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Sommario/riassunto	Pliny's Naturalis Historia – a brilliant and sophisticated encyclopaedia of the scientific, artistic, philosophical, botanical and zoological riches of the ancient world – has had a long career in the footnotes of historical studies. This is a phenomenon born of the sense that the work was there to consult, or to 'use', as a resource to aid investigation of specific technical issues or passages, of Quellenforschung, or of delimited topic areas. The contributors to the present volume both represent and join a new generation of critics who have begun to try to 'read' this monumental text, and – by examining the dominant motifs

which give shape and order to the work – to construct frameworks within which we may understand and interpret Pliny's overarching agenda.
