impressions faded away and Japanese were seen as yellow-skinned and relatively inferior. This book traces racial roots of the modern clash between Japan and the West.
