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Sommario/riassunto	How and why a person comes to be possessed by a dybbuk-the possession of a living body by the soul of a deceased person-and what consequences ensue from such possession, form the subject of this book. Though possession by a dybbuk has traditionally been understood as punishment for a terrible sin, it can also be seen as a mechanism used by desperate individuals-often women-who had no

other means of escape from the demands and expectations of an all-encompassing patriarchal social order. Dybbuks and Jewish Women examines these and other as
